

World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV) Consultation Meeting in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Feedback Summary

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Location: Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Audience: Government Representatives

Overview: The World Bank Group (WBG) FCV Strategy concept note was presented by Mr. Miguel de Corral (Strategy and Operations Officer) and Mr. Olivier Lavinal (Senior Operations Officer) of the World Bank's FCV Group to government representatives from Honduras' Ministry of Human Rights, the Ministry of Finance, and the Secretariat for Government Coordination. 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.

Feedback from Stakeholders

1. Overall

- Strong support expressed by participants for the development of the WBG FCV Strategy and the
 differentiated approach articulated by the Concept Note, noting the importance of this approach to
 addressing situations of violence.
- Stressed the importance of tailored solutions to address diverse situations of FCV, as there cannot be a one-size-fits-all approach.
- Development interventions and community socialization efforts are crucial to preventing violence and addressing its impacts.
- Important to take into account the needs and voice of the most vulnerable communities and victims
 of FCV including those directly and indirectly affected by gang violence, gender-based violence
 and sexual exploitation, as well as IDPs throughout development programs.
- Organized crime and gang violence can contribute to internal displacement, exploitation and trafficking – important for the Strategy to address the linkages between the different drivers and impacts of FCV.

2. Key Areas of Engagement

- Strongly welcomed the focus on prevention as critical to addressing conflict and violence.
- Early warning systems can play an instrumental role in operationalizing the prevention agenda. Important to mainstream prevention across government entities and develop the capacity to act on warnings at the local level.
- Citizen security, policy reform, supporting the justice sector, and creating economic opportunities for youth can be crucial measures to address FCV challenges.

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- Important to emphasize social inclusion, citizen engagement, and gender equality as part of the Strategy and programming in FCV contexts.
- Critical to focus on strengthening institutions and ensuring country ownership at all levels national, subnational and local government actors.

3. Operationalization of the Strategy

- The themes articulated in the Strategy should be aligned with, and embedded within, national development strategies and programs to maximize impact on-the-ground.
- Financing is key, but critical to also do things differently and adapt financing to the specific FCV contexts.
- Greater emphasis on implementation in FCV is essential, with simplicity in program design and a targeted focus on the pockets of FCV raised as particularly important.
- When the Strategy highlights 'personnel' it should emphasize the importance of being on-the-ground in FCV situations and close to the most vulnerable communities.
- An integral approach is crucial in FCV settings to ensure sectoral programming is strategic and complementary.
- Crucial to engage with civil society organizations in FCV settings, particularly those organizations working on-the-ground and closest to the most vulnerable communities.

4. Additional Issues for Consideration

- Digital solutions can be important tools to more efficiently address issues such as promoting access to financing or government services.
- Promoting entrepreneurship and strengthening financial are key to creating economic opportunities in the context of addressing FCV situations.
- Providing psychosocial and trauma support to vulnerable communities particularly victims of violence and IDPs – is crucial and should be highlighted as part of the Strategy.

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