

A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT: A RESOURCE FOR STATES

WHAT IS IT?

Practical guidance on what implementing the Responsibility to Protect and preventing mass atrocities means in practice across **four spheres of action**.

WHO IS IT FOR?

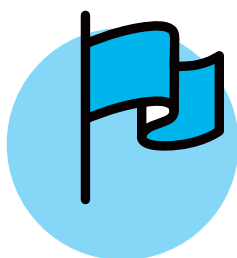
All states and regional organizations, regardless of whether they have a history of conflict or atrocity crimes or whether they consider themselves to be at high risk of atrocity crimes.

HOW TO USE IT?

Refer to this Framework to assess gaps and identify opportunities to address atrocity risks in your own country, and to understand options to prevent and respond to atrocity crimes in your region and around the world.

WHY USE IT?

Utilize this Framework to promote less violent and more stable, harmonious, and productive societies.



1 NATIONAL LEVEL

- ▶ Promote social and economic equality and combat discrimination.
- ▶ Address inter-communal tensions, hate speech, and incitement to violence.
- ▶ Promote access to justice, and strengthen the transparency, inclusivity, and accountability of public institutions.
- ▶ Conduct free and fair elections.
- ▶ Build professional and effective police and security forces.
- ▶ Establish independent human rights institutions, and use regional and international human rights systems to prevent atrocity crimes domestically.
- ▶ Support independent media and strong civil society.
- ▶ Provide justice and redress for past atrocity crimes.
- ▶ Promote tolerance and respect for diversity through the education sector.
- ▶ Strengthen national frameworks for atrocity prevention and response.



2 BILATERAL COOPERATION & INFLUENCING

- ▶ Monitor and analyze early warnings of atrocity crimes globally, and share this information across government.
- ▶ Leverage humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding assistance, as well as human rights and private sector engagement, to reduce atrocity risks.
- ▶ Utilize diplomatic, economic, trade, and military influence to prevent or halt atrocity crimes.



3 REGIONAL COOPERATION

- ▶ Strengthen regional atrocity prevention and response frameworks.
- ▶ Initiate and support regional action to prevent or stop atrocity crimes.
- ▶ Contribute to and support regional and subregional peace operations and political missions.



4 MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

- ▶ Support UN funds, efforts, and programs to address structural risk of atrocity crimes.
- ▶ Utilize the international human rights systems to address risk of atrocity crimes.
- ▶ Utilize membership of UN bodies to respond to imminent risk or actual commission of atrocity crimes.
- ▶ Contribute to and support international peace operations and political missions.
- ▶ Collaborate with other states, international institutions, and treaty bodies to pursue accountability for atrocity crimes.