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Project name: IP-NSPS, Delivery and Policy Support

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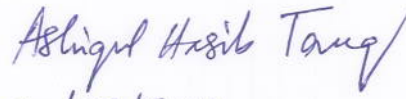
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**Country: Bangladesh
Initiation Plan**

Project Title: NSPS, Delivery and Policy Support
Expected UNDAF/CP Outcome(s): UNDAF Pillar 2, Outcome 1, Output 1.2
Initiation Plan Start Date: 01 August 2012
Initiation Plan End Date: 31 July 2013
Implementing Partner: UNDP in collaboration with WFP and the General Economics Division of the Planning Ministry

Brief Description

This Initiation Plan (IP) Project document presents programme of activities to enable the setting up of a multi-donor funding arrangement for future social protection policy and systems improvements – *the Social Protection Policy and Innovations (SPPI) Fund* and allied tasks. It includes three components: (1) activities to assist the Government to complete the *National Social Protection Strategy (NSPS)*; (2) the delivery of key research studies and pilot works on food security and nutrition by IFPRI; and (3) a TA facility and a formulation mission to enable the establishment of the future SPPI Fund and to provide on-going support to allied work within UNDP.

NSPS activities draw on the programme identified by the Joint UN and Donor Mission carried-out in February 2012. These will be allocated through a competitive process to various qualified providers and overseen by a Joint NSPS Support Subcommittee, chaired by the GoB and administered by the Poverty Cluster. The food security and nutrition research works will be delivered by IFPRI, and overseen by WFP. Funds for this will be made available under a letter of agreement (LOA) modality. Finally, the standing TA facility and preparation of the proposals for the SPPI will be delivered by UNDP directly through contracting and staff inputs.

This IP has duration of 12 months from the date of its approval and a budget ceiling of USD 1,000,000. In line with standard operating procedures, it will be delivered as a directly implemented (DIM) project by UNDP, in partnership with the General Economics Division (as the primary representative of the GoB).

Programme Period: August 2012 to July 2013	
UNDAF AP Component: Pillar 2, Outcome 1, Output 1.2	
Atlas Award ID:	00046354
Project ID:	00083563
PAC Meeting Date:	11 July 2012

Total resources required:	1,000,000
Total allocated resources:	
• Regular	933,735
• Other:	
o AusAid	66,265
Unfunded budget:	Nil
In-kind Contributions:	Nil

Agreed by (UNDP):

I. PURPOSE

This Initiation Plan (IP) Project lays the ground work for a joint donor funding facility to support major reforms to the social protection system in Bangladesh and catalytic innovations within service delivery– the Social Protection Policy and Innovations (the SPPI Fund). Specifically, it supports: the Government’s efforts to produce a National Social Protection Strategy (NSPS); a series of interim policy-related research works, notably in the field of food security and nutrition; and the formulation of the future SPPI mechanism and allied work streams. This IP and the proposed SPPI Fund, marks the further development of a longstanding partnership between four donor partners - UNDP, WFP, AusAID.

Preparation of the NSPS was announced in the Communiqué issued by the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) during the Dhaka Social Protection Conference in late 2011. A GoB Action Plan and Proposals for Donor Support were then developed by a Joint Mission undertaken in January 2012 (Reports 1 and 2 respectively). This IP responds to a request for assistance from General Economics Division (GED) within the Planning Ministry to put these recommendations into action.

Policy research to support major reform has been on going, particularly noteworthy is a work stream initiated by WFP and delivered by IFPRI on food security issues. It is vital that this series of research works are continued.

Equally, the SPPI is a substantive undertaking and considerable technical preparation and a high level scoping and formulation mission will be required, to bring forward implementation proposals. It is important UNDP retains a core staff technical capacity to support this and allied work streams, including development of its (proposed) Comprehensive Social Protection Programme (CSPP).

Situation Analysis – the business case for supporting major policy reforms

An improved, effective and re-engineered social protection system is central to Bangladesh’s future development. Reform in this area has the potential to maintain the strong poverty record of recent years, and to ensure equitable human development outcomes as the economy and society undergo major structural changes in coming decade. There are also significant productivity and hence economic growth impacts to be realized. Improved social protection therefore figures strongly within the Government’s Vision 2021 agenda as mapped out in the Sixth Five Year Plan (SFYP).

Equally, at a more basic level, social protection is a major component of public expenditure and occupies large share of donor support to Bangladesh. Donor and Government efforts have recorded, at scheme level at least, major successes – graduating large numbers from poverty and mediating the risks and threats faced by vulnerable communities. Nevertheless, there remain major weaknesses within the existing system and especially within State-sponsored provision. These are specifically: a proliferation of delivery schemes and weak coordination; poor overall coverage alongside mis-targeting leading to both inclusion and exclusion errors; and major administrative failures and malfeasance resulting in substantial leakages from the system.

There is also something of a *micro-macro paradox* at work, whereby the gains accruing to individual schemes are not fully reflected at the national level. In addition, the current framework fails to capitalize on potential; its poverty reduction impact is in doubt, while its contribution to the wider MDG agenda, including on ensuring food security and nutrition is disappointing. Additional value added would be secured through: improved strategic policymaking; higher levels of awareness and capacity; better coordination between delivery programmes and partners; and the introduction of innovations based on best practice - in both Bangladesh and elsewhere in the world.

The Government has recognized these challenges and committed during the 2011 Social Protection Conference, to developing a National Social Protection Strategy (NSPS) during 2012. This was further assisted by a Joint Donor Mission (funded by the four partners - UNDP, WFP, AusAID and

DFID) led by Professor David Hulme in early 2012 which issued two reports. The first, addressed to Government, set out an Action Plan for development of the NSPS. The second report then recommended a programme of donor supports. Although GoB efforts were initially incremental, the process has now gathered pace and GED has set out an outline programme and has requested donor assistance.

Alongside this, the practice of social protection is a very dynamic area within Bangladesh and there is a need to provide bridging monies to finance on-going policy relevant research and piloting activities. A major work stream has been initiated by WFP and delivered by IFPRI on food security and nutrition. The partners have committed to including this within the activities supported by the SPPI Fund, but it is essential to maintain these works in the interim.

The need for a Project Initiation Plan

In the light of these needs, this IP provides resources to support NSPS development and continue the IFPRI research programme, and additionally, to enable the conceptualization and design of the SPPI Fund arrangement and allied work streams. Each of these components will be delivered separately, but coordinated via the IP Project Board (see below). As such, the IP provides both a management framework and will offer *a test bed* for the joint working arrangements to be adopted by the SPPI Fund.

The following subsections provide detail on each of the three components:

(i) Development of the NSPS

Report 1 of the Joint Mission provided GoB with an Action Plan to develop and implement the NSPS within the prescribed 12 month period and set out recommendations for how the process might be managed and taken forward. This was given in terms of Cabinet Division Leadership and GED providing coordination, but with the bulk of the analytical work carried out by an inter-ministerial Task Force. Report 2, addressed to the donor partners, proposed a package of support totalling some USD 500,000 (a breakdown of which is provided in an Appendix to this IP). Government welcomed the mission reports and announced it would progress matters, and GED has recently presented an outline plan for the way forward. This is which is broadly in line with that proposed by the Joint Mission, but certain clarifications are required, notably in relation to proposed Task Force.

The donors are keen to engage and to make available the funding recommended within Report 2. It is underlined that although the sum quoted is only indicative of the cost of the listed works, the budget is capped at that the proposed amount of USD 500,000. Costs above this amount would have to be met by Government. It is also important to recognize that this sum subsumes monies already earmarked to support the training and high level familiarization events (agreed between the four DPs and GED).

The partners are also keen that this programme be implemented flexibly - responding to needs, and offering quick disbursement. Moreover, in line with the Joint Mission's recommendations the budget will be managed by a Joint Subcommittee of the IP incorporating donor and GoB representatives; and that different providers bid competitively for the specified works. This Subcommittee will operate under UNDP rules but exercise discretion over the sums committed informed by pre-agreed criteria.

(ii) IFPRI Research

WFP has commissioned a series of research studies in the important and highly relevant areas of food security and nutrition and the role played by second generation social protection schemes in addressing these issues. As MDG reporting has shown, in spite of much success in reducing poverty, nutritional outcomes have been disappointing. There is an urgent therefore to get to

the heart of the underlying causes and pursue right delivery modalities IFPRI's on-going research programme, which includes piloting of new approaches addresses these particular needs. This component of the IP is vital in shaping a key area of work to be supported by the SPPI Fund.

WFP will oversee this activity and deal with all contractual issues under a Letter of Agreement (LoA), and as such will report directly into the IP Board (see organogram below). Outputs will be given by the initiation of a substantive research programme.

(iii) Preparation of the SPPI Fund Arrangements

A core function of the IP will be to conceptualize and prepare proposals for the working arrangements and resourcing of the proposed multi-donor funding mechanism – the SPPI. This will take place in the third and final quarters of the IP period. However, this component will also contain an on-going staffing resource to coordinate the IP, and offer technical support to UNDP's wider programmatic response. It is proposed therefore, that UNDP retain a high calibre international consultant to undertake this suite of responsibilities, including advising the four partners, overseeing the NSPS process, managing the development of the SPPI (it is envisaged that the consultant will also join the formulation mission) and supporting the development of its own CSPP. UNDP will manage this component and report directly to the IP Board.

II. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

This IP contributes to UNDAF Pillar 2, *Pro-poor economic growth with equity*; and within this Output 1.2, *Poor families are less vulnerable to external shocks through greater access to financial and insurance services, social safety nets with clear graduation strategies*. Its primary outcome is to enable the setting up of the proposed SPPI Fund and that key prerequisites - the NSPS and a supporting policy literature are in place.

Drawing on these and the discussion above, three sets of tangible outputs are specified:

1. Output 1: National Social Protection Strategy (NSPS) is formulated through a series of interim policy-related research works notably in the field of food security and nutrition
2. Output 2: The critical momentum generated through the work streams initiated by WFP and IFPRI on food security and nutrition is maintained that implements the recommendations of the Joint Mission on NSPS.
3. Output 3: A high level scoping and formulation mission is fielded to bring forward the future SPPI mechanism and implementation proposals along with UNDP's CSPP for finalization.

Detailed proposals and costs are described below within the budgetary and output framework within the Annual Work Plan (see Section V).

III. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

In line with established practice, the IP will be overseen by a Project Board and IP Manager will be the Rural Regional Poverty Analyst of the Local Poverty Reduction Cluster. The Board will be chaired by the UNDP Country Director and also comprise the WFP Country Director, representatives of the two donors (AusAID), and the Member GED (as the nominated representative of the Government). The Head of the Poverty Cluster and the Country Economist will also attend as *ex officio* members.

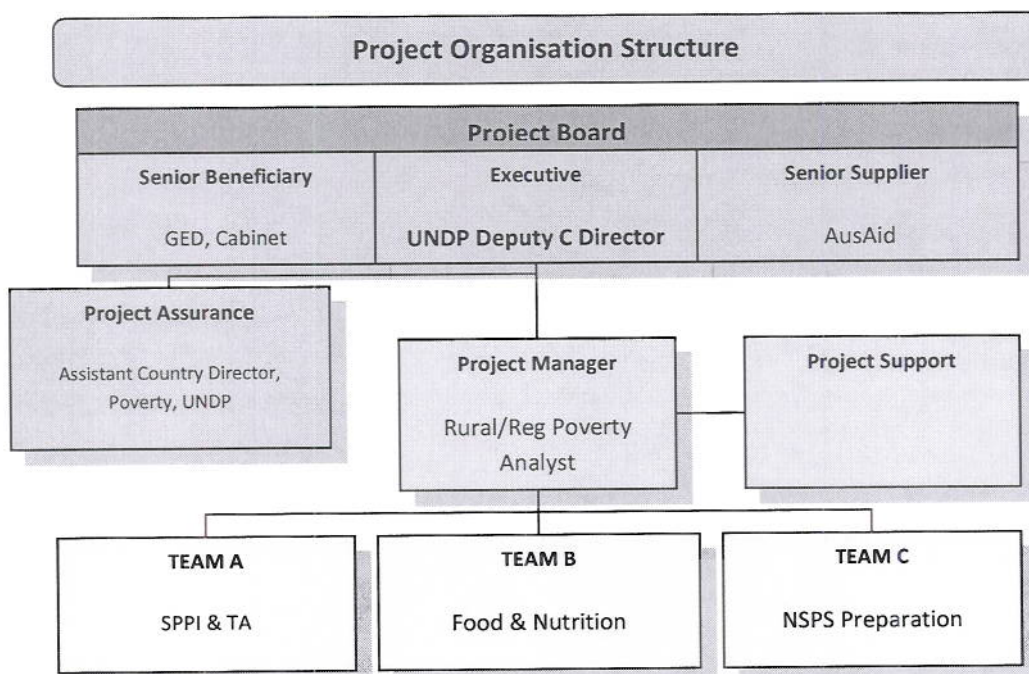
IP activities will be grouped under the three headings specified above, and managed in line with the structure given within the organogram below. Ultimate fiduciary and management accountability will be held by UNDP in line with its standing policies and operating procedures. For completeness the components' management arrangements are summarized below:

1. **NSPS development** - given by the inputs specified in the attached Appendix, this component is to be managed by a delegated Subcommittee of the DPs and the GoB. The Government representative will be drawn from the technical level within GED, or will be the leader of the NSPS Task Force. UNDP will act as secretariat to the Subcommittee. Works will be awarded to qualified providers via a *Challenge Fund* type process – which in turn will provide a template for the future SPPI Fund. This will require the design of criteria and the pre-scoring of applications prior to appraisal by the Subcommittee.
2. **IFPRI Research** – this component will wholly managed by WFP, who will take on the fiduciary responsibility for the contractual agreement with IFPRI.
3. **SPPI preparation and TA support** - including the formulation mission and providing core technical capacity to other IP activities and UNDP's wider programme. This will be delivered and managed by UNDP.

The project assurance function will be performed by the IP Project Board as advised and reported to by the Head of the Local Poverty Reduction Cluster. Regular reports will be made on the specific components by the lead agents as specified in the organogram (in parenthesis).

Organogram

The organogram for this IP follows below. This represents the three components and lines of accountability.



IV. MONITORING

The project will be monitored on a quarterly basis and an assessment shall record progress towards the completion of key outputs. Project reports for each component shall be submitted by the Rural/Regional Poverty Analyst (as the designated IP Manager) through the UNDP Local Poverty Cluster, which is responsible for quality assurance. Especially strong oversight devoted to the NSPS Support component to ensure maximum value for money is secured. Lessons learned shall be regularly updated as part of the reporting process to ensure on-going learning, and to assist with piloting of these joint working arrangements to inform the SPPI. These will be included within a lessons learned report to be made available to assist the formulation mission in Quarter 4 of the IP.

Project Assurance: The project assurance role supports the Project Board by carrying out objective and independent project oversight and monitoring functions. This role ensures appropriate project management milestones are managed and completed. Project Assurance has to be independent of the Project Manager; therefore, UNDP Assistant Country Director may hold the Project Assurance role on behalf of UNDP.

V. ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Year: August 2012 to July 2013 (Twelve months – 4 quarters)

Outputs (Activities in ATLAS)	Activities (Detailed results to be produced for achievement of each output not to be inc. In ATLAS)	Time Frame				Responsible Party	Source of Funds	Planned Budget				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			Account Code	Short Desc	Description	Amount (USD)	
Activity 1: Development of National Social Protection Strategy	1.1 Establishment of the Basic Institutional Framework:											
	1.1.1 Establish a secretariat, at least initially within GED, to facilitate secretarial and think-tank support to the Task Force and to the process generally	X				UNDP	UNDP	Lcl Cnslt	Local Consultant	20,000		
	1.1.4 Establish a standing panel of experts to advise and support the Task Force	X	X	X	X	UNDP	UNDP	Int. Cnslt	International Consultants	45,000		
	1.1.2 Fund workshops; and set up a network (real and/or web based) on social protection in Bangladesh with a small NGO/think tank pump-priming fund	X	X	X	X	UNDP	UNDP	Lcl Cnslt	Local Consultants	25,000		
	1.1.3 Operationalize the inventory developed by PPRC as a permanent data base within GED or Finance Division and commission a review of innovation in social protection		X	X		UNDP	UNDP	TR,WKSP,CF & Contr-Comp	Training, Workshops, Conference and Contractual Service	50,000		
	1.1.4 Develop future criteria to guide GoB and development partner allocations to innovation and piloting of new approaches		X	X	X	UNDP	UNDP	Contr-Cmpy	Contractual Services-Companies	20,000		
1.1.5 Commission a study on scaling-up opportunities		X	X	X	UNDP	UNDP	Lcl Cnslts	Local Consultants	10,000			
1.1.6 Repeat the Dhaka Social Protection Conference event but targeted on local knowledge sharing and policy development to keep social protection policies on national agenda		X	X		UNDP	UNDP	TR,WKSP,CF	Training, Workshops and Confer	40,000			

1.1.7 Provide the Task Force (or its secretariat) with an advocacy and PR capacity	X	X	X	X	UNDP	UNDP	71300	Lcl Cnslts	Local Consultants	10,000
1.2. Strategy Development Process:					UNDP					
1.2.1 Resource training course opportunities for officials in two target groups: high level familiarization and technical training for a wider group	X	X			UNDP	UNDP	72100	Contr-Cmpy	Contractual Services-Companies	100,000
1.2.2 Arrange for study trips to similar development contexts and support visits and exchange of personnel	X	X			UNDP	AusAid	75700	Study Tour	Study Tour	61,930
1.2.3 Briefing Paper for the BDF on social protection matters (perhaps prepared by GED and based on the UNDP/PPRC two volume report and an update on the national strategy development process	X	X			UNDP	UNDP	71300	Lcl Cnslts	Local Consultants	10,000
1.3. Launch & Consultations on the Draft National Strategy:										
1.3.1 Preparation, editing and editing of the post-event volume		X			UNDP	UNDP	71200	Int. Cnslts	International Consultants	40,000
1.4. Official Adoption of the National Strategy:										
1.4.1 Support advocacy events and wide dissemination of the NSPS, including learning events		X			UNDP	UNDP	75700	TR,WKSP,CF	Training, Workshops and Confer	23,735
1.4.2 Establish (if possible within national structures) a policy champion for social protection innovation	X				UNDP	UNDP	72100	Contr-Cmpy	Contractual Services-Companies	10,000
1.4.3 Set-up with external technical assistance a standing M&E function within GoB (provisionally within GED)	X				UNDP	UNDP	72100	Contr-Cmpy	Contractual Services-Companies	10,000
1.4.4 Contingency Funds	X	X	X		UNDP	UNDP	74500	Misc	Miscellaneous	10,000
1.4.5 General Management Services (GMS)		X	X		UNDP	AusAid	75100	F&A	Facilities Administration &	4,335
Sub Total: Activity-1										500,000

VI. ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Year: August 2012 to December 2012 (Five months)

Outputs (Activities in ATLAS)	Activities	Time Frame				Responsible Party	Source of Funds	Planned Budget					
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			Account Code	Short Desc	Description	Amount (USD)		
Activity 1: Development of National Social Protection Strategy	(Detailed results to be produced for achievement of each output not to be inc. In ATLAS)												
	1.1 Establishment of the Basic Institutional Framework:												
	1.1.1 Establish a secretariat, at least initially within GED, to facilitate secretarial and think-tank support to the Task Force and to the process generally					UNDP	UNDP	Lcl Cnslt	Local Consultant	10,000			
	1.1.4 Establish a standing panel of experts to advise and support the Task Force			X	X	UNDP	UNDP	Int Cnslts Lcl Cnslts	International Consultant Local Consultants	20,000 12,000			
	1.1.2 Fund workshops; and set up a network (real and/or web based) on social protection in Bangladesh with a small NGO/think tank pump-priming fund			X	X	UNDP	UNDP	TR, WKSP, CF & Contr-Comp	Training, Workshops, Conference Contractual Service	25,000			
	1.1.3 Operationalize the inventory developed by PPRC as a permanent data base within GED or Finance Division and commission a review of innovation in social protection			X		UNDP	UNDP	Contr-Cmpy	Contractual Companies Services-	20,000			
	1.1.4 Develop future criteria to guide GoB and development partner allocations to innovation and piloting of new approaches			X	X	UNDP	UNDP	Lcl Cnslts	Local Consultants	5,000			
	1.1.5 Commission a study on scaling-up opportunities			X		UNDP	UNDP	Lcl Cnslts	Local Consultants	5,000			
	1.1.6 Repeat the Dhaka Social Protection Conference event but targeted on local knowledge sharing and policy development to keep social protection policies on national agenda			X	X	UNDP	UNDP	TR, WKSP, CF	Training, Workshops and Confer	20,000			

Appendix: Table 1 from Report 2 of the Joint Mission

Summary of Development Partner Support Activities

Phase & Date	Activity (and reference above)	DPs	Approximate Cost or In-Kind Support (USD)
Phase One: Establishment of the Basic Institutional Framework			
May 2012	3.1.1 Form a DP Coordination body, possibly developed around the LCG Social Protection Subgroup with standing support;	All	In-kind
May onward 2012	3.1.1 Undertake on-going advocacy;	All	In-kind
May 2012	3.1.2 Establish a secretariat, at least initially within GED, to facilitate secretarial and think-tank support to the Task Force and to the process generally	All	20,000
June 2012	3.1.3 Establish a standing panel of experts to advise and support the Task Force	All	75,000
June 2012	3.1.4 Fund workshops; and set up a network (real and/or web based) on social protection in Bangladesh with a small NGO/think tank pump-priming fund	All	60,000
June 2012	3.1.5 Operationalize the inventory developed by PPRC as a permanent data base within GED or Finance Division and commission a review of innovation in social protection	All	20,000
June 2012	3.1.6 Develop future criteria to guide GoB and development partner allocations to innovation and piloting of new approaches	All	10,000
July 2012	3.1.6 Commission a study on scaling-up opportunities	All	10,000
August 2012	3.1.7 Repeat the Dhaka Social Protection Conference event but targeted on local knowledge sharing and policy development to keep social protection policies on national agenda	All	50,000
August 2012	3.1.8 Provide the Task Force (or its secretariat) with an advocacy and PR capacity	All	10,000
Phase Two: Strategy Development Process			
August 2012	3.2.1 Resource training course opportunities for officials in two target groups: high level familiarization and technical training for a wider group	All	100,000
September 2012	3.2.2 Arrange for study trips to similar development contexts and support visits and exchange of personnel	All	50,000
September 2012	3.2.3 Briefing Paper for the BDF on social protection matters (perhaps prepared by GED and based on the UNDP/PPRC two volume report and an update on the national strategy development process	All	5,000
Phase Three: Launch and Consultations on the Draft National Strategy			



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Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC)

Record of Discussions

Project Code:

Project titles:

1. National Social Protection Strategy, delivery and Policy Support Initiation plan

Meeting date: 11 July, 2012

Venue: UNDP (19th Floor Conference Room)

Chair: K. Morshed, Assistant Country Director

Participants: See attached annex

1. Opening:

The Chair of the meeting began by welcoming the LPAC participants, especially, the government counterparts to UNDP's offices. He also explained that this meeting will review of Initiation Plans (IPs) relating to: NSPS, Delivery and Policy Support

IP had been prepared by the Poverty Reduction Cluster. The presentation would be presented by Richard Marshall (Economic Adviser)

2. Presentation on the NSPS IP:

The Economic Adviser outlined the rationale, activities and structure of the proposed IP, This presentation had four parts: context, rationale, activities and management and resources; description of the IP includes three components- 1)activities to assist the government to complete the NSPS, 2)the delivery of key research studies and pilot works on food security and nutrition by IFPRI, 3) TA facility and formulation mission to enable the establishment of the future SPPI fund and to provide on-going support to allied work within UNDP.

The IP served a brief description over international interest in social protection, GoB commitment backed by SFYP, recent GoB decisions on NSPS, NSPS commitment and series of on-going policy works.

The IP would adopt a standard management structure with 3 main parts- Senior Beneficiary, Executives, and DPs. The IP has duration of 12 months and a budget ceiling of USD 1,000,000. It will be delivered as a directly implemented project by UNDP, in partnership with the General Economic Division.

3. Record of discussion: of Social Protection IP:

After the presentation a series of substantive points were raised and answered during the discussion:

- Participants suggested that in the purpose part of the IP one Para should be included detailing about the vision in 2012 associated with perspective plan, on-going 6-5 years plan, commitment from GoB for allocating more for Social Safety Net.



- In the availability part self-sufficiency and utilization related to the common required area where GoB has to focus and this particular issue help the GoB to come forward.
- RRMC representative suggested that before the consultation process take place GED and government people of the key line ministry should be involved in this consultation.
- Local Governance representative said that after identifying all the activities mentioned in the IP new activities will be required and he asked to know in what extent it is flexible to implement new activities.
- In response to a query, it was clarified that UNDP Program Offices in this case Poverty Analyst of the country office will act as Program Manager and IP has simple management structure; detail structure and several activities are not required for IP.
- It was clarified that budget ceiling USD 500,000 for strategy formulation and if there is any further requirement for some components in the IP then it will be consult with GoB and DPs and included regarding the decision. In order to ensure the fund on time IP management organogram has been kept simple.
- Through this IP, two outputs are of national significance NSPS and formulization mission, when this IP will deliver its outputs number of ministry from the government side will work to implement this SP program and retrieve headway to national ownership.
- ERD representative agreed that as GED is the main implementing agency and some of the activities will conduct by the LGD; accordingly GED and LGD consent and endorsement is needed.
- The chair suggested that Development and Aid Effectiveness projects and backstop of MDG project with GED and most of these projects will be benefited from an improved, mainstreamed and revitalized policy for social protection. It is also discussed in PM office about Mobile banking or mobile as a delivery channel for cash SSN money so that it reduces transaction cost and improve transparency.
- The Economic Adviser noted that as WFP were not present and consultation period had been limited, they would be invited to make to written comments on the IP. These have subsequently been received and include several changes to the discussion of the IFPRI component.
- Overall, participants were appreciative for the National Social Protection Strategy, delivery and policy support Initiation Plan.

Conclusions:

With the above observations, the LPAC meeting recommended endorsement of the IP with necessary clarifications on the issues raised above. The meeting also concluded to share the final IP with GoB and DPs for their comments and concurrence. The chair thanked all the participants and closed the meeting.



Attachment:

1. Draft Initiation Plan document
2. Participants list

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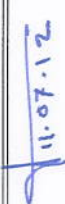
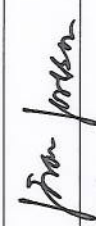





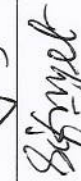


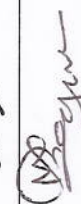


LPAC Meeting on

Initiation Plan for Targeted Support on NSPS, Delivery & Policy Support

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Venue: 18 floor Meeting Room, UNDP

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