



**World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)
Consultation Meeting with donors and development community**

Feedback Summary

Date: 05/23/2019, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Pristina, Kosovo

Audience: United Nations agencies, MDBs and bilateral

Overview and Key Issues Discussed: Lundrim Aliu (Senior Communications Officer, Kosovo) and Olivier Lavinal (FCV Group) welcomed the participants present in Pristina. 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.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
<p>1. Overall</p> <p>Participants welcomed the initiative of the WBG and the presentation (approach, focus on the implementation). In parallel, several donors mentioned that this initiative was very much in line with what had already been developed at bilateral or multilateral levels and encouraged the team to be more innovative and truly focus on implementation. Selected bilaterals (United States; Switzerland) highlighted that similar ideas had already been developed by their respective capitals. Many asked for a coordinated approach to have greater impact on the ground. Some donors (Sweden) also insisted on the need to consult with civil society and were reassured by the FCV Strategy consultation process.</p>
<p>2. Theme: Priority areas</p> <p>Participants highlighted the following priority areas of engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Capital: Education and Health • Governance (government accountability); rule of law; anticorruption • Capacity and commitment of the government • Comparable data sets – harmonization of indicators/metrics • Humanitarian-development nexus; security-development nexus
<p>3. Theme: How to ensure sustained engagement?</p> <p>Part of the challenge is to intervene in the long-term and ensure that the activities/initiatives of partners be sustained over time. This is especially critical when coordination between donor community does not maximize collective impact. It is important not to sacrifice longer term outcomes for short term gains and the international community at large should team up to agree on desired development gains. This process should also allow for trial and error mechanisms and a stronger dialogue with government counterparts. In Kosovo, participants highlighted the need for strong donor coordination mechanisms to increase impact on the ground to deliver on reforms and assist the government to the best of donors' abilities.</p>
<p>4. Theme: New tools and new energy</p>

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Participants outlined the importance of focusing on implementation. To do so, the first order of priority is to develop analytical tools that can provide better evidence for public policy making. The objective of developing tools that can be used across the donor community was strongly voiced. In parallel, the driver for greater selectivity/prioritization was largely discussed to optimize collective action in support of the government and the people of Kosovo. The critical piece that all insisted on is how to help the government to enhance accountability and fairness across the national territory.

5. Theme: New arenas – trauma and psycho-social support

In post-conflict settings where the challenge is to build the state and its institutions, governance and accountability surfaced throughout the conversation. Participants also reminded the team of the importance of focusing on the human dimension (developing people-centric approaches) and addressing the needs of the population, in order to mitigate violence and fragility. Several participants called for bold propositions on policy dialogue and a greater drive for results.

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List of Participants:

Donors:

1. Patrick Etienne – Swiss Coop.
2. Murat Sahin – UNICEF
3. Teuta Halimi – UNICEF
4. Paul Mecklenburg – UNMIK
5. K.P. Litiere – UNMIK
6. Lori Michaleson – US Embassy
7. Dren Pozhegu – US Embassy
8. Arijeta Dushi – USAID
9. Vilma Shabani - USAID
10. Milena Tasevska – UNHCR
11. Maja Edfast – Sweden Embassy
12. Erol Arduc – UNHCR