Lessons Learnt from MDG Monitoring Mechanism in Kenya

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Outline

- MDGs Monitoring Mechanism
- MDGs Integration with national goals & targets
- Linkage to policy making
- Lessons Learnt/Challenges
- Way Forward
MDGs Monitoring Mechanism

Existence of an MDG Coordination Unit under the Ministry of Devolution and Planning:

The Enablers Coordination Directorate (ECD) - Spearhead MDG monitoring (reporting) and sensitization on MDGs

- An inter-ministerial MDG team in place
  - Comprises MDG focal persons from all relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA)
  - Further categorized into MDG clusters – based on the goals (i.e. health, education, etc)

- The NSO works closely with the ECD and validates all data/statistics produced in the national MDG report (Statistics Act 2006).
MDGs Integration with National goals & targets

• Emphasis on National priority issues affecting citizens (poverty, food security/hunger, education, child and maternal health, safe water etc)

• Timing of monitoring the MDGs …2002
MDGs Integration with National goals

At the International Level: Treaties, Conventions etc. including MDGs

National Level

Planning Phase

- Intensive lobbying & advocacy
- International obligations
- Sector wide involvement (MTEF)

Drivers/enablers

- Policy advisors,
- MDG ambassadors,
- Ministries of Finance, Planning, Enablers Coordination Directorate

National Goals/Strategies

- Medium Term Plans (MTP I and MTP II)
- Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSP)

Alignment of GoK - UN Country programmes to the MTP, including MDGs
Linkage with Policy Making

- Early involvement of decision makers (parliamentarians & county government) through sensitization
  - All budgeting and planning to focus on MDGs (2005 directive)
  - Bi-annual production of the MDG report (a big challenge!)
  - Increased budgetary allocation to key sectors e.g. health, education.

- Allocation of national resources

- Free primary and free day secondary school tuition (2013)
Linkage with Policy Making

- Social protection policy developed - elderly (60+ yrs), OVCs, persons with disability & the urban poor
- Women and youth enterprise fund (Uwezo fund, 2013)
- Special seats for women representatives in national assembly and at county level (Constitution of Kenya, 2010)
- National policy on Gender and Development (2011)
- Right to quality reproductive health (Constitution 2010) - free delivery in all public hospitals (May 2013)
- Zero rating of technological gadgets (Cellular subscriptions increased)
Lessons learnt/Challenges

- **Weak Statistics Act**
  - Politicization of results (Census 2009) affecting dissemination of Analytical reports
  - non-inclusion of the devolved units

- **Statistical Capacities**
  - Capacity been strengthened through south-south, north-south, national, regional and international efforts

  - Advocate for use of standard definitions and include metadata for clarity across the National Statistical System (NSS)
Lessons learnt/Challenges

- **Data Availability**
  - Lack of baseline data for monitoring MDGs. Most data sourced from HH surveys which are quite expensive and not regular)
  
  - Financing of HH surveys mainly supported by development partners (e.g. MICS, KDHS, WMS, KIHBS, KAIS)
  
  - Administrative data compilation improved but there are still quality issues
Way forward

- MTP II - recognition of Statistical reforms that will trigger increased financing
- Embarked on the NSDS that will improve data availability, quality and accessibility across the NSS
- Anticipation for the P4R arrangement with the World Bank
- Availability of Baseline data (KIHBS II, proposed annual and quarterly statistics)
- Embarked on review of the Statistics Act, 2006
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