



**World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)
Consultation Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland**

Feedback Summary

Date: April 25, 2019

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Audience: Multi-stakeholders (CSOs, Foundations, NGOs, UN agencies)

Overview: A World Bank Group representative presented the FCV strategy concept. Participants were then invited to share their views. The summary below captures the main points and recommendations raised during the meeting.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
1. Definition/ typology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important to have a clear typology – FCV is an ambiguous concept – should distinguish between F/C/ and V. • Need to find ways to also focus on subnational conflicts / violence. • Political sensitivities attached to any classification; need to reflect that conflicts change and are becoming increasingly protracted in nature. Context is key--countries shouldn't be boxed into stereotypical descriptions. • Look beyond the horizon, focus not only on FCV countries but pay attention to country at risks.
2. Roles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBG role – combination of financing, analytics, convening power. • Comparative advantage / disadvantage – working with national authorities. • Key areas where the WBG can add value: governance, support to institutions, social protection. • Innovation is possible and welcome – as exemplified by the WBG's engagement in Yemen.
3. Limitations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data – tremendous potential to help collect, analyze, and disseminate data, but also need to focus on “right” indicators, to build on existing processes, and to design participatory processes for collection and analysis. • Non-state armed actors: The strategy will need to think through conditions under which / ways to engage with non-state armed groups/ de-facto authorities, including in contexts where they are criminalized. • Local actors: The strategy will need to think through effective ways to engage at local level (beyond national authorities). • In contexts where there are significant governance issues, the strategy will need to articulate the WBG's position on how to engage with governments which are party to a conflict and are not considered as taking a constructive stance by the international community.

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4. Four Pillars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback towards the four pillars. • Need more focus on: (1) the V element (violence); (2) Violent extremism issues; (3) risks of relapse after conflict; (4) key themes such as climate change, HIV, digital / new technologies, media and media capacity building, mobility/internal displacement, link between FCV and disaster risk management. • Need to articulate linkages between WBG engagement in FCV and the human right agenda. • Need to push the envelope / bring clarity on our limitations in the security sector. • Call for focus and selectivity; and clarity on collective outcomes.
5. Other points to be developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would success look like – under each pillar. • Past engagement and lessons learned – more is needed to take stock of the extensive WBG’s engagement to date (and of lessons learned by others).
6. Do no harm...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to significantly strengthen the “do no harm”: messages – interventions on the scale of the WBG have an impact on conflict dynamics, which can be positive or not. • Need some clear guidelines / processes to provide for adequate political analysis, do no harm analysis, conflict sensitivity, etc.
7. Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complementarity or coherence—WBG partnership with UNHCR as an example (which is generating dividends on protection). • Relationship and engagement with humanitarian organizations— different viewpoints were expressed: some call for the WBG to stay truthful to its development mission vs. suggestions that it could finance humanitarian NGOs. • Calls for transparency in WBG activities and for the WBG to further engage in appropriate coordination forums.
8. Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight the criticality of finding adequate solutions to access and security issues as precondition to success. • Encouragement to increase flexibility, speed and agility.
9. Further consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouragement to further consult with a diverse group of stakeholders across countries.

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ANNEX A

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