



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

Consultation Meeting with CSOs

Feedback Summary

Date: June 26, 2019

Location: InterAction, Washington, DC

Audience: CSOs

Overview: Noam Unger, Vice President, InterAction, provided welcoming remarks and moderated the discussion. Franck Bousquet, Senior Director, WB FCV Group, presented the WBG FCV strategy concept note. Following the presentation, participants were invited to share their views. The summary below captures the key points, recommendations, comments and feedback raised during the meeting.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders

1. Strategy Focus areas

The participants raised questions and commented on areas they would like to see better emphasized in the concept note and included in the strategy.

- Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) – while not mentioned in the concept note, it will be critical to include in the strategy.
- Gender equality – emphasize how it serves as a barrier for sustainability.
- Gender-based violence - there needs to be a systemic push for impact. The strategy will be very important in this regard and should also include the risk to boys and men in certain contexts.
- Do no harm – participants agreed that it should be reflected as a principle in the strategy.
- Marginalized groups – differ in each country. How will the strategy address this, including those with disabilities?
- Quality education - an important aspect in addressing the root causes of conflict. A global partnership would be important, if this can be articulated in the strategy.

2. Strategy Implementation

The participants raised questions and comments around the implementation of the strategy.

- What will change as a result of the strategy for World Bank Group task team leaders? How will the strategy inform project documents, such as safeguards? What tools will the strategy provide task team leaders working in FCV contexts?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What's the methodology for selecting FCV countries and where the strategy will be implemented? The strategy also needs to address cross-border issues.• Regarding the allocation of resources, how will the WB balance resources between prevention and post-conflict.
3. Theme: State legitimacy, civic space
<p>Participants also raised issues around power dynamics, legitimacy of the state and engagement with non-traditional actors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you do when the government is part of the problem? What will be the consequences if the strategy is not implemented properly, or when the root causes of a conflict are not being addressed. How will the Bank respond?• Civil society play an important role in holding the state accountable. Conducting meaningful consultations outside the capitals is critical for local civil society to understand what's in the country's development plan and to gather their input. It should not only be about raising grievances. A stakeholder engagement plan would be useful as part of implementation.• There are community-based armed groups that are being manipulated, and are keeping certain groups out, such as opposition groups, from a consultative process. How can this be addressed? Will the Bank rely on the state to engage with certain parts of society? Participants felt that the Bank could play a role in influencing governments to conduct meaningful and inclusive consultations, and not only consult with the elites.• When working on issues around refugees, IDPs and governance, the Bank should also consider working with national governments as they are often excluded.
4. Theme: The Role of the CSOs
<p>Participants discussed the role of CSOs and opportunities for the Bank to engage differently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considering how the Bank traditionally operates, what will be new and innovative in the engagement with CSOs, and other actors, in the strategy?• To engage more effectively with civil society, it will be important to understand capacity outside the capitals: what are the groups, who is doing what, where do they need more resources, and how can they support efforts to address drivers of conflict.• Through consultations, CSOs could be given the space to help plan and design programs, to address the drivers of conflict.
5. Theme: Monitoring & Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How has the Bank done M&E in the past, and how has it impacted areas of change, adaptive approaches, flexibility, and partnerships?• CSOs can be an important ally in getting the diagnostics right.• Focus on what kinds of data is the right kind of data for FCV outcomes.

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