

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

Feedback Summary

Date: May 14, 9.30 am - 11.00 am

Location: Port au Prince, Haiti

Audience: Government representatives

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: Fragility – Absence of legitimacy of the state and weakness of institutions. The power of the state over security is increasingly at stake and the rise of armed groups is a particular concern. The current situation is explosive, with some predicting conflict episodes.

Recommendations: Spell out legitimacy even more clearly and distinguish between the legitimacy of the State (in Haiti, not in question as it rests on solid historical institutional basis) and the legitimacy of governments.

2. Theme: Challenges

Comments: Gang violence is increasing and instrumentalized by political factions. Historically, Haiti is a non-violent society. But frustration, lack of opportunities and poverty have laid the foundations of fragility and violence.

3. Theme: Youth

Comments: The youth (70% of the population) should be the main focus of government intervention. Demographic pressures, urbanization and lack of economic opportunities converge to increase fragility and clearly pose the risk of conflict ('civil war').

Recommendations: The youth agenda has been identified as a key pillar to build on. The WBG needs

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to increase its efforts to mainstream youth-sensitive operations into programming.

4. Theme: Acces to basic services

Comments: Access to basic services, notably education and health. The most vulnerable communities – chiefly women and youth – pay a high price. This has also led to gender-based violence.

Recommendations: Access to basic services is at the core of building trust between governments and citizens. When programming its activities in the FCV settings, special attention should be put on this area of engagement.

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