

A Refreshed WBG Strategy for Engaging in FCV Settings

Summary | Meetings with UN System in New York Focused on Prevention and Peacebuilding

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A series of meetings were held between the United Nations and the World Bank to strengthen collaboration in FCV contexts.

Participants:

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| ▪ OHCHR | ▪ UNICEF | ▪ UN Women |
| ▪ UNDP | ▪ UN OCHA | ▪ WFP |
| ▪ UN DPPA (PBSO and DPO) | ▪ UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) and select member states | |
| ▪ UN Disarmament Affairs | | |
| ▪ UNHCR | | |

Key Takeaways:

- **Stronger institutionalized collaboration:** Amid declining official development assistance (ODA) across the humanitarian, development, and peace sectors, participants emphasized the need for stronger collaboration between the UN and the World Bank—for example, closer coordination through the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), engagement in the ongoing PBAR process, and country-level collaboration.
- **Innovative financing:** Participants highlighted the need to develop innovative financing models that combine public- and private-sector investments to support sustainable development.
- **Engagement in conflict-affected contexts:** Participants encouraged continued World Bank engagement in conflict-affected settings, emphasizing its active role at the intersection of humanitarian and development assistance.
- **Investment in prevention and resilience:** Participants called for prioritizing upstream investments in prevention and resilience, including improved predictive tools, joint risk assessments, and investments in infrastructure and emerging technologies.
- **Operational coordination:** Deeper UN–World Bank collaboration was suggested for national prevention strategies, as well as regional and subnational approaches to address cross-border impacts.
- **Humanitarian–development–peace nexus:** Participants noted that UN initiatives are re-evaluating the HDP approach, with a stronger focus on security and early development engagement in conflict-affected settings. Discussions also stressed the need for a reset in the humanitarian sector and highlighted the importance of strengthened UN–World Bank cooperation in the current geopolitical climate.