

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Fragile States Unit

FRAGILITY: A REALITY FOR AFRICA

- * 19 out of 33 fragile states are in Africa
- * GDP growth in fragile states is 2.6 percent, compared with 4.6 percent in other low-income countries (2007), and the gap is just getting wider

Getting development right in fragile states is a global challenge. But African leaders are standing up for Africa's priorities. We can do better - together.

WHAT IS THE FRAGILE STATES UNIT?

The Fragile States Unit incorporates responsiveness to fragility into Bank-wide operations by providing advisory support, training, and high quality political analysis to regional and sector departments.

It is also the operational arm of the Fragile States Facility, a key instrument in the Bank's engagement in fragile states.

With expanding expertise in the practicalities of on-the-ground operations in fragile environments, the Unit's staff are building the Bank's capacity and reputation as a knowledge resource for Africa.

“ I received training in risk management, which I didn't have before. I am now exporting capacity to other countries by providing advice to those who are establishing debt management units. ”

—Senior Economist, Debt Management Unit, Sierra Leone

FRAGILE STATES FACILITY

Supplemental Support—provides flexible and rapid responses to funding infrastructure, sector development, state-building, and accountability in fragile environments (UA 220 million)

Arrears Clearance—cancels and restructures debt to free up resources for essential services (UA 618 million)

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building—builds national leadership and skills, enabling governments to drive their own development (UA 39 million)

“ Thanks to the dam, there is [now] agricultural work almost all year round. In most families, the young men can stay in the village. ”

—Dam Supervision Committee, Chad

GOING FORWARD: EXPANDED LEADERSHIP

International leadership on the Facility for Employment Generation in fragile and conflict states a major concern for African leaders, in partnership with the World Bank, ILO, UNECA, UNDP, and UN PBSO.

Regional leadership and knowledge resource in creating an Africa-wide voice for fragile and conflict-affected states in international development effectiveness forums.



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