



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

Consultation Meeting with Government Representatives

Feedback Summary

Date: May 21, 2019 from 9h to 11.30h

Location: Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

Audience: Government Representatives

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. Answers to questions and explanations offered by the WBG, specifically by Mr. Bousquet, during the discussion, are not included.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
<p>1. General Comments</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad support and endorsement of the strategic directions and areas of engagement of the WBG FCV Strategy as articulated in the Concept Note. • Agenda of the Government of Tajikistan (GoT) towards support to youths and youth employment is fully covered. • Pleased that the design of two projects (out of three) that had been negotiated the week before and that were to be financed under the IDA-18 Risk Mitigation Regime, already reflect (almost naturally) the main features of the FCV Strategy. • Some terms/formulations in the Strategy are confusing for non-WBG audiences. <p><i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider operationalizing the Strategy through an (additional) Action Plan
<p>2. Theme: Alignment with global and national strategies – and related timelines</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted reference to SDG 16 (with a time horizon up to 2030). • Noted lack of reference to specific country context alignment. <p><i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to harmonize the Strategy in the specific country context and align with overarching National Development Strategy (NDS), sector strategies, including for women, youths, public-private partnerships, and the Tajikistan Strategy on Countering Extremism and Terrorism. • Adjust time horizon to 2030 for alignment with SDG agenda and with NDS and other national strategies.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
<p>3. Theme: Role of Private Sector</p> <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include reference to public-private partnerships. • Include provisions for support to SMEs through micro-credit.
<p>4. Theme: Digital Economy</p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving digital infrastructure and digital technologies (as envisaged by the Digital CASA Project, which is currently in the pre-identification stage in Tajikistan) will help the GoT to provide solutions in improvement of service delivery and ultimately poverty reduction. In this sense, promoting the digital economy is relevant for the objectives of the Strategy.
<p>5. Theme: Monitoring</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Success of the strategy should be monitored, including on its impact on poverty eradication. <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a monitoring framework with indicators, preferably linked to the SDG indicators. • Provide for the establishment of mechanisms to receive regular, ongoing, qualitative feed-back on impact of interventions under the Strategy.
<p>6. Theme: Vulnerable groups</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include reference to families of migrants as vulnerable groups, specifically in the Tajikistan/Central Asia context.

List of Participants: see Annex 1

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Annex 1: List of Participants (Non WBG)

#	Name	Position	Organization
1	Yusuf Majidi	Deputy Minister	Ministry of Finance
2	Saymurod Zaynidinzoda	Head, Analytical Department	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
3	Farhod Habibov	Specialist, Unit on Social Issues	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
4	Abror Salimzoda	Specialist, Unit on Social Issues	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
5	Khursand Usmonzoda	Specialist, Department for Foreign Economic Cooperation	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
6	Alisher Nematzoda	Head, Investment Department	Ministry of Justice
7	Emin Numon Sanginzoda	First Deputy Minister	Ministry of Labor, Migration and Employment of Population
8	Jamshed Vohidzoda	Lead Specialist, Department of External Aid Coordination and Project Monitoring	State Committee for Investment and State Property Management
9	Abduvali Kulov	Head, Department on Economic Analysis	Agency for Statistics under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan
10	Fayzullo Barotzoda	Director	Centre for Islamic Studies under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan
11	Javohir Akobirova	Department Head	Committee for Family and Women's Affairs under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan
12	Ilhom Atoev	Deputy Chairman	Communications Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan
13	Solor Salohiddinov	Senior Specialist	Local Development Committee under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan
14	Khudoydod Pirmadzoda	Head, Organized Crime Department	Ministry of Internal Affairs
15	Halim Mirzoaliev	Deputy Chairman on Issues of Financial Stability	National Bank of Tajikistan
16	Irina Ashurova	Senior Prosecutor, International Relation Department	Prosecutor-General's Office
17	Temur Salimzoda	Senior Prosecutor, International Relation Department	Prosecutor-General's Office
18	Dilnoza Akhmadzoda	Deputy Chairperson	State Committee on Youth and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan
19	Imomnazar Haknazar	Deputy Department Head	Strategic Research Center under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan

