



**World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)
Consultation Meeting with Civil Society Organizations
Feedback Summary**

Date: May 30, 11-12:30 pm

Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Audience: Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

Overview: Xavier Devictor, Manager, Fragility, Conflict & Violence Group, World Bank welcomed the participants present in Addis Ababa. He 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
<p><i>Comments:</i> Participants expressed appreciation and overall endorsement of the Concept Note and approach. Questions were raised regarding the broad nature of FCV and the difficulties of classifying countries within specific categories.</p> <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- FCV should be considered as a continuum, with a wide range of impacts and related factors.- Specific themes that need to be considered include: youth, gender, disability, climate change, energy and management of natural resources.
2. Theme : Working differently
<p><i>Comments:</i> Participants highlighted that an effective FCV strategy will need to work differently and pay attention to: importance of a regional approach, engaging a broad range of actors (including CSOs and the private sector), and for the World Bank Group to review its risk appetite and change operational modalities.</p> <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Agile delivery is key for successful operationalization of the strategy. Next step is to flesh out what this means in practice and how this can be done in a responsible manner. The political economy will need to be fully understood.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders

- Engaging CSOs is key for accountability.
- The role of external powers and actors calls for regional approaches and global discussions.

3. Theme: Broaden focus

Comments:

Including a protection and human rights focus will be important. Since the WBG is only one part of the efforts and stakeholders needed, the focus is rather on building synergies with actors that have the expertise and mandate in these areas. Similarly, the WBG is limited in justice and security sectors and the strategy may offer an opportunity to (re)think some of these approaches. For private sector engagement, it is important to ensure that this is aligned with national and international good practices.

Youth is a key demographic both in terms of addressing challenges faced by youth and of including them in FCV responses.

Contribution of traditional conflict resolution mechanisms for peace promotion will also be important to assess and include, while paying attention to strengthening platforms for dialogue between the government and communities.

Recommendations:

- The strategy may offer an opportunity to assess challenges and opportunities related to FCV and that have not to date been part of the WBG's approach, while maintaining WBG's role and mandate. A stronger articulation of a 'do no harm' approach could help find the right balance.
- Youth and traditional conflict resolution structures need to be included in FCV responses.

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List of Participants

No.	Organization	Name	Designation
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2.	AEID	Begashaw Mebrate	Program Manager
3.	Agri pro focus Ethiopia (PPRU)	Ato Selamu Noradu	Director
4.	Durable Solutions Manager, Ethiopia	Mr. Jason Bell	Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat (ReDSS)
5.	Eillilta Women at Risk (EWAR)	Yetnayet Andarse	Program Coordinator
6.	Ethiopia Wetland and Natural Resources Association (EWAR)	Ato Sheway Deribe	Program Director
7.	Ethiopian National Association on Intellectual Disabilities	W/t Britu Mekonnen	General Manager
8.	Ethiopian National Association on Intellectual Disabilities	Ms. Mihret Nigussie	Vice President
9.	Ethiopian Women Lawyers Association	Mr. Wendemneh Lemma	Project coordinator
10.	Fait in Action	W/t Mekdaes Hailu	Director
11.	Hamilin Fistula Ethiopia	Mr. Negash Lehona	Facility manager
12.	International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Julien Lerission	Head of Delegation
13.	IRC	Teyent Tadese	Deputy Director
14.	Love in action	Ato Akililu Gebremichael	Director Manager
15.	National Association Mekdim Ethiopia	Mr. Mengistu Zemen	Executive Director
16.	Orphans and Girls Assistance organization	Ato Amare Feleke	Director

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No.	Organization	Name	Designation
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20.	UNHCR	Kylie Peave	Legal officer
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