

Program-for-Results: Results

In today's world, development is about results. Everyone—government officials, parliamentarians, civil society, poor people, the private sector—is demanding programs that help deliver sustainable results. The World Bank is developing the Program-for-Results (PforR) instrument—the first major development financing instrument to formally link disbursements to the achievement of results. With PforR, the Bank will help partner countries improve the design and implementation of their development programs and achieve lasting results by strengthening institutions and building capacity.

Results Focus

- Results are at the center of all that the World Bank does. With PforR, this focus on results will be taken to a new level as disbursements will be linked to the achievement of tangible and verifiable results.
- Disbursement-linked indicators (DLIs) will play a critical role in PforR operations—they provide the government with incentives to achieve key program milestones and improve performance.

Results are defined by governments in consultation with the Bank

- Results in a PforR operation are defined by the country in consultation with the Bank. They could range from outcomes, to outputs, intermediate outcomes, or actions, depending on the program and its specific development challenge.
- Each PforR operation will assess the program's monitoring and evaluation capacity and work with government to enhance it, where needed.

Achievement of results will be rigorously verified, including by independent entities

- Each DLI will have a verification protocol that will set out how it will be measured, verified, and who will be responsible for verifying the achievement of the indicator.
- Verification of DLIs can be carried out by government agencies, semiautonomous entities, statistical or audit entities, and third-parties such as nongovernmental organizations and representatives of civil society, depending on the nature of the specific DLI and the overall context of the program.

Predictability and scalability of funds

- Countries can access advance funding for activities to achieve results, if needed.
- Disbursements will be specified for each DLI and will be made according to DLIs achieved.
- Scalability (disbursements against partially achieved DLIs) will facilitate predictability of fund flow.

We care how results are achieved

- PforR provides assurance that Bank financing is used appropriately and that the environmental and social impacts of the program are adequately addressed.
- The Bank will assess the technical, fiduciary, and environmental and social systems for each PforR operation and will monitor how systems perform throughout implementation of the program.