

**Policies and strategies to break the vicious circle**

## When humanitarian aid, when development cooperation?

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*Abstract*

When Humanitarian aid and when development cooperation is an oft asked question and implies a dichotomy not present in reality. Nor is it a linear transition from humanitarian assistance to recovery and development cooperation as perceived by some. The reality is that in many of the world's poorest countries relief, recovery and development activities are being undertaken simultaneously. This presentation will show the interconnectedness of humanitarian assistance and development cooperation, particularly in the areas of food and nutrition security and their links to agriculture and health. It will highlight how humanitarian assistance can contribute to development and economic growth, as well as how the shortcomings of development cooperation can precipitate the need for humanitarian assistance.