

The DAC International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF)

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1. INCAF Directors reiterate that, following the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, we are committed to leave no one behind and to reach the furthest behind, first.
2. Improving the effectiveness of our engagement in, and support for, fragile and crisis affected situations will be central to meeting these commitments, as more than half of the 836 million people living in extreme poverty today live in these contexts – a figure that is projected to rise to 80% by 2030, unless decisive action is taken.
3. INCAF members, recognizing this challenge, are increasingly focusing their efforts on addressing fragility and tackling the root causes of crises – 65.5% of total allocable Official Development Assistance (ODA) is already focused on fragile contexts.
4. Evidence suggests that success not only requires more resources in conflict settings but more resources dedicated to conflict prevention and tackling the drivers of fragility; to design and implement more coherent and complementary humanitarian, development and peace actions, and; to contribute to a better understanding of crises and fragility including through the flagship *States of Fragility* report, ensuring that the evidence of what works in fragile contexts is translated from policy into practice.
5. INCAF has a key role in supporting the implementation of the DAC Recommendation on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus in a gender sensitive manner and reiterates its commitment to facilitating the dissemination, operationalization and monitoring of the Recommendation. This includes building on a ‘common vision of success’ and ensuring concrete and context specific efforts to apply the principles of the Recommendation, to ensure that it has a real impact on improving our effectiveness where it matters most, in fragile contexts and protracted and recurrent crises, through better coordination, programming and financing.
6. INCAF recognises the crucial role of the multilateral system in fragile and crisis affected situations. We renew our call for multilateral actors to adhere to the DAC Recommendation on the nexus and we commit to working in partnership to support the critical role of the UN and to ensure that the increasing, and increasingly important, role of international financial institutions in delivering development assistance in these contexts is risk tolerant, conflict sensitive, aligned to need, effective and efficient.
7. Highlighting the importance of effective financing for fragile contexts, INCAF will continue to share good practice on the use of ODA and innovative financing mechanisms, to support ‘the right financing, in the right place at the right time’. This will include the exploration of financing mechanisms that can tackle the challenges of fragile situations, including climate-related risks and shocks, catalysing diverse financial flows including domestic and private sector resources, addressing the growing ‘debt burden’ of fragile states and ensuring that ODA adapts to risks and changing contexts, including the draw-down of peace operations.
8. Emphasising the importance of inclusive approaches in preventing violence, facilitating transitions from conflict and fragility and ensuring more sustainable development outcomes, INCAF will continue to advocate for investments in gender equality and women’s empowerment – including the 20th anniversary of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on *Women Peace and Security* and the 25th anniversary of the *Beijing Platform for Action*; and for the full engagement of youth and civil society actors in conflict prevention, peacebuilding and development – recognising the need to address the challenge of shrinking space for civil society actors in many contexts.

9. INCAF reaffirms its commitment to work with and through a wide range of partners including governments, the United Nations, international financial institutions, civil society and the private sector; to strengthen partnerships, collaboration and complementarity on the basis of respective actors' comparative advantage. INCAF's on-going commitment to the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS) is an important platform for collaboration – including the commitments of INCAF members to the IDPS 2019-2021 *Peace Vision*.
10. Recognizing the strength of an INCAF 'collective voice', INCAF members will continue to seek to identify areas where a common INCAF position can contribute to more effective approaches to tackling fragility – including the upcoming Global Refugee Forum, the 20th anniversary of the *Women Peace and Security* resolution, and other fora, including the World Bank 2020 Fragility Forum, the G7 and the G20.
11. Finally, INCAF remains committed to supporting the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) as it implements its Programme of Work and Budget for 2019-20, to enable the collective implementation of better policy and practices in fragile and conflict-affected contexts.