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# **Project Facilitation in fragile countries:** **Navigating political risks, enabling RE investments**

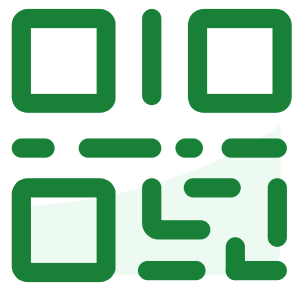
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## Keynote



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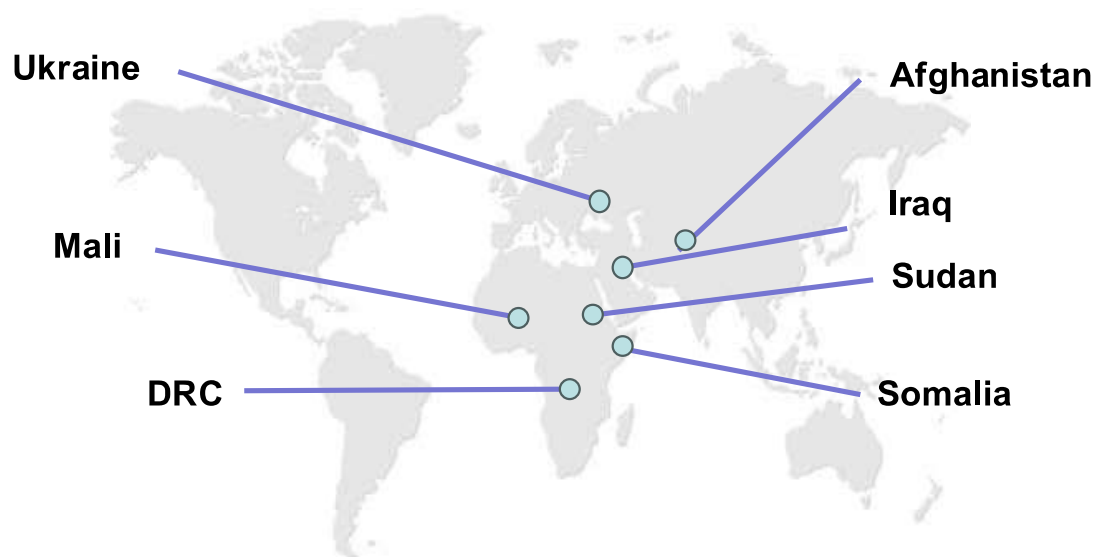
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**How would you best describe the current investment climate in Fragile and Conflict Affected (FCS) countries?**

# The opportunity for clean energy investment in FCS countries

- Vast majority of those without electricity live in FCS countries.
- Clean energy access can boost health, education, water supply, and livelihoods.
- Decentralized renewables offer scalable, resilient solutions in unstable settings – faster to deploy, less vulnerable.
- Renewables can deliver peace dividends: improved services, safety, and state legitimacy.



Success stories in FCS around the world,  
at all scales of implementation

*FCS refers to the [WB List](#) of Fragile and Conflict-affected Situations.*

## Clean energy investment in FCS presents unique challenges

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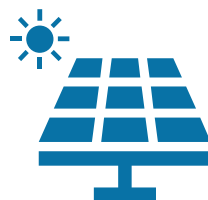
Weak governance and regulatory gaps increase project risk.



Risk of social tensions: unequal access, displacement, or exclusion of women and marginalized groups



High investment risk: conflict, currency instability, limited local finance.



Policy uncertainty and frequent political transitions can disrupt long-term energy planning.

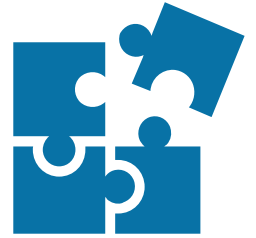


Security threats to infrastructure and personnel raise operational costs.



Limited technical capacity and weak institutions hinder operations and maintenance.

## Conflict-sensitive approaches and adaptability are key



- ✓ Engage communities early to build trust and local ownership.
- ✓ Ensure fair distribution of benefits across regions, groups, and genders.
- ✓ Design projects to deliver visible peace dividends and communicate these clearly.
- ✓ Include strong monitoring to track social impact and allow for adaptation.
- ✓ Integrate local conflict analysis into site selection, land use, and employment decisions.
- ✓ Partner with local institutions and civil society to improve accountability and sustainability.

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## Panel discussion

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# What do you see as the biggest barrier to investing in FCS markets?

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**What do you believe is the strongest incentive for investing in FCS settings?**



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## Lunch Break

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