



World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV) Consultation Meeting with World Food Programme (WFP)

Feedback Summary

Date: 04.13.2019, 3 – 4 pm

Location: World Bank HQ, Washington DC

Audience: WFP

Overview and Key Issues Discussed: Franck Bousquet, Senior Director, FCV, welcomed the participants from WFP. He presented the FCV strategy concept. Participants were then invited to ask questions and to express their views. The following summary highlights comments and recommendations that were provided from the WFP representatives. Collective comments and recommendations are noted as such.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
1. General Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What would the strategy enable you to do differently, for example at the country level (e.g. Burkina Faso, Sudan, Ethiopia)? What would the model of engagement look like in these types of contexts?• Important that the WBG is still a Bank, does not become a donor, and continues to be focused on supporting central and local governments. That is a very good thing – important for the Bank to complement rather than compete with other donors.• Important to highlight that the WBG is focused on helping governments address the drivers of fragility.
2. Partnership
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The strategy needs to emphasize the alignment with the UN, not just partnership, as the UN also has direct relationships with governments. The international community has to work across purposes and be aligned in their messaging. This is especially crucial to avoid presenting different, or opposing views, to governments.• When we are looking at FCV contexts, WFP is likely to have been, or is engaged, in humanitarian work. However, on social protection WFP has much more of a development mandate – working with governments locally and centrally. It is important that the WBG recognize these efforts. We need to have better coordination and alignment when the Bank becomes engaged on these issues, so we avoid creating parallel systems.• In any engagement in fragile countries it is important to be clear about the key comparative advantage that the WBG has, but also the vulnerabilities around this. Data protection for example is much more sensitive in these countries – it is important that WBG teams on-the-ground recognize and appreciate this.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In addition to our work in fragile settings, it is critical that the WBG also understands and appreciates the work of its UN partners in non-fragile environments. This is crucial in order to foster a culture of dialogue and partnerships. This will also help us all if a crisis erupts.• A more institutionalized and flexible approach to the WBG's financing partnership with the UN is critical. To this end, it is important to overcome issues such as the need for waivers on a case by case basis, and, for example, develop more institutionalized fiduciary partnership agreements.• The Bank could focus more on South-South cooperation, especially when supporting country capacities.
3. Engagement in active conflict
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you see the WBG doing in active conflict situations? And how will you do things differently? What does the engagement look like? Is it about channeling financing into those contexts - how does that work with the regular WBG business model?• Helpful to clarify that Yemen and South Sudan are exceptions of the cases where the WBG cannot work directly through the government.• Is the Bank looking at traditional areas of expertise or more focused on conflict-related dimensions? Is the Bank investing in conflict expertise?• Important for the strategy to articulate how the WBG engages in situations – and whether it does so through governments or partners – when the analysis of the drivers of fragility indicates that investing in state systems will perhaps do harm and will not reduce violence.

List of Participants:

From WFP

1. Valerie Guarnieri, ASG for Operations
2. Stanlake Samkange, Regional Director for East and Central Africa
3. Jordi Renart, Partnership Adviser, WFP DC

From the World Bank

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