

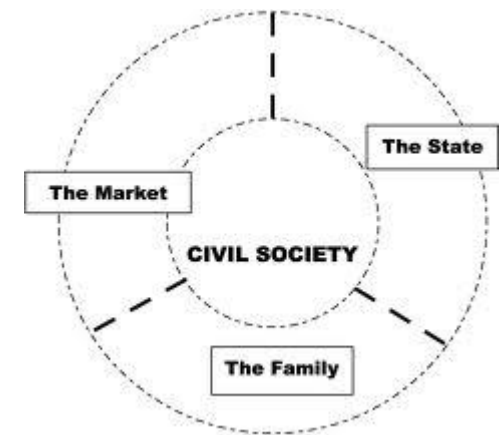
# Role of civil society in peacebuilding

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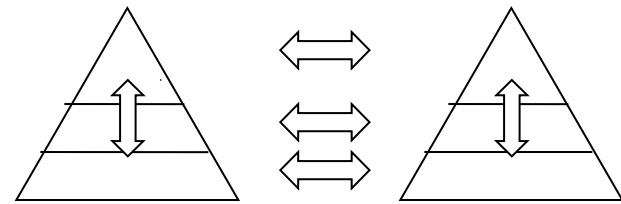


# Definition of civil society

- arena of voluntary, un-coerced collective action around shared interests, purposes and values
- public realm between the state, business and family



# Civil Society and Peacebuilding



- little empirical evidence about the relevance and effectiveness of civil society in peacebuilding
- concept strongly permeated by normative values („good society“)

# 7 Functions of Civil Society in Peacebuilding

- Protection
- Monitoring
- Advocacy
- Socialization
- Social Cohesion
- Facilitation
- Service Delivery



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# Protection

- protect freedoms and rights of the individual against attacks and despotism by the state or other authorities



# Monitoring

- monitor activities of central powers, state apparatuses and government



# Advocacy

- articulate interests
- raise public awareness
- facilitate debate



# Socialization

- contribute to the formation and practice of democratic attitudes among citizens





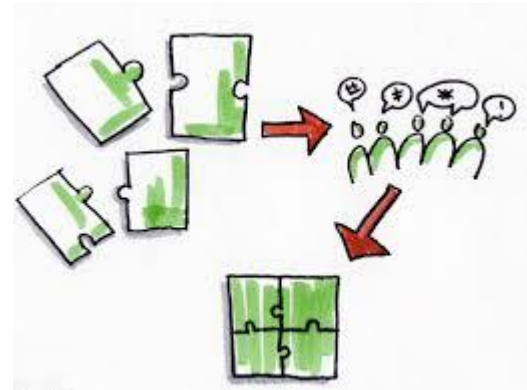
# Social cohesion

- strengthen bonds among citizens
- build social capital
- build community



# Facilitation

- intermediate between citizens and state



# Service delivery

- entry point for other civil society functions

