



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

### Tajikistan Consultation Meeting with Multilateral Stakeholders

#### Feedback Summary

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**Date:** May 21, 2019 from 13.30h to 16h

**Location:** Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

**Audience:** Partners from NGOs, academia, and other bilateral and multilateral agencies

**Overview and Key Issues Discussed:** WB Country Manager, Mr. Jan-Peter Olters, welcomed participants and introduced the WBG Tajikistan context for the consultations, including the recent World Bank Board endorsement of the Country Partnership Framework for Tajikistan and, embedded into it, the Resilience Strengthening Program consisting of three projects financed under the IDA-18 Risk Mitigation Regime. Mr. Franck Bousquet, Senior Director of the WB's FCV group, presented an overview on the main arguments and features of the FVC Strategy Concept Note. Participants were then invited to ask questions and to express their views. For purposes of conciseness, the following summary highlights comments/questions and recommendations that were provided by individual representatives. Collective comments and recommendations are noted as such.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
<p><b>1. General Comments</b></p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broad support and endorsement of the strategic directions and areas of engagement of the WBG FCV Strategy as articulated in the Concept Note.</li> <li>Questions: What will be the exact added value of the proposed FCV Strategy? What is proposed that is not yet already been done? Is the Strategy a filter for selecting projects to be funded? Is it replacing the Peace &amp; Development approach? Does the fact that the FCV Strategy is being prepared indicate a shift of WBG programming away from infrastructure towards social development?</li> </ul> <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify nature and purpose of Strategy, and link to concepts like Peace and Development etc.</li> <li>Adjust the strategy to the Tajikistan context.</li> <li>Consider the political economy, specifically when it comes to programming and implementation of concrete interventions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Theme: Partnerships</b></p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NGOs in Tajikistan are facing bureaucratic and informational barriers, which strain their ability to communicate effectively.</li> </ul> <p><i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include reference to need for good and secure communication, including access to information, ICT.</li> <li>Work with partners that are already on the ground.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Theme: Role of Government/Governance</b></p>

<b>Specific Feedback from Stakeholders</b>
<p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a lack of standards for the delivery of public services; same for accountability, and transparency.</li> <li>• Government efforts on the national level do not trickle down to the communities.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Theme: Monitoring</b>
<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question: How do we influence/build capacity of the country grievance mechanisms (directly linked to judicial systems) to enable them to respond and address FCV-related grievances? So far, we have very little leverage over improving country-level grievance mechanisms, as our projects in most of the cases are focused on addressing project-level grievances only.</li> </ul> <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify expected results under the Strategy.</li> <li>• Evaluate impact of WBG support in countries under the Strategy</li> </ul>
<b>5. Theme: Time Frame</b>
<p><i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconsider the ambitious time frame for the implementation of the Strategy and expand to 7-10 years.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Theme: Gender / Role and Participation of Women</b>
<p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local conflicts require localized solutions identified with local communities on the ground, and specifically with involvement of women.</li> <li>• Women are not only vulnerable but important enablers of change, both ways: Women have often followed and supported their husbands into the conflict zone; they could also help counter undesirable dynamics.</li> <li>• Observation of increased dynamics of divorces, gender-based violence - linked to unemployment and poverty</li> </ul> <p><i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledge and make use of the role of women as enablers of positive change: If empowered and educated, they could learn to notice and act on early-warning signs of radicalization in their families, specifically, their husbands/brothers returning from migrant camps ; be empowered/incentivized to stay, instead of following; play a role in countering radical ideologies from within the families.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Root Causes of FCV in Tajikistan</b>
<p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various dimensions of root causes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Socio-economic disparities related to income, wealth inequalities;</li> <li>○ Human dimension: human rights; freedom of media; psychological factors;</li> <li>○ Corruption</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for joint assessments of drivers of fragility</li> </ul>

**List of Participants:** see Annex 1

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**Annex 1: List of Participants (Non WBG)**

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3	Sheron Amidkhonov	Safeguards Manager	Agha Khan Foundation
4	Azimzhon Sayfiddinov	Director	Eurasia Foundation in Central Asia
5	Edwin Wennink	Country Director	Helvetas
6	Shahribonu Shonasimova	Country Representative	International Alert
7	Michael Hewitt	Project Manager	International Organization for Migration
8	SATO Keiichi	Representative	Japan International Cooperation Agency
9	Manuchehr Bakoev	Sector coordinator	KfW
10	Nazira Kurbonova	Media and Campaigns Coordinator	Oxfam
11	Elena Buryan	Country Director	Mercy Corps
12	Filippo Crivellaro	Head, Economic and Environment Department	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
13	Khirad Kargasov	Acting Country Director	Safer World
14	Firuzra Rahimova	External Relations Officer	Swiss Cooperation Office
15	Zarrina Juraeva	M&E Officer, Communities Program	United Nations Development Program
16	Nargis Rakhimova	Assistant Representative	United Nations Population Fund
17	Navruza Jalilova	Senior Protection Associate	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
18	Vohidova Mutabara	Project Coordinator	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
19	Mariko Kawabata	Deputy Country Director	World Food Program
20	Qahramon Bakozoda	Head	Analytical Center "Zerkalo"
21	Nargis Esufbekova	Head of Secretariat	Development Coordination Council
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