Figure 1. Mapping Corruption and Conflict

**Key to connecting lines:**
- **Single arrowhead** posits causal influence.
- **Line labels:**
  - "STRING" = strengthens or reinforces target.
  - "WKN" = weakens or diminishes target.
  - "MIX" = ambiguous relationship.
- **Double arrowheads** suggest two-way causality (feedback loop).
- **No arrowheads** indicates correlation but not causality.

**1. Postconflict Distribution of Political/Military Power**
- Wartime faction leaders
- Regional actors with low commitment to peace process
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- Survival of war financing mechanisms
- Profit-sustaining instability
- Postwar political exclusion/cronyism; unbalanced power structures in closed networks
- State remains captured by private interests
- Fear of ethnic or religious domination

**2. Cross-border Trafficking in People and Commodities**
- Profit-sustaining instability
- Survival of war financing mechanisms
- Selective sharing and offshore sequestering of rents
- Fear of ethnic or religious domination
- New/revived grievances among population

**3a. Informal Post-war Economy**
- Illicit "support" industries catering to internationals
- Debilitating perception of corruption
- Failure to meet public service expectations
- Excuse for "crackdown" by govt against its opponents
- Other backlash against corruption fighters

**3b. Formal Post-war Economy**
- Payment of civil service salaries
- Regulator capacity/rules enforcement
- Transparency and accountability
- Legitimate economic absorptive capacity

**4. National Public Administration Capacity**
- Tax collection
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- Legitimacy, credibility, and popular support for government
- Other backlash against corruption fighters

**5. Wasted, Misspent, or Mistargeted Reconstruction Aid**
- Legitimacy, credibility, and popular support for government
- Large wartime and immediate post-war financial inflows
- How conflict promotes corruption
- Donors work through local and internat' NGOs to distribute aid directly to recipients; bypass government

**Key to symbols:**
- **International actors and influences**
- **How corruption promotes conflict**
- **Critical Node**