

World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV) Consultation Meeting in Washington, DC

Feedback Summary

Date: July 10, 2019

Location: Washington, DC

Audience: International Rescue Committee

Overview: The World Bank Group (WBG) FCV Strategy concept note was presented by Mr. Franck Bousquet, Senior Director of the World Bank's FCV Group, to representatives from the International Rescue Committee's Washington, DC office. Following the presentation, participants were invited to share their views. The summary below captures the key points, recommendations, comments and feedback raised during the meeting.

Feedback from Stakeholders

1. Overall

- Participants welcomed the development of the Strategy and expressed support for the initial approaches articulated in the Concept Note.
- Important for the Strategy to be fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as addressing FCV is essential to achieve the SDGs.

2. Partnerships and Operationalization of the Strategy

- The 4 P's are critical, and therefore welcome that the Strategy moves beyond being a normative document to include concrete measures on how to operationalize the FCV agenda across the WBG.
- New partnership models are needed in fragile settings, both at the stage of program design (for example, systematizing diagnostics) and at the strategy level. Important to develop partnerships with a diversity of actors that can play an important role in FCV settings.
- Important to partner more systematically with NGOs and organizations that have deep practical
 experience operating in FCV contexts. Information sharing, relationship building at the country-level,
 and engaging on key issues of mutual importance (such as monitoring and evaluation, or data
 collection) can be potential areas of collaboration moving forward.
- Important for Strategy to explore how to engage in contexts where the state may be contributing to the exacerbation of FCV challenges, and in particular how to promote social inclusion in these situations.
- Prioritization and selectivity in FCV contexts are essential.

3. Measuring Success

• Important that the Strategy be explicit about the outcomes we are seeking in FCV settings and articulate the potential indictors we are exploring to use to measure success. Such an outcome-

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based framework can help align the international community around a common goal and crowd in additional partners.

- An outcome-based approach can also help move beyond a programmatic focus to address policy issues, and ultimately identify which actors are best suited to address different issues.
- Important to invest in building research and the evidence base on the types of interventions that have and have not worked in FCV settings. The Strategy is an important platform to help drive this agenda forward.

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