



World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)

Consultation Meeting with Development Partners

Feedback Summary

Date: 05/28/2019

Location: Beirut, Lebanon

Audience: Bilateral development partners and UN agencies

Overview and Key Issues Discussed: Olivier Lavinal, Stephan Massing and Naila Ahmed from the WB welcomed the participants present in Beirut. 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 welcomed the FCV Strategy and the consultations and commended the team for a well-thought Concept Note (CN). The areas of engagement seemed relevant to all participants. Special focus was put on the pivot to prevention and the need to renew the social contract between the state and its citizens. The people-centered approach and the need to operationalize prevention were much welcomed/encouraged. The need to develop joint and coordinated assessments was among the items that donors stressed. One of the questions that came up was how the WBG, through its strategy and its programming, can contribute to shift incentives and influence political processes to reform and be inclusive. The ultimate goal of promoting peace and prosperity was judged important as no development gains can be made without first addressing the political and institutional challenges.

2. Theme: Joint analytics

The question of working across UN, EU and WBG was identified as key for the future, especially in settings where challenges cut across the social, economic and political arenas, such as is the case in Lebanon. Participants welcomed and encouraged the WBG team to engage more forcefully on political and institutional issues that are critical to promoting a more inclusive social contract. Relating back to the theme of prevention, some participants argued for greater cooperation with security actors at national, regional and global levels to promote peacebuilding mechanisms and avenues. In regions where security is a central theme, the WBG should further engage in conflict-sensitivity programming and develop a better understanding of the linkages between security and development (including by engaging with Ministries of Interior).

3. Theme: Working on the informal sector

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders

Participants highlighted the comparative advantage of the WBG in the arenas of economic policy and growth strategies. They called for the WBG to systematize its tools and approaches to continue pushing for regulatory reforms (anti corruption policies, rule of law) and to innovate further, including in the informal sector. Illicit trade and trafficking, drug-related violence and organized crime play a significant role in the economy and society and the WBG should develop a better understanding of the linkages between informal and formal sectors.

4. Theme: Data management

Participants stressed the need for better data management. The challenge is both to harmonize data across institutions and to improve data collection and reliability. In countries with limited data capacity, participants called for a stronger engagement of the WBG in this field. The development of more disaggregated data sets is needed to inform programming and strategies and enhance project quality. Regular analysis on conflict risks between refugees and host communities are under development and could be leveraged, as the WBG develops its FCV Strategy and its regional strategy on forced displacement. UN organizations and the WBG could further cooperate on conflict and PVE monitoring.

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