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The book is packed with international case studies and real life examples, which will assist healthcare professionals and students to:

- Explain the political, economic and social factors contributing to conflict
- Interpret the effects of conflict on health
- Consider context-sensitive interventions for acute and chronic healthcare delivery and security
- Describe key issues in the transition from relief to rehabilitation, health systems strengthening, and post-conflict recovery

Knowledge of humanitarian principles, actors and methods is integral to effective action at policy and field levels in conflict-affected settings. This timely book will provide the ideal starting point.

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