



Middle Level Leaders in Peacebuilding

The Case of Post-Conflict
Situation in Swat Valley in
Pakistan

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Swat Valley?

**Militancy in
Swat?**

**Post-Conflict
setting?**

**Middle level
Leaders?
Theory and
practice**



Some Definitions

Background of Militancy in Valley Swat

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- PATA Regulations
- Emergence of Tehrik-i-Nifaz-i-Shariat-i-Muhammadi (TNSM)
 - Armed protest by Sufi Muhammad in 1994 and 1999
 - The Impact of War on Terror (WOT) on TNSM
 - Reorganization of TNSM by Mullah Fazlullah
- Government responded through Military Operations:
 - i. Operation Rah-i-Haq (part I)
 - ii. Operation Rah-i-Haq (part II)
 - iii. Operation Rah-i-Rast



Gapes in Academic Literature

- **Rome (2009)**
- **Khan (2010)**
- **Khattak (2010)**
- **Hussain (2011)**
- **Zafar (2011)**
- **Chaudhry (2015)**
- **Orakzai (2011)**
- **Shah et al. (2020)**

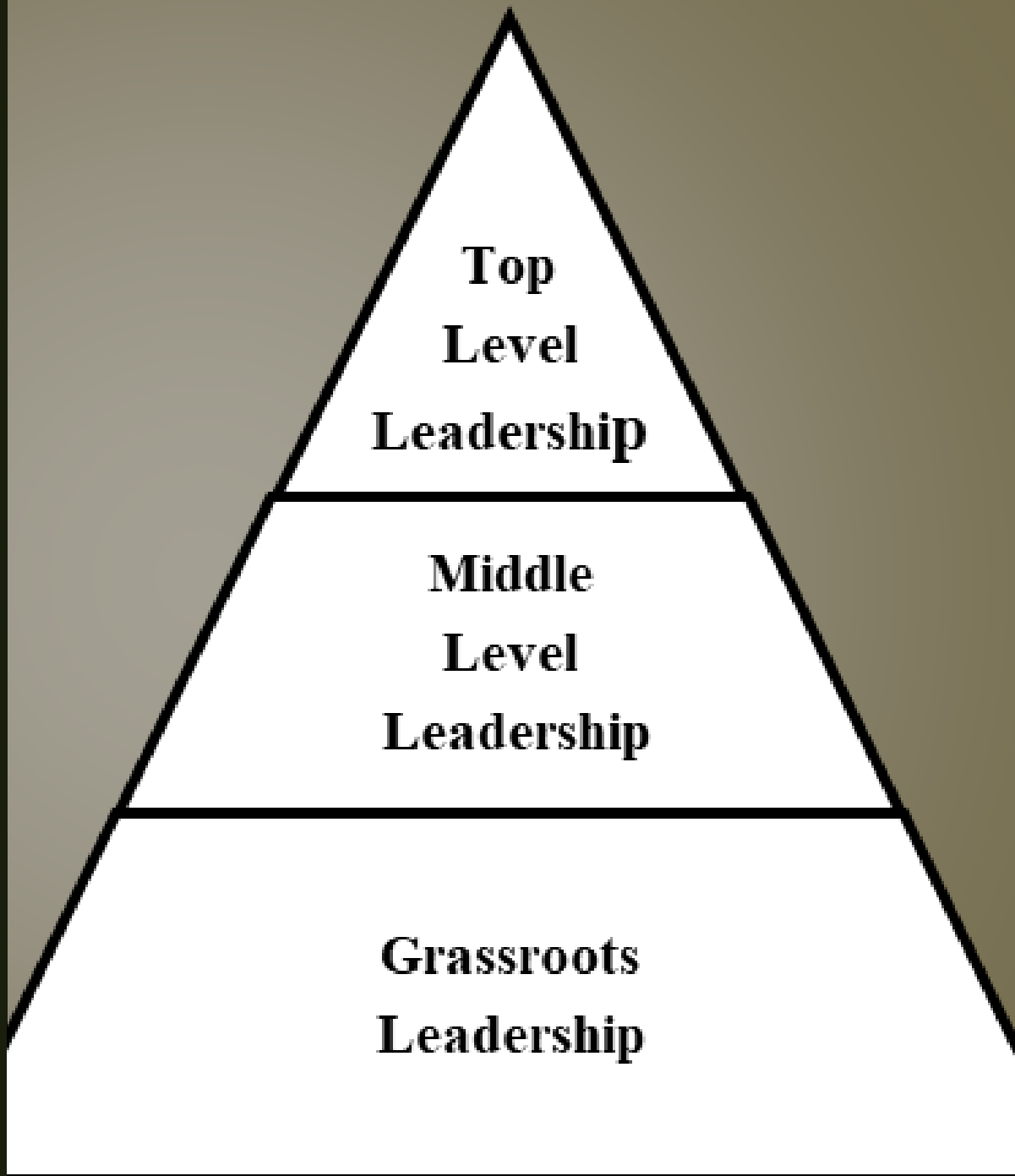
Research Argument

This research study is going to add a new perspective to previous researches by analyzing the role of middle level leaders of valley Swat in the post-conflict peacebuilding by applying **Leadership Model** of John Paul Lederach.

Theoretical Perspective

Leadership Model by Ledarach

Source: Lederach, J. P.
(1997). *Building
Peace: Sustainable
Reconciliation in Divided
Societies*. United States
Institute of Peace Press.



Methodology

- **Researcher's own identity**
- **Field observations**
- **Interviews with 15 Middle Level Leaders of Swat**
- **Secondary sources**

Discussions & Analysis

- Village Defense Committees
- Reconstruction of Infrastructure
- Female Education
- Tourism Development
- Women Jirga

Conclusion

- Temporary Peace
- Destruction of Infrastructure in 2022 floods.
- Sustainability of Peace is possible if MIDDLE LEVEL LEADERS are strengthened by top level leaders