Lessons Learnt from MDG Monitoring Mechanism in Kenya

EGM on indicator framework for the post-2015 development agenda in New York

25-26 February 2015

Mary M. Wanyonyi

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS

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).
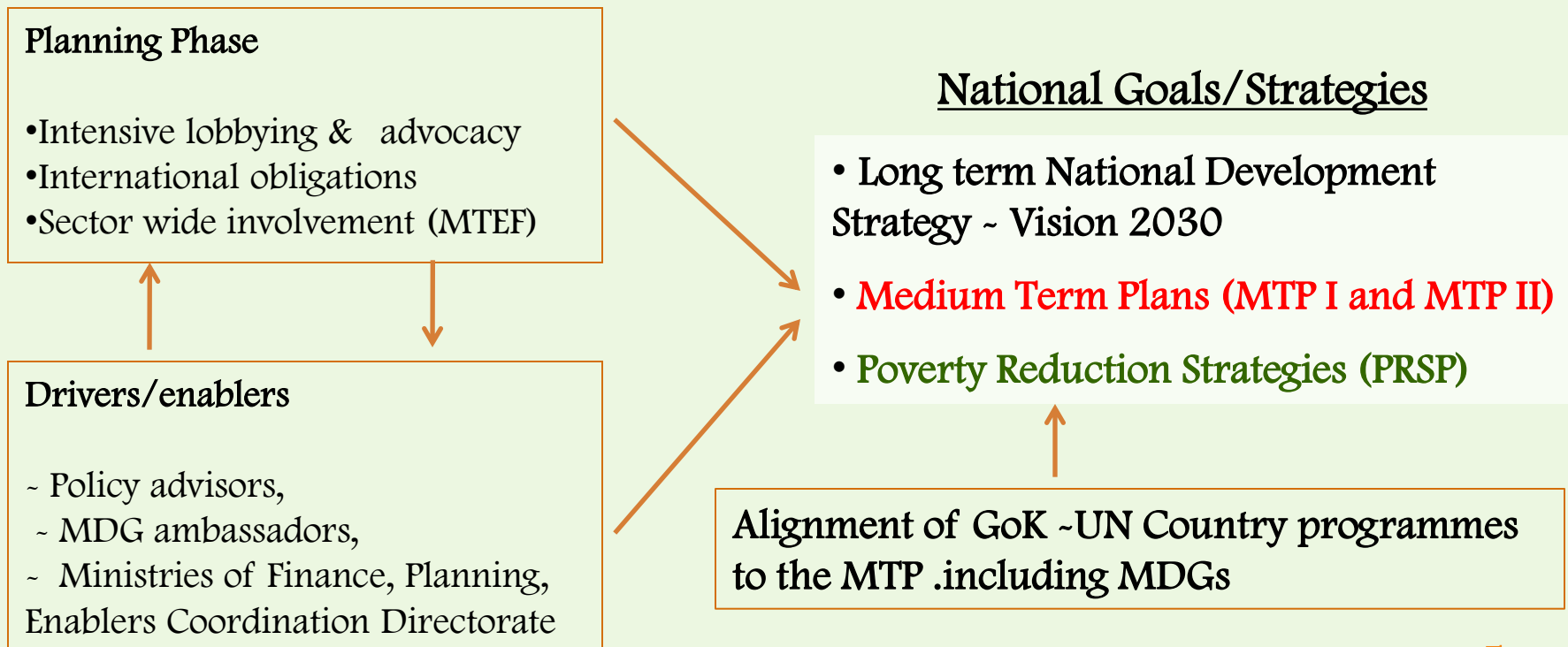
MDGs Integration with National goals & targets

- 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
  - Convergence where International Goals including MDGs are entrenched in the Country's long-term Development Strategy (ERSWEC 2003-2008, Vision 2030).

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

- Long term National Development Strategy ~ Vision 2030

- Medium Term Plans (MTP I and MTP II)

- Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSP)

Alignment of GoK ~UN Country programmes to the MTP .including MDGs

5

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

END
THANK YOU