Grievance Report: Cote d'Ivoire - July 2016

Name of Organization: Cote d'Ivoire DGM Interim/Transitional Committee

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Description of the complaint

A member of the DGM interim committee requested a meeting with the GEA during the Africa Regional Exchange in July 2016 to register a complaint about the process of selecting members for the National Steering Committee. The main concerns were that the interim committee had not been invited to participate in a lead group to meet with local communities in the selection process for NSC members.

Action taken:

This issue has been presented to the GSC co-chairs by the GEA. The World Bank TTLs are following up at the national level. The GSC co-chairs have proposed a visit to Côte d'Ivoire to gain a better understanding of the context and share their experiences with establishing NSCs in other DGM countries. The TTLs had agreed to facilitate the proposal of DGM Co-chairs. This visit will be scheduled in coordination with the DGM Côte d'Ivoire TTL and government representatives to select the optimal dates. The date has been schedule between February to March 2017.

In the absence of a DGM GSC Grievance and Complaints subcommittee the GEA prepared a report for the GSC co-chairs after discussing this complaint with country TTL.

It was also reported that the government, in consultation with the World Bank, had decided to postpone the establishment of the DGM committee until after the legislative elections in December 2016 have been finalized to avoid further conflicts based on community leader's disagreement with political interventions. The new rescheduled agenda to establish the NSC reflects the initial process to start by Feb – March 2017 and finalizing with the selection of DGM NSC by Jan – March 2018.

Status: In process