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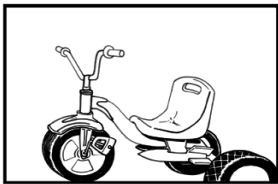
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Dedicated to the children that have to grow up in war



Every kid is a bomb
which can launch
happiness & joy in the world.

Every gun is a toy in the
hands of a foolish man
and bombs & guns
don't match
and kids & toys
are dangerous,
playful and ignorant.

When they grow up,
they ought to understand
the meaning of pacifism
the meaning of privilege
the meaning of power,
manipulation and
the means of war.

(Jee Kast - 2009)

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It is commonly acknowledged that children who undergo violence are at increased risk for psychosocial and mental health problems. Furthermore, we know that most of the political violence takes place in low-income countries where resources for care are extremely limited. How to develop support systems that bridge the treatment gap?

This web-based resource package is an attempt to provide a care delivery framework to set up and provide community-based psychosocial care in conflict-affected settings. It contains information that describes the rationale, content and step-by-step implementation of the separate components of a multi-layered psychosocial care package.

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