



World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)

Consultation Meeting with Government representatives

Feedback Summary

Date: 06/26/2019, 4 to 6 pm

Location: Niamey, Niger

Audience: Government representatives

Overview: Ibrahim Garba (Operations Officer, WB Niger) and Olivier Lavinal (WB FCV Group) welcomed the participants present in N'Djamena. Olivier 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/recommendations are noted as such.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
<p>1. Overall</p> <p>Participants welcomed the initiative of consultations and the FCV Strategy Concept Note itself. In their majority, participants highlighted the fragilities that Niger was hostage to: from climate change to demographic pressures, notwithstanding regional insecurity, governance, access to opportunities (or lack thereof) and social or cultural identity issues. There was strong support for the pivot to prevention and keen interest for the WBG to delve into the issue of natural resources (access/allocation).</p>
<p>2. Theme: Priority areas</p> <p>Participants highlighted the following priority areas of engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on climate change as a key factor of fragility: CC erodes the productive basis, fragilizes societies and threatens growth and security • Understanding the consequences of demographic pressures: In Niger, and Africa at large, high fertility rates pose a remarkable challenge that needs to be addressed • Tackling the question of mobility(ies): The fast-moving migrations (or forced displacement) are an increasingly urgent issue. This needs to be addressed through a comprehensive development approach • Focusing on health (human and animal) for economic and social development • Anchoring governance at the heart of development • Adopting a regional and risk-based approach
<p>3. Theme: Ensuring sustained engagement and adapting to be fit-for-purpose</p> <p>Participants insisted on the need for a multi-sector and comprehensive approach, especially in contexts marked by accelerating challenges like poverty, climate change, demographic pressures, technological changes and social inequalities. Niger is a fragile country with many security challenges. In this case, it</p>

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is especially critical to sustain engagement over the long term and avoid stop and go approaches. As it is essential to build in measures and ways to adapt programming as the situation dictates. Fluid environments often characterize fragile settings and WBG programming should always acknowledge that and build mid-course correction measures to stay fit for purpose.
4. Theme: Developing a broad and long-term vision
Participants welcomed the vision laid out by the FCV Strategy but encouraged the team to go beyond the 2020-2025 timeline to develop a long-term vision that looks at 2030 (SDGs) and beyond. The idea is that the challenges at hand will require sustained and focused engagement from the international community and it bestows upon development organizations to build/strengthen this long-term view. Participants signaled that the strong focus on social inclusion was welcomed and equally commended the adoption of a long-term view as the challenges discussed can only be addressed over a generation.
5. Theme: Responding to the FCV challenges in Niger
Participants emphasized the importance of partnering for development outcomes/results for Niger. There was overall recognition that the situation in Niger could and should qualify to enter the FCV list as this would possibly help to focus the engagement and access to new opportunities and mechanisms. Overall, participants voiced this point as a further step to recognize the challenges specific to Niger and to the Sahel region and as a way to create an alliance to implement in FCV settings. Niger combines a large set of fragility challenges that act as threat multipliers.
6. Theme: Engaging in the long run with programmatic approaches
Participants noted that the long-term approach calls for a shift from a purely project-based approach to one that defined programmatic approaches and that stays engaged from early stages to exit strategies. These programmatic approaches should always include development objectives like inclusion of youth, access to opportunities and governance-related matters. Ultimately, it is about laying the ground for economic and social transformation including by adding a renewed focus on leveraging private investments/sector solutions (participants highlighted the need to focus on promoting national investments and access to finance).

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