**From fragility to resilience**

**Fragility** is the inability (whether whole or partial) of a state to fulfil its responsibilities as a sovereign entity, including a lack of legitimacy, authority, and capacity.

**Resilient states** and societies are characterized by a stable social contract; functional, accountable, and inclusive institutions; and the provision of basic services. They can absorb shocks and handle challenges peacefully, while maintaining political stability and preventing violence.

![Diagram showing the transition from fragility to resilience](https://example.com/diagram.png)

**Fragility**
- **Capacity**: lacking ability to carry out basic governance functions
- **Legitimacy**: lacking ability to develop mutually constructive relations with society
- **Authority**: lacking ability to provide basic security and failure to be seen as the overarching authority within the territory

**Resilience**