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Lessons from the Experiences of 12 Countries

Part I summarizes the findings and lessons that have emerged from the analysis of poverty reduction strategy monitoring systems in 12 countries (Albania, Bolivia, Guyana, Honduras, the Kyrgyz Republic, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Niger, Tanzania, and Uganda). Chapter 1 assesses achievements in the development of poverty reduction strategy monitoring systems and summarizes the substantial practical challenges that have been encountered, thereby providing a context for the subsequent discussion. Chapter 2 considers the organization of monitoring activities, including the process of establishing a shared system, structures for oversight and coordination, the relationship with line ministries and the statistical system, and the challenges of decentralization. Chapter 3 reviews options for encouraging the use of poverty monitoring information, including analysis and evaluation, outputs, dissemination, links to the budget process, and the role of parliaments. Chapter 4 assesses the experiences of civil society as participant in poverty monitoring both as producer and user of monitoring information. Chapter 5 offers conclusions.