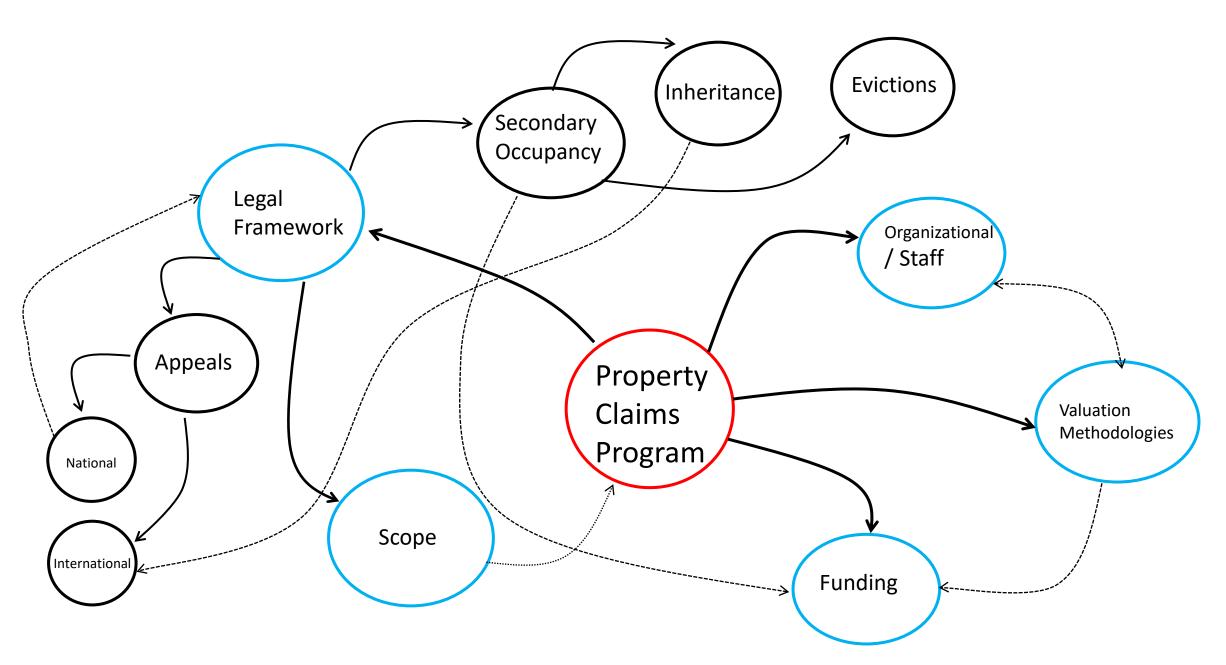
### Staffing restitution, compensation and claims programs after conflict.

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# **Ends, Means and Ways**



## Scoping claim processes

	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kosovo	Iraq	Kuwait (UNCC)
Nr. Years	7	7	6	14 (31)
Workload (Nr. cases)	250k	35k	150k	2.5M
Lead	International	International	National	International

### **Key points:**

- It takes years but it has to get done fast.
- ➤ Invest in good staffing and processes to save time and budget.

#### **Opportunity:**

Build the restitution process that will be studied in the future.

## **Legal Framework**

	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kosovo	Iraq	Kuwait (UNCC)
Legal Framework	Dayton Peace Agreements	NATO -> UNMIK	CPA -> National	UN Security Council
Key Intent	Restitution	Secondary occupancy	Restitution / Compensation from confiscation	Compensation

#### **Key points:**

- Alignment of intent and scope
- War-game your legislation (run counterfactuals)

#### **Example Valuation Methodology (UN Compensation Commission for Kuwait)**

losses

element

#### **Categorization and Prioritization Category** Scope Displaced people from IRQ/KWT Α **Priority** В Personal Injuries / relatives death Chronological Personal losses up to 100K C (BiH) Larger Individual claims D Ε **Corporations** Governments and Int. Org F (UN Compensation Commission for Kuwait) **Key Point: Valuation** ➤ Defining "market value" at war time 6 2 3 5 Interest Claimant Cost Proof of Depreciation Variations Improveme Discount and other Incurred payment nts factor claims **D7 D7** 2a 3a **D7** 4 3 4 Stage 4 Stage 3 Stage 5 Add Valuation of Valuation Depreciati Valuation Calculated Assessme Disco Assessm Valuati nt matrix on of estimated of unt back ent score on score by compensa By loss tion in \$ actual repairs Rental loss

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### **Funding**

#### Restitution and Compensation programs:

- It is a political decision
- It is expensive. It must match nations wealth.

#### Donations vs Credits

- Long-term viability
  - Risk management: Dependency on donors
- Corruption
  - Marshal Plan vs Afghanistan

#### Requisition of Russian Assets

- State assets are immune from prosecution (I.e: Iran vs USA)
  - Freeze of "Oligarch" assets and Ukraine new law on Nationalization of russian assets.
    - Discretional seizure of property to finance the restitution of property rights is not a good idea!
      - ➤ (See J.M Keynes: The economic consequences of the war. (France to Germany in 1918)

#### Budgets:

- For the Restitution Program (staff)
- For the Compensations
- For future Appeals

#### Lessons Identified

- **BiH:** Battle for donors (for program establishment)
- Kosovo: Mismatch between framework scope and claims resolutions (lack of budget for compensations)
- Iraq: National funding. (Relationship between Ministry of Finance and Claims commission).
- UN Compensation fund (Kuwait). Funded through Iraq oil revenues. (Honored till the end).

## Organizational / Staff

	ВіН	Kosovo	Iraq	UNCC Kuwait
Policy Making	<ul><li>3 Int. Commissioners</li><li>6 National</li><li>Bosnia</li><li>Herzegovina</li><li>Rep. Srpska.</li></ul>	UN HABITAT -> UNMIK  Housing Property Directorate (for day-to-day)	Government	<ul><li>Governing Council</li><li>2 years terms</li></ul>
Decision Making	Same 9 commissioners	Housing Property Claims Commission 1 National 2 International (Serving as the second instance as well for appeals)	<ul> <li>Judicial Committees         <ul> <li>Judge</li> <li>Legal Adv.</li> <li>Registrar</li> </ul> </li> <li>Appellation Committees         <ul> <li>7 Judges</li> <li>(Cassation) (2x</li> <li>Kurdish)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Panel of Commissioners • Rooster of experts
Staff	400 national staff 10 international	Housing Property Directorate  Admin: Outsourced UNOPS	National	<ul><li>Executive Secretary</li><li>300 staff</li><li>17 programs</li></ul>

### **Key point:**

> Amateurs talk about strategy, professionals discuss logistics.

### Secretariat: A model proposal

Office Chief of Staff (OCOS)

Legal Advisor

Claim Planning

- KnowledgeManagement
- Requirements
- Valuations

Claim Operations

- Verifications
- Monitoring
- Implementation
- Enforcement

IT

- Operations
- Staff
   Workflow
- IT Support

**STRATCOM** 

- Public Awareness
- Institutional Relations
- Historian / Lessons Learned

Admin

- Support to staff
- Office mngt
- HR/FIN: Outsourced

#### **Preconditions for success:**

- A virtuous Chief of Staff
- OCOS develops: Roles, Responsibilities and Authorities
  - Including: Initial Operational Capacity (IOC), Full Operational Capacity (FOC), Scale down plan.
- Staff:
  - Job Descriptions prepared from zero. No generic. Linked to effects.
  - International National mix at 30%.
  - Long Term contracts (3 + 3)
  - Minimum of UN-P positions. P positions provide Direction & Guidance. NO/G execute.

### **Questions?**

"In War: Resolution,

In Defeat: Defiance,

In Victory: Magnanimity

In Peace: Good Will."

Winston Churchill, "History of the Second World War."

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