REVISED VERSION OF THE PMR RESULTS FRAMEWORK AND DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FIRST EVALUATION OF PMR ACTIVITIES

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STATUS OF THE PROPOSAL

- Draft proposal submitted in May 2013 and presented at PA6 in Barcelona.
- Proposal revised based on comments received from participants and submitted prior to PA7 for consideration and decision.
- Draft terms of reference for the first evaluation of the PMR submitted prior to PA7 for discussion.

OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SESSION:

1. Endorse revised PMR Results Framework;
2. Discuss ToRs for 1st evaluation of the PMR and collect comments in view of circulating a final version by Nov 30, 2013.
Reminder of the Objectives and Context of the Proposal
Introduction

What the document is:

- An initial effort at creating the **basic components** for a PMR Results Framework.

What the document is not:

- A fully fledged M&E framework to allow evaluation of the outputs and impacts of PMR activities.

Important point to keep in mind:

- The PMR Results Framework tries to **strike a balance** between:
  - **Practicality** of the framework, including the use of existing reporting tools, and
  - Level and amount of **information required** to allow good monitoring of PMR activities.
Two parts

- **PMR performance evaluation system**  
  (at the global level)
  Main objectives:
  - Establish a systematic framework for regular, independent evaluations of the PMR, against its stated objectives and operating principles;
  - Improve PMR performance during its implementation; and
  - Increase accountability to stakeholders.

- **PMR operations monitoring system**  
  (at the country level)
  Main objectives:
  - Monitor PMR operations, and
  - Undertake regular assessments of the progress achieved in relation to MRP implementation and grant agreement plans.
Structure

PMR Results Framework

**EVALUATION**
performed mainly at the global level
(Section I of Note)

- PMR Performance Evaluation System
  - Periodic Evaluations

**MONITORING**
performed at the country level
(Section II of Note)

- PMR Operations Monitoring System
  - PMR Dashboard + MRP Implementation Reports
  - World Bank Grant Reporting and Management (GRM) Tool
Building blocks to be developed

◆ For PMR performance evaluation system:
  ▪ M&E framework, including indicators
  ▪ Evaluation Working Group (EWG)
  ▪ Mechanism to report and incorporate lessons and recommendations

◆ For the PMR operations monitoring system:
  ▪ PMR Dashboard
  ▪ Results framework in Project Appraisal Documents
  ▪ Template for MRP Implementation reports, based on Grant Reporting and Monitoring (GRM) report
Monitoring tools
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS
Summary of comments

◆ General comments

◆ Comments on PMR performance evaluation system

◆ Comments on PMR operations monitoring system
DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FIRST EVALUATION OF THE PMR
General remarks

- Terms of Reference (ToRs) include two main outputs: M&E and evaluation itself.

- Evaluation is the responsibility of the PA:
  - The PA will establish an Evaluation Working Group (EWG);
  - The PMR Secretariat will facilitate the evaluation process and report progress to the PA.

- ToRs proposed for the the First Independent Evaluation of the PMR, based on which the PMR Secretariat is to source external consultants.

- The purpose of the first evaluation will be primarily to assess the appropriateness of the program design and to review the governance and management arrangements.

- Subsequent evaluations should develop into more impact-oriented assessments.
First evaluation objectives

1. Develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for periodic evaluations;

2. Assess the effectiveness of the governance structure of the PMR and the operational effectiveness of the grant allocation mechanism;

3. Suggest ways of enhancing PMR support to the PMR Implementing Country Participants;

4. Conduct an evaluation of the PMR's knowledge sharing at the country, regional and global levels.
Methodology

- The evaluation will cover **ongoing as well as completed activities**, comprising desk studies, questionnaires, interviews and fieldwork in Implementing Countries.

- Assessment questions will be based on **inputs, outputs, outcomes and impacts**.

- For the first independent evaluation, **outcomes and impacts are too early to assess** but the causal chain leading up to them will be investigated.

- **Evaluation criteria** will include relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impacts and sustainability.

- The first evaluation will primarily address the first three criteria.
Areas to be evaluated: Four clusters

1. PMR role and effectiveness of learning
2. Relevance of PMR
3. Cooperation with other initiatives
4. Performance of the PMR
Budget and timeframe

- **Revised estimated budget:**
  - US$150K.

- **Timeframe:**
  - Procurement to be launched in early 2014;
  - Six to eight month for the evaluation period;
  - The evaluation team would present the M&E framework at PA9 (May 2014) and present its final report at PA10 (October 2014).
Thank you for your attention

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