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The World Bank defines post-conflict reconstruction as having two overall objectives: “To facilitate the transition to sustainable peace after hostilities have ceased and to support economic and social development” (World Bank, 1998:4). After a conflict, stabilisation is crucial and usually requires external, joint military and civilian support, a focus on the legitimacy and capability of the state, and tangible benefits to the population to underpin confidence in the state and the political process. Some of the key areas to consider include: preventing or reducing violence; protecting people and key institutions; promoting political processes which lead to greater stability; and preparing for longer term non-violent politics and development.

This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on post conflict resolution. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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