



**World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)
 Consultation Meeting with Representatives of the Private Sector,
 CSOs and Media**

Feedback Summary

Date: [2:30 PM to 4:00 PM, April 26, 2019]

Location: [Kathmandu, Nepal]

Audience: [Representatives of the Private Sector, CSOs and Media]

Overview and Key Issues Discussed: FCV Manager Sarah G. Michael welcomed the participants and 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 |
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| <p>1. Job creation and Livelihoods</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Job creation and employment will solve a host of conflicts existing in the modern world, and the lack of employment/livelihoods/job security are also potential drivers of conflict. Certain types of industries such as tourism have proven to be resilient in the face of conflict. Perhaps we need to ensure that manpower in such industries are not lost to foreign employment.</p> <p><i>Recommendations:</i> Investments in human capital are key. In Nepal, there is a need to ensure a standard national ID for all citizens for better coordination, financial inclusion, to run a social security scheme, and to avoid the issue of statelessness, leading to further conflict. When it comes to job creation, there needs to be a focus on both the formal and informal sectors. Investments in the tourism need to directly benefit local communities so as to promote resilience and shared prosperity.</p> |
| <p>2. Specificity and Definition</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> What does the strategy mean for the World Bank’s operations in Nepal? How will someone in a far-off rural place benefit from the strategy? The strategy’s focus on the vulnerable is appreciated, but how will it ensure to take into account multiple dimensions and levels of exclusion?</p> <p><i>Recommendations:</i> The limitations and scope of the strategy must be outlined at the beginning – whether it is focused on FCV across borders, within borders, at societal level, or right down to the household level. Include practical issues like corruption, transparency and accountability. Establish a regional network to tackle FCV, as this affects everyone equally, and to support organizations supporting the most vulnerable. The strategy should create an enabling environment for all actors and stakeholders.</p> |
| <p>3. Data and Disruptive Technology</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> New age-technology plays an important role in any strategy today. Data is equally</p> |

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important, but we lack adequate data for taking informed decisions and making projections.

Recommendations: Recommendations: The strategy should include more analysis on the impact of disruptive technologies as a potential driver of FCV, as well as on . the rise of global digital monopolies and biometrics.

4. Mobilization of Resources

Comments: There are plenty of resources to be tapped in the sphere of private sector and CSOs. Use partnerships and leverage combined power to make changes.

Recommendations: Work together for the greater good while ensuring identity groups are included as key partners, to resolve issues arising from FCV. Mobilize media to raise awareness about this cross-cutting issue. Tackle issues like lack of skilled human resources, climate change and conflict brought about by lack of employment. Invest in the younger generation to prevent FCV tomorrow. Strengthening of systems and public institutions is essential. In the Nepal context of devolution, a focus on local level actors is key – including local governments, private sector, civil society etc.

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