



**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: International and Bilateral Partners

Overview: The World Bank Group (WBG) FCV Strategy concept note was presented by Mr. Miguel de Corral (Strategy and Operations Officer) of the World Bank’s FCV Group to international and bilateral partners representing the European Union, the United Nations Development Programme, the Inter-American Development Bank, Switzerland (SDC), the United States (USAID), Canada, and Germany (GIZ). 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants expressed support for the development of the Strategy, noting it is crucial to address the root causes and structural issues driving FCV.• Welcomed that the WBG is focusing on addressing FCV challenges and positioning itself as part of broader international efforts on this agenda.• Highlighted that the FCV agenda – particularly addressing the drivers and impacts of violence – is an important issue in Latin America.• Clear support for the focus on flexibility and a differentiated approach to diverse situations of FCV.• Important to collectively address FCV issues in fragile, conflict- and violence-affected countries as well as seemingly stable countries that exhibit FCV challenges.
2. Key Areas of Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Strategy should articulate how we can invest more in prevention, particularly to support vulnerable children at risk of joining violent gangs. This is crucial to break the cycle of violence over the long-term.• Important to strengthen the focus on multidimensional risks and how they interact with one another, for example by exploring the linkage between levels of violence and trust in institutions.• Strategy should have strong emphasis on the rule of law, justice, transparency, governance and control of corruption.• A strong focus on legitimacy, citizen engagement and the rights of vulnerable communities is pivotal in FCV settings.• Strategy needs to emphasize the role of women and youth in building peace and prevention.

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3. Operationalization of the Strategy

- Important analytical work has been done in recent years (i.e. the 2011 World Development Report) – critical for the Strategy to build on and operationalize these efforts through the WBG’s programming.
- Crucial to adopt a distinct approach depending on the country context and the specificities of each FCV situation.
- Programming in fragile settings should take into consideration the perceptions of FCV by local communities in addition to traditional data indicators, such as levels of institutional strength and rates of conflict/violence.
- Crucial to invest more in monitoring and evaluation, as well as data collection, in order to more effectively measure progress and success in FCV settings.
- Partnerships across the humanitarian-development continuum are essential to avoid siloed approaches.
- In FCV settings, important to be open to trial and error approaches, and having flexible/adaptive programming given the continuously changing situation on-the-ground.
- Important for WBG and international partners to more systematically share analyses of the drivers and impacts of FCV in order to develop a shared understanding of the challenges, as well as articulate how to collectively respond based on each partner’s comparative advantage.
- On-the-ground presence in FCV environments is critical to more effectively support governments and vulnerable communities. In this context, it is also key to have measures in place to ensure staff security in insecure environments.

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