

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

Feedback Summary

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Audience: Multi-stakeholders (Government, CSOs, Foundations, Academia, Private Sector)

Overview: The World Bank Group (WBG) FCV Strategy concept note was presented by Mr. Franck Bousquet, Senior Director of the World Bank's FCV Group. Opening remarks were provided by Mr. Masato Miyazaki (Special Representative, World Bank Tokyo Office) and the discussion was moderated by Mr. Koichi Omori (Senior Communications Officer, World Bank). 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. Key Areas of Engagement

- Beyond countries in conflict, the WBG should focus on prevention in surrounding countries, adopting a more regional approach to addressing FCV challenges.
- Important for the WBG to adjust its engagement in cases in which the state may be contributing to the drivers of fragility.
- While certain FCV countries have received a significant amount of international financial support, the overarching country-level situation has in fact deteriorated. In this context, while providing financing is critical, it is even more important to focus on interventions that have a demonstrated impact on-the-ground.
- Important for the WBG to be neutral in conflict situations, and focus on working directly with local communities.
- When addressing FCV challenges, it is critical to appreciate the differences of each country and region, and adopt a tailored approach to each context.

2. Defining FCV

- Clarity is needed on what countries the WBG focuses on when addressing FCV issues. At the same time, the WBG should be careful about labelling countries together as "FCV".
- A definition of FCV should recognize that there are no clear or binary boundaries between conflict and peace, as there are gradations for the type of fragility a country may experience.

3. Partnerships

- Important to position the humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) initiative under the strategy.
- The complementarity and partnerships between humanitarian and development actors is critical to holistically address short-, medium-, and long-term challenges in refugee situations.

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• Essential for the WBG to partner with local actors who understand conflict dynamics on-the-ground.

4. Strategy Development Process

Consultations in FCV-impacted countries will be critical to inform the development of the strategy.

5. Additional Issues for Consideration

- Strategy must address the linkages of FCV and climate change (for example water and resource scarcity), especially in those regions such as the Sahel where these challenges manifest themselves most prominently.
- A strong monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework is crucial in FCV contexts. The WBG should engage with the research community focusing on climate change M&E, given its in-depth expertise on the subject.
- Scaling-up staffing in the most challenging environments is important, but key for staff to have the right type of skills and knowledge, for example on refugee protection issues.
- Focusing on the private sector in FCV settings will be crucial. Furthermore, it is important to ensure close collaboration across the WBG to ensure there is alignment in the approach when the World Bank's engages with governments and IFC and MIGA's with private sector actors.
- Digital technology should have a strong focus in the strategy, both addressing the positive and negative impacts of technology in fragile settings.

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ANNEX A

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