

United Nations, Procurement and War

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Human security entitles individual protection, the security of the individual is emphasized. United Nations has often escaped the scrutiny of various other humanitarian/development actors in war zones. It has been seen as having the advantage of larger size, being more adaptable and professional than Non governmental organizations. United Nations agencies are publically committed to uphold human security. The paper will show how Procurement routines grant advantages to actors that in turn fuels conflict. It then proceeds to explore the mechanisms that enables these practices to continue, arguing that there could vested interest In conflict also from actors within the united nations. The paper looks at cases in Africa.