



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

Consultation Meeting with Government Representatives

Feedback Summary

Date: May 20, 2019; 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM GMT+3

Location: Moscow, Russian Federation

Audience: Government Representatives

Overview and Key Issues Discussed: 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. Andras Horvai, Country Director and Resident Representative of the World Bank in the Russian Federation, and Mr. Andrey Bokarev, Director, Department for International Financial Relations, Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation. Following the presentation, participants were invited to share their views. The summary below captures key points, recommendations, comments and feedback raised during the meeting.

Feedback from Stakeholders
1. General Comments
<p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opportunity to participate in the WBG FCV Concept Note consultations is appreciated; • Participants appreciate the opportunity to be part of the FCV Strategy consultations and to have the opportunity to look at the concrete ideas, approaches and proposed actions; • The initiative of the WBG to develop an FCV Strategy is considered very timely, • Increased WBG focus on the FCV countries is fully supported; • Focus on prevention is considered important.
2. FCV definitions and criteria
<p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More clear definitions and criteria for FCV countries are pivotal, as otherwise there is risk of dilution of effort and resources when some countries, not really being FCV, might be considered eligible for targeted support; <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given limited resources, clear criteria for the FCV targeted support eligibility is important to be formulated in the FCV Strategy.
3. Regional approach to FCV agenda
<p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many FCV issues are not just country specific, but rather regional (e.g. Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East and North Africa), therefore regional focus needs special attention; <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBG FCV Strategy shall address regional FCV agendas, with regional approach to be clearly articulated and general recommendations to regions to be elaborated.
4. Partnerships and Cooperation with other UN institutions
<p><i>Comments:</i></p>

<p>Feedback from Stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full support expressed to the FCV CN approach to set new ground for strengthening partnerships in implementation, and closer cooperation with other UN institutions and agencies involved in FCV countries, as combining efforts yields better results; • Scattered humanitarian aid efforts by different UN agencies on different donor resources are not sustainable. <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategy shall aim at working closely with other UN institutions to address systemic FCV issues together.
<p>5. Gender and Youth focus</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full support to gender mainstreaming, as reflected in the FCV CN; • Focus on Youth is considered especially important; <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FCV Strategy would benefit from inclusion of more concrete initiatives aiming to address youth issues and youth job creation solutions.
<p>6. Processes: Data Analysis and Monitoring</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection and close monitoring of FCV operations is essential <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategy should include robust data collection and monitoring system and instruments to track policies' implementation and concrete projects' outcomes, as well as to enable the just-in-time troubleshooting of emerging problems on the ground during the implementation cycle.
<p>7. IDA and WBG Multi-donor Trust Fund Instruments</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-donor Trust Funds serve as reliable instruments for some WBG donor partners, and could be effectively used to support IDA resources in the WBG FCV operations; <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multidonor Trust Funds as important FCV financial instruments complementing IDA resources in FCV operations shall be included in the Strategy.
<p>8. Personnel: capacity, skills, placement, sources of finance</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBG FCV staff special skills and capacity are important to the FCV Strategy implementation success; • Placing WBG FCV staff through special missions and additional offices in the field closer to FCV settings and WBG FCV operations is essential, as supervision of FCV operations from regional hubs much afar from real operational field is proved not to be very efficient; • Decentralizing and placing additional FCV staff closer to FCV settings would require additional financial resources; <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critically important to have staff with right skills placed on the ground in FCV settings, and this needs to be specifically stressed in the Strategy; • The Strategy shall clearly specify additional sources of finance needed to implement additional staff placement on the ground.

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