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DEVELOPMENT FOR PEACE

The World Bank Group's work to tackle fragility, conflict and violence

HELPING COUNTRIES NAVIGATE A VOLATILE ENVIRONMENT

Today, 2 billion people live in countries where development outcomes are affected by fragility, conflict, and violence. There are fewer large-scale conflicts than in the past, but the challenge is complex and widespread, with regional and global repercussions in an increasingly interconnected world. Forced displacement is a global crisis which needs to be managed with collective action; extremist activities threaten development progress; and citizen security is a growing concern in middle-income countries, closely linked to rising inequality.

For the World Bank Group (WBG), addressing the challenge of fragility, conflict and violence is a strategic priority, critical to achieve its twin goals to end extreme poverty and promote shared prosperity.

The Bank projected in 2015 that the number of people living in extreme poverty was likely to fall to under 10 percent of the global population. But as the rest of the world makes progress, poverty will increasingly be concentrated in countries affected by fragility, with almost half the world's poor expected to live in these situations by 2030.

It is also important as the global community works towards implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals – in particular Goal 16 for peace, justice and strong institutions – which recognized fragility as an integral part of the sustainable development agenda.

Building on its experience in conflict-sensitive development, the WBG is committed to drive this agenda forward.

THE CHALLENGE OF FRAGILITY, CONFLICT & VIOLENCE

2 billion people live in countries where development outcomes are affected by fragility, conflict, and violence.

By 2030, the share of global poor living in fragile and conflict-affected situations is projected to reach **46 percent**.

Terrorism incidents have increased by **120 percent** since 2012.

Forced displacement is a growing crisis, with **20 million** refugees worldwide.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WORLD BANK GROUP'S OPERATIONAL WORK

LIBERIA: INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO INFRASTRUCTURE REBUILDING

Task Team Lead: Kulwinder Singh Rao

The Liberia Road Asset Management Project combines performance-based road contracting and a ten-year Bank funding commitment to tap international expertise, introduce flexibility in designs, reduce life-cycle costs, and improve sustainability of investments. Despite the devastating impact of Ebola, the project has helped rebuild a 249 kilometer road from Monrovia to the Guinea border, with 90% of the work done by Liberians. To enhance citizen engagement, the project is supporting development of a smart phone app to monitor road construction and maintenance.

SUDAN: PEACEBUILDING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Task Team Lead: Abderrahim Fraiji

With financing from the State and Peacebuilding Fund, the Bank supported activities to promote peaceful coexistence between groups living along livestock migration routes in the war-prone states of Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile. Internally displaced persons were also empowered; 328 people – mostly women – have access to micro-finance, and 140 women learned to pool, save, manage and invest their own resources to pursue income generating activities. The project is in its first (\$4.2 million) and second (\$4.99 million) phases.

PHILIPPINES: SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE PEACE IN THE BANGSAMORO

Task Team Lead: Matthew Stephens

The WBG is engaging in Mindanao's transition with support from the Korea Trust Fund, facilitating consultations with representation from all ethnic, religious and other marginalized groups, such as in the preparation of the Bangsamoro Basic Law. ICTs are a key feature of support, including in the innovative Bangsamoro Conflict Monitoring System.

WEST BANK & GAZA: MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

Task Team Lead: Najat Yamouri

To promote inclusive governance, initiatives are underway to better integrate citizen engagement into development, empowering citizens to participate in public decision-making. Innovative technologies are at work: as part of a Bank supported municipal development project, an e-governance platform for service delivery requests is being established in the West Bank and Gaza, as well as community service centers and a citizen satisfaction survey.



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COLOMBIA: PROTECTION LAND & PATRIMONY OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

Task Team Lead: Victoria Stanley

To prevent forced displacement and address challenges faced by displaced citizens, the Bank supported the government's efforts in protection, formalization and restitution of land rights. Over 12 years, systematic data collection supported by the project helped to provide evidence of the magnitude of the conflict over land and record hectares actually abandoned. The project also helped to build the knowledge base for a Restitution Law, passed in 2011, which provided for physical restitution to IDPs of their land parcels.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: LONDO ('STAND-UP') PROJECT

Task Team Lead: Paul Bance

With about a quarter of its population displaced, the situation in CAR has the potential to destabilize fragile neighboring countries. The Bank's stabilization project will provide temporary employment to vulnerable people through national labor-intensive public works programs. The project has successfully deployed in rebel-controlled areas and set examples in partnering with peacekeeping forces and the humanitarian community.

SOMALIA: RECURRENT COST AND REFORM FINANCE

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This project reimburses the government of Somalia for the payment of civil service salaries, on a sliding scale, over 5 years. The model provides an incentive for the government to mobilize own-resources within the fiscal year to pay salaries, and encourages development of sustainable domestic revenue sources. The project also transfers resources to federal member states through an intergovernmental fiscal relations mechanism.

JORDAN: EMERGENCY SERVICES & SOCIAL RESILIENCE

Task Team Lead: Sima W. Kanaan

To support cities hosting Syrian refugees, the Bank designed a grant project in 2013 that transferred additional financial resources to municipalities to strengthen local services and address social tension, in collaboration with UNHCR and donors. Financing is pooled through a multi-donor trust fund. This project forms part of the broader World Bank response to support Jordan mitigate the impact of the refugee crisis.

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS TO BUILD RESILIENCE

The Global Program on Forced Displacement (GPDF) was established in 2009 with support from Denmark, Norway and Switzerland to enhance the global development response to forced displacement through economically and socially sustainable solutions. GPDF works through: operational support to strengthen the WBG and partners' response; partnerships with governments, multilateral organizations, donors, academic institutions and NGOs; country/regional or thematic analytical work; and knowledge dissemination.

The United Nations-World Bank Fragility and Conflict Partnership Trust Fund, in its sixth year of operations, supports strategic and operational collaboration in fragile and conflict situations, with 30 projects collectively valued at US\$7.6 million. Achievements include — first diagnostic tool to facilitate the restoration of core government systems in post-conflict situations for use by the UN, WB and others; comprehensive joint risk management strategy under the Somalia Development and Reconstruction Facility; —operational resource notes on working with the UN and WB in fragile situations; and building UN-WB capacities to support African Union efforts to harmonize Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration standards.

The State and Peace-Building Fund (SPF), established in 2008, finances innovative approaches to state and peacebuilding in regions affected by fragility conflict and violence. It focuses on improving governance and institutional performance in countries emerging from, or at risk of sliding into crisis and arrears; and the reconstruction and development of countries affected by conflict. It also pioneers 'frontier' development approaches and shares global knowledge. The SPF supports countries with little or no access to other sources of Bank financing. It is active in 35 countries across six regions worldwide with a portfolio of approximately \$271 million as of December 2015.

The Korean Trust Fund (KTF) established in 2009, supports the WBG's efforts to address fragility, conflict, and violence by piloting innovative approaches, promoting global knowledge work, and advancing partnerships with Korean institutions. KTF helps to draw from Korea's development experience, which offers lessons of practical benefit to many fragile and conflict-affected countries, and deliver results.



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FCV GROUP SUPPORT FIVE TRACKS TO TACKLE FRAGILITY

The WBG Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV) Group, a cross-cutting solutions area led by Senior Director Saroj Kumar Jha, supports operational teams across the institution including IFC and MIGA to deliver in countries affected by fragility, along five inter-related tracks:

I. Knowledge, Analytics and Data

Generating evidence with cutting edge country and regional analytical work to shape WBG engagements; filling knowledge gaps through operational research to improve development effectiveness in fragile environments

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II. Forced Displacement and Development

Strengthening the development response to forced displacement by helping to shape and implement policy and financing options, leveraging partnerships with UNHCR and others

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III. Strategy and Financial Solutions

Developing innovative financing solutions, including with private sector involvement, for situations of fragility, conflict, and violence

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IV. Operations and Crisis Response

Promoting FCV sensitive approaches in Bank operations and ensuring operational and financial rapid response to protracted and recurring crises

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V. Partnerships for Peace

Establishing strong partnerships for sustainable peace and development with humanitarian, security, diplomatic and development actors including the UN, G7+, the International Dialogue for Peace and Statebuilding, bi/multilateral partners.

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To ensure that FCV specialists are on the frontline, FCV Regional Leads and FCV Country Coordinators work as members of country and regional teams to advise on all matters related to fragility, conflict and violence including forced displacement, and assist with mobilization of FCV expertise from across the WBG (Global Practices/Cross-Cutting Solutions Areas, IFC, and MIGA.)

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