



**World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)
 Consultation Meeting with Development Partners and NGOs
 Feedback Summary**

Date: 06/26/2019, 11 am to 1 pm

Location: Niamey, Niger

Audience: Development partners and NGOs

Overview: Joelle Dehase (WB Country Manager, Niger) and Olivier Lavinal (WB FCV Group) welcomed the participants present in Niamey. Following Joelle’s opening remarks, Olivier presented the FCV strategy concept. Participants were then invited to ask questions and to express their views. For purposes of conciseness, the following summary highlights comments and recommendations that were provided by individual representatives.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
1. Overall
Participants commended the WBG for a well-thought concept note and welcomed the areas of engagement as well as the focus on partnerships. In their majority, participants highlighted the need for conflict-sensitivity in WBG programming and for highlighting the need to work collectively to promote peace and security. Several insisted on the need to develop the human capital streams and placed special emphasis on education and health. Most of the participants noted the added value of WBG as being efficient in state capacity building and through that the reinforcement of the social contract.
2. Theme: Priority areas
Participants highlighted the following priority areas of engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling private sector growth, with special focus on SMEs and women economic empowerment and on youth (to prevent violent extremism) • Strengthening the business climate for foreign direct investors • Need for the WBG to focus on institutions, with special focus on capacity-building • Focus on human capital, most notably education and health • Inclusive growth and employment • Land titling • Food security, climate change • The specificities of crossborder areas which absorb most of the spillover effects of neighboring conflicts • Anticipation and preparedness of crises
3. Theme: Comprehensive approach to development in FCV
Participants insisted on the need for a multi-sector and comprehensive approach, especially in contexts marked by accelerating challenges like poverty, climate change, demographic pressures, technological

<p>Specific Feedback from Stakeholders</p> <p>changes and social inequalities. Participants highlighted the need to develop an alliance to maximize impact on the ground. Only collective efforts in favor of peace and security will yield some success. This multistakeholder approach should build on lessons learned and on experience from bilateral and regional actors.</p>
<p>4. Theme: Learning from successes and failures</p> <p>Participants outlined the importance of learning from experience. They encouraged the WBG team to take into account the results of WBG engagement in other FCV situations and to draw lessons. WBG programming should focus on strengthening institutions and on prevention, especially in lagging regions and frontier areas, all critical for the security and prosperity of the Sahel region. Participants outline the importance of strengthening the community approach in the WBG FCV strategy. They also called for a systematic beneficiaries vulnerabilities centered approach, by doing mapping and research on the vulnerable group in specific areas to have better impact.</p>
<p>5. Theme: Partnering for Impact</p> <p>Participants emphasized the importance of broad-based partnerships with multiple actors, in particular to strengthen impact at local level. They asked how the WBG could increase its work with local NGOs and create triangular partnerships with the State and the local actors. They also called for concrete actions in such fields as data management and capacity building. Participants also highlighted the need to focus on strategic communication and leverage ICT tools to increase impact. Focusing on training the youth to these tools would go a long way.</p>
<p>6. Theme: Working with the youth and for the youth</p> <p>Participants stressed the critical theme of youth empowerment for Niger’s stability and prosperity. Building on the mapping of youth, special efforts and programs should be targeted on them to enhance access to opportunities. An increased focus on children was also suggested as the inclusion of children is increasingly important when considering development trajectories.</p>
<p>7. Theme: Sensibilizing and communicating better</p> <p>Participants stressed the critical theme of communication. The WBG should communicate more about their project’s activities and vision at the very local level. This will participate in the changing of behavior, a better ownership of the beneficiaries, the attenuation of fake news and creation of partnership and complementarities.</p>

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- 9 Toudou Boubacar, Directeur CFE / Maison de l'Entreprise / CCIN
- 10 Raymond Younoussi Yoro, Secrétaire Exécutif National Caritar Développement Niger (CADEV-NIGER)
- 11 Ali Hassane, Secrétaire permanent ONG RAIL
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- 13 Mme Sidibé Hassanatou, Ambassade du Mali
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