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# Human Security: A Foundational Value for Solidarity & Collaboration

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Compounded Crises and Human Security**

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# 1. Human Security in the Age of Compounded Crises

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# 30 years ago when Human Security was born...

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- The Cold War between states ended – but people were not safe!
- Human security was born as an “innovative perspective”
- Focus placed on people rather than nation



# In the economy & society over these 30 years...

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- Globalization, informatization and digitalization
- Stronger cross-border connectivity between people, goods, money, information, etc.

On the other hand...

- Political polarization and social fragmentation
- Climate change, pandemic, etc.

# Living in the age of Compounded Crises

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- Threats in the 3 layers of systems surrounding us
  1. Physical system
    - e.g. natural disasters
  2. Living system
    - e.g. infectious diseases
  3. Social system
    - e.g. structural poverty, armed conflicts/geopolitics



# Impacts of the Ukraine Crisis

+14%

**FOOD PRICES**



+6%

**CRUDE OIL PRICES**



FAO Food Price Index

<https://www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex/en/>

UNCTAD Global impact of war in Ukraine: Energy crisis

[https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/un-gcrg-ukraine-brief-no-3\\_en.pdf](https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/un-gcrg-ukraine-brief-no-3_en.pdf)

# Solidarity & Collaboration to cope with crises

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## ■ Solidarity

Human security – the protection & preservation of people's lives, livelihoods and dignity – is a foundational value that unites a divided world

## ■ Collaboration

International community can, and must, work hand in hand under the banner of human security

## 2. Pathways to Human Security

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# 1. Prevent the abuse of power, both internally & internationally

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- Combined approaches are required:  
balance of power; cooperation & mutual benefit;  
dialogue, confirming the value of human security
- Democratization of global & local governance, & strengthening of people's legal consciousness and rule of law, to collectively check and monitor power

## 2. Empower the community as well as the people

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- Sustainable development has to be **indigenous**
- Empower the people
  - Build individual capabilities – education is key
- Enhance the resilience of communities & societies
  - Respect & utilize local institutions

# **3. Human Security is a foundational value for Solidarity & Collaboration**

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# We are all human...

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- Let us remember the importance of human security – it is a path from division and conflict to solidarity and collaboration
- Beware of the sense of caution among some people about "universal values"
- **Protection & preservation of people's lives, livelihood and dignity is a transcultural value**

# Role and aim of JICA Ogata Research Institute

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In response to the compounded crises,  
JICA Ogata Research Institute will strive to...

- Conduct theoretical and empirical research on human security and contribute to the practical realization of human security of all the people

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# Thank you!

