«Fit for PURPOSE» in disrupted health systems - recap

- Fragile/failed States, strong societies
- Build on local dynamics, avoid importing «best practices»
- «Health environment» is not void
- Engage with new partners or in new ways with old partners
- Development of health system is organic, not linear
- Accommodate uncertainty, flexible planning, accept waste of resources, modest goals
- Shocks are the norm
- > Avoid humanitarian/development divide
- Strategy development and planning are political processes
- ➤ Negotiate, re-define coordination and multisectoral work
- Chronic lack of resources for health
- Tailor mixed health financing strategies, challenge aid industry

Type

Politically-legitimate but technically-weak government, with a ministry of health willing to lead healthcare developments

Absent, disinterested or resource-less government leaving both policy formulation and healthcare provision to other actors

Stable / peaceful but poor and vulnerable country, with health authorities unable to play a leading role in the healthcare field (despite their legitimate mandate)

Recognised central government, formally in charge of the healthcare field, but with contested regions and opposed by powerful donors on political or human-rights grounds

Permanent turmoil, with contested government, competing power holders, unresolved conflicts

Source: Pavignani, E. and Colombo, S. (2016), «Strategizing in distressed health contexts» (cf. suggested readings), p.20.