

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

Feedback Summary

Date: May 14, 11.00 am - 1.30 pm

Location: Port au Prince, Haiti

Audience: CSOs

Overview and Key Issues Discussed: World Bank Group representatives welcomed the participants present in Port au Prince. They 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. Collective comments and recommendations are noted as such.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders

1. General Comments

Comments: International dynamics shape national/local dynamics. Haiti is at the crossroads of drug routes, trafficking and violence. It is hostage to vested interests and to power politics. Special focus should be put on these linkages. In a world increasingly connected, the divisions/frontiers that the Haitian society faces is a threat multiplier and a sign of deep fragility. The people of Haiti are equally hostage to elite capture (including crony capitalism).

Recommendations: Multiple examples exist that show the need to address FCV at national, regional and global levels. The FCV Strategy should span across the different spatial levels and include a strong community level.

2. Theme: Inequalities

Comments: Questions of values should be explored in the strategy. Perceptions of inequalities are as important as inequalities themselves. To create an inclusive society, there is a need to address the drivers of these perceptions.

Recommendations: Special attention on value surveys should be further explored to analyze the linkages between inequalities and sense of inequalities. The WBG should aim to intervene on both accounts.

3. Theme: Inclusive development

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Specific Feedback from Stakeholders

Comments: There is a need for a paradigm shift is critical in Haiti. Promotion of inclusive development is vital. Economic and Social transformation is the extent of the challenge at hand.

Recommendations: The drive for economic and social transformation is at the center of the agenda in many FCV settings and beyond. The promotion of inclusive growth is one of the main development agendas of the WBG. On the basis of country specificities and of a solid understanding of the political economy, the WBG should adapt its programming to contribute to laying the foundations of a more inclusive economy and society. This is central to operationalize the Strategy and ensure that WBG engagement in FCV settings is fundamentally different than in non FCV settings.

4. Theme: Compounded fragility and sustained engagement

Comments: Compounded fragility – with natural disasters – is core to fragility in Haiti. In itself, this increases the risk profile of Haiti and deepens institutional weaknesses. Need to draw lessons from the failure of the response brought forth after the 2010 earthquake and the lack of sustained/consistent engagement from the international community. More broadly, linkages between poverty and fragility. How to define F, C and V and ensure links between them? Haiti combines institutional and social fragility, with high levels of violence.

5. Theme: The role of the international community

Comments: The role of the WBG and international community was questioned. There is a high level of frustration and doubt on the nature of the assistance provided. How can the WBG help to restore the trust between the state and its citizens? This will help to restore the trust vis a vis the WBG. What are the next steps for Haiti regarding WBG program?

Recommendations: It is key to understand country specificities in order for the WBG to be fit-for-purpose. The cooperation with NGOs is essential for the WBG to gain a better understanding of the political economy and to intervene at local/community levels.

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7.	Isabelle Faucon	Cadre de liason Inter ONG
8.	Rony Desroche	Initiative de la Société Civile
9.	Frantz Duval	Association des Media Haitiens
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