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

Consultation Meeting with Development Partners

Feedback Summary

Date: May 30, 1:30-3:00 pm

Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Audience: Development Partners

Overview: Xavier Devictor, Manager, Fragility, Conflict & Violence Group, welcomed the participants present in Addis Ababa. He 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. Collective comments and recommendations are noted as such.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
1.   General Comments
Comments: Participants expressed support for the WBG to get more involved in FCV and for the elaboration of an FCV strategy.
2.   Theme : Partnerships
Comments: The importance of partnerships was emphasized and the WBG-UNHCR partnership on forced displacement could be used as a model for future engagements: building on clear synergies, complementarity of mandates, and well-defined roles and responsibilities of key agencies. While there is often good coordination at HQ level, it is important to ensure equally strong collaboration at country level. Regional approaches and responses are also important as armed struggle or contributing factors, such as climate change, are not confined within borders. Synergies can be found with organizations that have the political leeway and security capacity that the WBG is lacking, particularly for conflicts that are cross-borders and/or have regional dimensions. A challenge is also that WBG regional programs relies on country engagements. *Recommendations:*

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
- Important to identify key partnerships that are relevant in any given context, where there are clear complementarities with the mandate of the WBG, and engage pragmatically (e.g., ECOWAS, IGAD, AU) - Strategic partnerships should be strengthened at country and implementation levels, while coordinating within existing frameworks.

3. *Theme: Explore additional topics*
Comments: Participants highlighted the importance of engaging with the private sector, which is often difficult to do in FCV contexts, and to explore topics such as the impacts of macroeconomic policies and trends on FCV. Middle income countries pose challenges that may require a differentiated approach, for example, there are stable fast-growing countries with pockets of instability. Given that the WBG engagement is country-driven, instability at sub-national levels raises a new set of issues. Questions were also raised whether the strategy could expand to include access to justice and human security, and community policing. Youth inclusion will be key given the youth bulge and the central role youth often plays in FCV. Participants pointed out that the Concept Note does not mention Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) or impacts on host communities much. *Recommendations:* - FCV strategy should explore these new topics, while being clear about what the mandate and comparative advantages of the WBG are.

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