

Monitoring the Social Impacts of Crisis

MC4-800 - June 11 - World Bank - Washington, DC

- *Conference materials and video will be made available through the PREM Financial Crisis Collaboration Web Site (<http://premcrisissite>) with links from the HDN Chief Economist site, the HDNSP site and the SDV website.*

Governments around the world are struggling to put together policy packages aimed at addressing the variety of impacts which result from crisis – food, fuel, financial, environmental, and the ones we haven't experienced yet. Their ability to design and implement effective policy responses will depend, to a large extent, on the quality and timeliness of information on social impacts of the crisis. World Bank teams are working closely with government counterparts to gather and/or produce this type of information using a multiplicity of sources and approaches. Their experiences are extremely varied and reflect existing cross-country differences in terms of institutions, statistical capacity and other factors.

The **Human Development Network, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network** and the **Social Development Department** are working together to present a conference on *Monitoring the Social Impacts of Crisis* with the objective of promoting knowledge sharing and coordination across World Bank teams involved in crisis monitoring activities. The conference seeks to present an overview of the rapidly evolving monitoring tools and strategies being pursued, as well as to promote discussion on the way forward. Sessions will focus on: (i) review of monitoring tools menu and discussion of appropriateness and applicability in different contexts; (ii) discussion of implementation challenges through country examples; and (iii) implications for World Bank work in MICs and LICs.

Agenda

(A Continental Breakfast will be Served)

9:00 – 9:15 Opening and Introduction: Ariel Fiszbein (HDN)

9:15 – 10:30 Monitoring Tools

Introduction/Moderator – Louise Cord (PRMPR)

Bringing the pieces together: Building a Monitoring System in EAP– Andrew Mason (EAP)

Rapid Assessment Household Surveys – Ihsan Ajwad (ECA)

Rapid Qualitative Assessments – Carolyn Turk (SDV)

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:00 Monitoring Tools

Monitoring Service Delivery – Jishnu Das (DECRG)

Firm/business surveys – Rita Ramalho (IFC)

Using Web-Based Technology to Monitor Impacts – Jishnu Das (DECRG)

12:00-1:00 Lunch - Box lunches will be provided

1:00 – 2:45 **Country Examples**

Introduction/ Moderator – Andrew Norton (SDV)

Lessons from the Asian Financial Crisis – Caroline Kende-Robb (ECA)

Mexico – Samuel Freije (LAC)

Perspectives from Africa – Quentin Wodon (HDNDE)

2:45 – 3:00 Coffee Break

3:00 – 5:00 **Looking Forward: Challenges and Opportunities for Strengthening Monitoring Systems**

Introduction/ Moderator – Michal Rutkowski (SAR)

Lessons from World Bank responses to the Food, Fuel and Financial Crises – Indermit Gill (ECA)

Perspectives from Low Income Countries -- Sudhir Shetty (IEGWB)

Perspectives from Middle Income Countries -- Manny Jimenez (EAP)

Building the knowledge base and monitoring tools for the future – Martin Ravallion (DECRG)

Monitoring the Effectiveness of Bank Responses - Arup Banerji (IEG)

Q&A