

FINAL DRAFT 10 NOVEMBER '05
PRSP IMPLEMENTATION FORUM—SESSION I: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRSP

Longer Term Target	Target to be Achieved by October 2006
<p>The Development Partners (DPs) are encouraged by the PRSP and wish to endorse it and align their assistance to country priorities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPs publicly endorse the PRSP, and state their commitment to align assistance with it; • Strategies and assistance programs of the DPs are to be aligned with the PRSP; • Government-DPs dialogue continues in an open, transparent, and amicable manner on issues, such as political governance, that are not fully covered in the PRSP.
<p>The PRSP needs to be widely owned and accepted, and should be resilient to changes in the political cycle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach and awareness building continues, involve and mobilize a wide range of Ministries and Agencies; • Social awareness building to ensure that PRSP is widely accepted in Government and amongst the political parties, and is robust to the outcomes of the next election; • Clear agenda defined to link PRSP implementation to the annual budget.
<p>Implementation is likely to be complex and demanding. A prioritized action plan supported by appropriate budget allocations will be essential. DPs can help if we ensure that adequate financing is available to implement the PRSP, if we work in a harmonized manner, align our support with the priorities outlined in the PRSP, focus on those areas of the PRSP where we have comparative strengths, and make use of country systems to the greatest extent possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRSP implementation is to be rooted in sector policy and programs; and in policy reforms tied to the annual budget; • Prioritized implementation plan with committed budget allocation; • Continued progress on public procurement reform and public financial management will be registered; • This launch meeting will be the start of several meetings between the DPs and Government to accelerate PRSP implementation.
<p>Managing risks to PRSP implementation, e.g. in terms of improving on corruption, rule of law and political governance and addressing natural disasters will be critical. DPs are ready to support in these areas for risk reduction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government and the DPs will invest to build capabilities to implement the PRSP. This may include institutional strengthening in Government, and will also include better linkages between Government, NGOs, private sector and civil society—all of whom have a stake in implementing the PRSP.

<p>Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity will be developed as a tool to help guide PRSP Implementation. Close Government-DPs collaboration (under Government leadership) will be ensured for implementing and monitoring PRSP. DPs ready to support capacity development to manage results-based M&E and for government led joint annual review process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more detailed PRSP M&E framework will be developed and mechanism for joint monitoring by Government and DPs evolved; • Monitoring capabilities of relevant organizations will be improved; • Annual PRSP review and implementation forum will be undertaken. Annual performance targets should be agreed upon starting with the 2006 implementation forum; • Interventions will be updated and modified based on regular progress assessment; • The strategy will be improved in certain areas, such as identifying, tracking and costing pro-poor public expenditures.
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