

REPORT FROM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON
FORMULATING COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND MDG

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1. 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, included 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. The point to note is the narrow focus of MDGs compared to PRSP. The 2nd round PRSP should identify strategies/targets that can be closely aligned to MDGs (PRSP shall 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 of targets e.g. on trade, debt etc.

2. 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 (challenge undermine monitors reports of CS)
- b. Accessibility of the data for the people.
Different data on poverty in MDGs and assessment of PRS endorsed by government;
- c. Promote ownership of local, small, marginalize CS

3. 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/people language
- c. Promote "inward looking" report rather than report to satisfy the donor/WB
- d. Who's PRSP should be discussed more.

4. ANY BRIEF CONCLUDING COMMENTS

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