



## **PRS DAY – APRIL 21**

### **Session C: Formulating Country Development Goals and MDGs**

#### General Points from the Session:

- a) Need to give space for real participation of the people (local, rural, sub-national) CS (not just the elites, including local elites) has to be part of strategy formulation not just monitoring; also in budgeting.
- b) Need to bring tight link between PRSP and MDGs. Narrow focus of MDGs compared to PRSP. The second round PRSP should identify strategies/targets that can be closely aligned to MDGs (PRSP should have goals).
- c) Need to bring MDGs closer to country specific, however should have nuance of universalism.
- d) Need for donor harmonization and coordination (local/sub-national, national, global) is critical for the success of development strategies.
- e) Need to be set (concrete) in a harmonized, partnership driven way of the MDG Goal #8 (“Global Participation for Development”). It is very important goal but with weak targets e.g. on trade, debt etc.

#### Issues that Require Further CSO/WB Dialogue:

- a) Monitoring of MDGs /PRSPs should make use of the same comprehensive framework. Not UNDP vs GOV vs CS vs WB monitoring; MDGR can be derived/aligned to PRSP progress reports.
- b) Accessibility of the data for the people.
- c) Different data on poverty in MDGs and assessment of PRS endorsed by government.
- d) Promote ownership of local, small, marginalized CS.

#### Issues on which CSOs Request From WB Staff:

- a) In general, the government feels accountable to WB (and other IFIs), but not to the people; how to avoid this.
- b) Translation of the materials/data into appropriate language.
- c) Promote “inward looking” report rather than report to satisfy the donor/WB.
- d) Who’s PRSP should be discussed more.

#### Any Brief Concluding Comments:

- a) Ownership, partnership, inconsistency in relationship between PRSP and MDGs are the main issues of the discussion.