FORMULATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES: TANZANIAN EXPERIENCE

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Visit objective: study of Tanzanian experience in preparation, implementation and monitoring of National Strategy of Growth and Reduction of Poverty (NSGRP).

During the visit following meetings were conducted:

- UNDP;
- National agency on statistics;
- Ministry of Finance and other agencies.
Recent initiatives in fighting poverty

- Various reform programmes
- PRS I (Phase 1, 2000-2003)
- PRS Review Process and Stakeholders Consultations (Phase 2, launching 2003)
Objectives and issues of Phase 2

- The overall objective was to update the original PRSP and create more rally all the stakeholders behind it.

- Specific objectives were:
  - To make PRS more comprehensive.
  - To expand and deepen interventions to reduce poverty.
  - To build consensus on the priority outcomes for poverty reduction.
  - Link PRS with MDGs.
LEVELS OF CONSULTATIONS

- Village and community Level
- District Level
- Regional Level
- National Level
MAJOR CLUSTERS STRATEGIES

- Growth and reduction of income poverty
- Improvement of quality of life and social well being
- Good governance and Accountability
NSGRP Departure from PRS

- NSGRP Focus on RESULTS/OUTCOME
- Inter-sectoral linkages, cross-sectoral collaboration & synergies
- More Attention to Governance & Accountability
NSGRP STATUS AND WAYS FORWARD

- NSGRP preparation was launched in October 2003 during the Poverty Policy Week October 2003.
- The first round of consultations at different levels was completed in April 2004.
- The consolidation of stakeholders inputs and development of first draft was completed in August 2004.
- The second round of consultations on the first draft was completed in September 2004.
- The second draft of NSGRP was completed and availed in October 2004
Implementation Challenges

- Link with/align with the Government budget
- Coherence of sector strategic plans with NSGRP
- Review of sector and District development plans in line with NSGRP
Monitoring challenges

- PMS review to reflect NSGRP
- PMS review to reflect the global commitment including MDGs
- Monitoring capacities
  - Monitoring Skills and knowledge
  - Monitoring systems coordination
- Capacity to collect, process, analyse and disseminate data
- Community participation in monitoring
Financing Challenges

- Domestic sources
- External source (Borrowing, Grants, Aid)
  - Predictability of external sources
  - Reliability (honoring pledges)
- Resources utilization
  - Effectiveness and efficiency in resources utilization (absorption capacity)
  - Accountability and transparency of resources utilization
Way forward cont…

- Training on skills enhancement for key stakeholders in poverty and policy related areas and changing the mind set.
- Strengthen dissemination and sensitization of NSGRP
- Review the PMS
The Way forward for NSGRP

- Produce the Final NSGRP
- Approval process (Government)
- Endorsement by Parliament