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Appendix I: Robustness Checks

This brief appendix provides the tables referred to in the robustness checks. Table A1 fits ordered logit models to the main results in Table 5, which – as noted in the main text – in fact strengthens the results. The interaction between Country Director implementation and the state fragility index and the main effect of Director Implementation presence are now significant at the 99% level. The association of Country Director preparation presence with project success is now significant at the 95% confidence level.

| Project Success (6 point scale); Ordered Logit Models | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Country Director Implementation Presence | 0.418 | -6.740*** | | |
| | (1.143) | (2.018) | | |
| Country Director Implementation*SFI | | 0.746*** | | |
| | | (0.168) | | |
| Country Director Preparation Presence | | | 0.631** | 0.418 |
| | | | (0.315) | (0.786) |
| Country Director Prep*SFI | | | | 0.0203 |
| | | | | (0.0646) |
| State Fragility Index | -0.162 | -0.454*** | 0.0505 | 0.0452 |
| | (0.134) | (0.150) | (0.0642) | (0.0675) |
| Project Size (Logged Net Commitment Millions) | 0.227*** | 0.250*** | 0.284*** | 0.285*** |
| | (0.0715) | (0.0724) | (0.0430) | (0.0435) |
| Individual Staff Member FEs | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Recipient Country FEs | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sector FEs | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Year FEs | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Observations | 846 | 846 | 1800 | 1800 |

Standard errors in parentheses

* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

Table A1: Country Directors and State Fragility in the Post-Compact Era (Table 5), Ordered Logit Models

Table A2 also focuses on the robustness of Table 5's results, restricting the sample to evaluations conducted by the World Bank Independent Evaluation Group (rather than evaluations by project staff or contracted evaluators). The pattern of results remains the same – indeed, point estimates are higher - though statistical significance is reduced given the small sample and limited degrees of freedom.

| Project Success (6 point scale); PARs (WB IEG Evals) Only | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Country Director Implementation Presence | -0.227 | -9.612* | | |
| | (1.368) | (5.014) | | |
| Country Director Implementation*SFI | | 0.866* | | |
| | | (0.446) | | |
| Country Director Preparation Presence | | | 0.463 | 0.402 |
| | | | (0.346) | (1.025) |
| Country Director Prep*SFI | | | | 0.00473 |
| | | | | (0.0748) |
| State Fragility Index | 0.200 | 0.0539 | 0.240** | 0.238** |
| | (0.227) | (0.232) | (0.0984) | (0.102) |
| Project Size (Logged Net Commitment Millions) | 0.143 | 0.151 | 0.192*** | 0.192*** |
| | (0.126) | (0.122) | (0.0696) | (0.0699) |
| Constant | 1.192 | 10.70 | -0.0217 | 0.0156 |
| | (5.759) | (7.428) | (2.980) | (3.049) |
| Individual Staff Member FEs | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Recipient Country FEs | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Sector FEs | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Year FEs | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| $R^2$ | 0.826 | 0.840 | 0.751 | 0.751 |
| Observations | 196 | 196 | 319 | 319 |

Standard errors in parentheses

* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

Table A2: Country Directors and State Fragility in the Post-Compact Era, WB Independent Evaluation Group Assessments (PARs) Only