Indicators for Poverty Reduction Strategies

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Context

A heightened demand for indicators (PRSPs, HIPC)...

...unmatched by improved supply

...and improved use
Demand

Indicators of progress for PRSPs/HIPC:
– related to poverty reduction objectives
– not too costly to track
– available at least annually
– not easily manipulated
Indicators of what?

- Inputs: Financial & physical indicators of inputs
- Outputs: Achievement/performance indicators
- Outcomes: Benefits/usage indicators
- Impact: Indicators of improvements in living standards
## Overall poverty indicators

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## International Development Goals

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| Reduce extreme poverty by half | Incidence of Extreme Poverty: Population Below $1 per day  
Poverty Gap Ratio  
Inequality: Poorest Fifth's Share of National Consumption  
Child Malnutrition: Prevalence of Underweight Under 5s |
| Achieve universal primary education | Net Enrolment in Primary Education  
Completion of 4th Grade of Primary Education  
Literacy Rate of 15 to 24 Year-Olds  
Ratio of Girls to Boys in Primary & Secondary Education  
Ratio of Literate Females to Males (15 to 24 Year-Olds) |
| Eliminate gender disparities in primary and secondary education | Infant Mortality Rate  
Under 5 Mortality Rate  
Maternal Mortality Ratio  
Births Attended by Skilled Health Personnel  
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate  
HIV Prevalence in 15 to 24 Year-Old Pregnant Women |
| Reduce infant and child mortality | GNP per Capita  
Adult Literacy Rate  
Total Fertility Rate  
Life Expectancy at Birth  
Aid as % of GNP  
External Debt as % of GNP  
Investment as % of GDP  
Trade as % of GDP |
| Provide universal access to reproductive health services |  |
Sectoral Indicators

- Sourcebook: SP, education, environment -- but need to systematize
- DAPeR
Issues

- User surveys as a key instrument?
- Balance between outcome and input/output indicators
- How to support true feedback loops?
- Role of participatory mechanisms