**Methods of Assessing Peace**

**Positive Peace in Action Guide**

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to advance peacebuilding and prevent conflict by:

* Enhancing the capacity of individuals and communities to transform conflict and build peace
* Training community members in peace education, peace leadership, and conflict prevention and resolution
* Providing services that help integrate vulnerable populations into society
* Improving dialogue and community relations to determine how best to manage natural resources
* Funding graduate scholarships for career-minded professionals related to peacebuilding and conflict prevention

**Peace and Conflict Impact Assessment (PCIA) Handbook**

Community Profile

To stimulate discussion amongst those who are planning to engage with potentially fragile communities to develop an understanding of their various components and undercurrents

Conflict Profile

To understand the history of tensions in the community, their causes, and what fuels them; to identify the priority issues (root causes) of the tensions and identify the priorities for action.

Peace Profile

To understand what factors can contribute to a sustained peace, reduce the incidence of violence, or prevent the outbreak of violent conflict.

* Ongoing Peace Efforts
* Peace Structures and Processes in Place
* Peacebuilding Gaps
* Peacebuilding Synergies

Stakeholder Profile

To understand the potential and actual motivations of various stakeholders and the actions they may take to further their respective interests.

**Root Causes of Bias or Prejudice**

An unfavorable opinion or feeling formed beforehand or without knowledge, thought, or reason.

Any preconceived opinion or feeling, either favorable or unfavorable.

**Synonyms:** [predisposition](https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/predisposition), [predilection](https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/predilection), [partiality](https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/partiality), [preconception](https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/preconception)

Unreasonable feelings, opinions, or attitudes, especially of a hostile nature, regarding an ethnic, racial, social, or religious group.

The word, “prejudice” is derived from the word “prejudge.”

We prejudge due to life experiences, cultural and social backgrounds, and observed deviations from what we individually consider “the norm.”

**Managing Peaceful Conversations**

Group Agreements

* Confidentiality
* “I” Speak
* Listen for Understanding
* No judgement or Unsolicited Advice
* Be Kind and Courteous
* Honour and Respect Each Other
* Inclusiveness
* Trust the Process
* Gratitude

**Steps for Assessing Peace**

1. Evaluate Current Situation
* Rotary 4-Way Test
* Peace and Conflict Impact Assessment Handbook
* Positive Peace in Action Guide
1. Define Goals and Objectives
2. Determine Gaps between Current Situation and Goals/Objectives
* Peacebuilding Project Design Tool
1. Develop Plan of Action to Achieve Goal/Objectives

