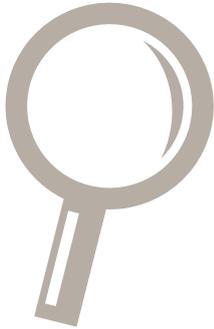


IFC AFRICA'S 'fragility lens'

Supporting private sector growth in Africa's fragile and conflict affected situations (FCS)



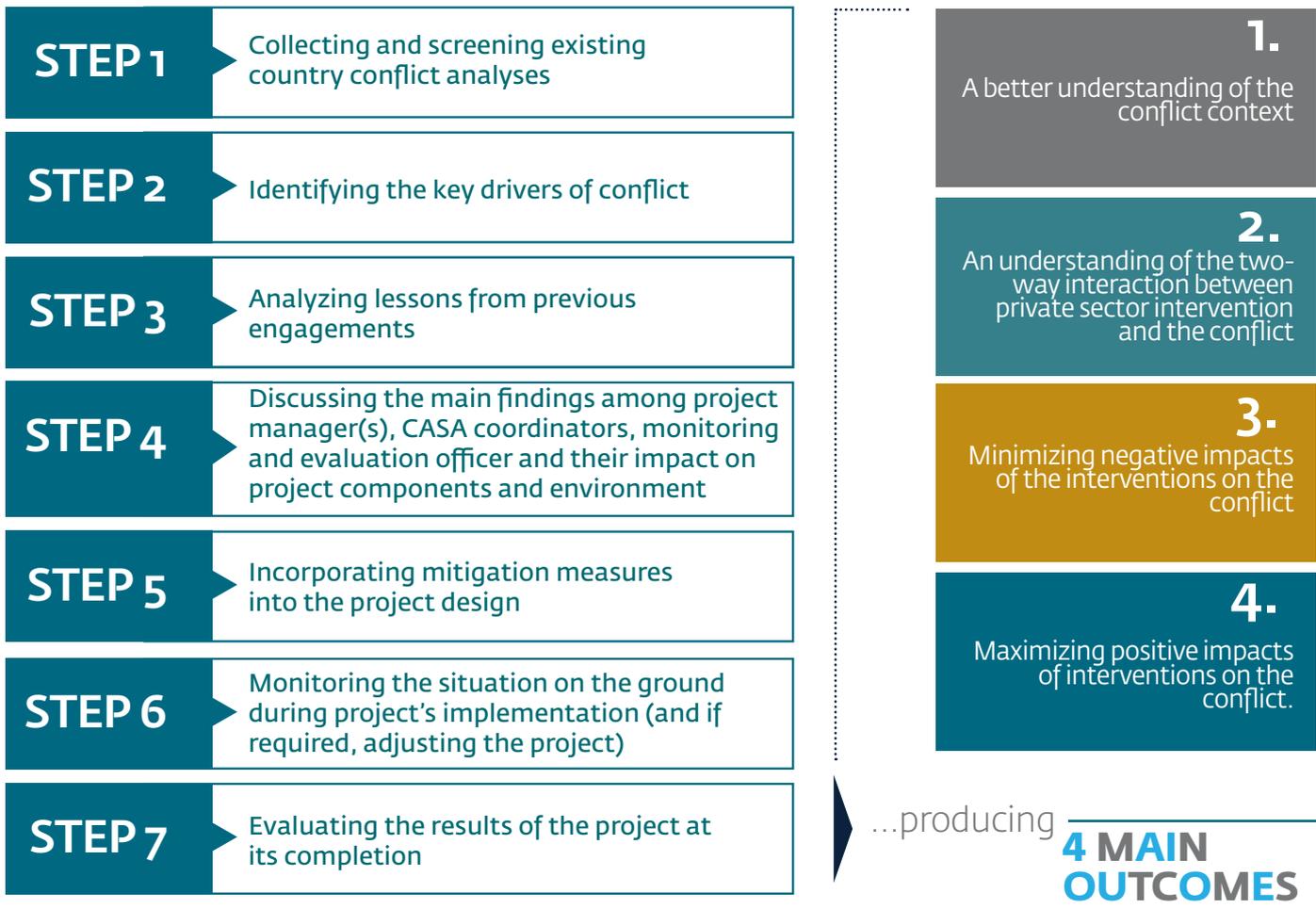
IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, is supporting development in all 22 of sub Saharan Africa's fragile and conflict affected situations (FCS), helping them strengthen their private sectors, create jobs, and reach lasting stability.

Even the best-designed interventions in these countries can, however, produce unintended consequences. Complex political, economic, and social dynamics, and a climate of mistrust in some FCS means projects might even create more harm than good.

For that reason, **IFC's FCS Africa Program has developed a conflict-sensitive approach to working in countries recovering from conflict.** IFC's 'fragility lens' helps identify and navigate the complex workings of FCS, where risks and dangers are commonplace, but not always obvious. Only by understanding the past and present relationships among various, competing groups can a development organization like IFC effectively support private sector growth in FCS.

Thanks to this innovation, IFC's FCS Africa Program and its Conflict Affected States in Africa Initiative (CASA) are fast becoming leaders in developing and promoting this conflict-sensitive approach.

Applying the **FRAGILITY LENS**



Country-level analysis is conducted with the Conflict Research Unit of the Clingendael Institute of the Netherlands. Project level analysis, which complements the work done at the country level, is implemented jointly by CASA experts and operational teams in respective countries. All CASA-funded projects are now required to incorporate the fragility lens.

IFC's FCS Africa Program's goal is to help fragile situations attract investment that will support infrastructure, improve services, and create jobs and opportunities. Launched in 2008, The Conflict Affected States in Africa Initiative (CASA) is FCS Africa's flagship program. CASA is supported by Ireland, the Netherlands, and Norway. Denmark and Sweden offer support in select countries.

Geography of the **FRAGILITY LENS**

In order to show how IFC private sector development projects will help contribute to the reduction of fragility, IFC has applied its fragility lens in the following countries:

Burundi
Côte d'Ivoire
DRC
Guinea
Mali
Somalia
South Sudan
Zimbabwe



Working with IFC's FCS Africa Program

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