

Pillar Working Group (PWG) 2
Promoting Pro-Poor Sustainable Growth for Food Security and Job Creation

Date: 24th May 2006

Venue: DACO Conference room

In attendance:

NAME	INSTITUTION	NAME	INSTITUTION
Mr. Syl Fannah	NaCSA/chairman	Graham Chipande	UNDP
Joseph W.A Jackson	MoTI	Rick Erlebach	DfID
Kawusu Kebbay	DACO	Morag Baird	DfID
Rashid Sesay	DACO	Kirsi Pekuri	EC
Beatrice Dove- Edwin	MoTI	Lea Vuori	EC
Dr. M.B.D. Seisay	MFMR	Ferenc Nagy	EC
Samuel K. Huggins	MYS	Edward Benya	USAID
Anthony A. Koroma	MYS	Dorance Cooper	USAID
Brima Bangura	MAFS	Grainne O'Neill	Irish Aid
Bernard Y. Kamara	MAFS	Joseph Koroma	UNIDO
Prince Kamara	NaCSA	Nour Salua	GTZ
Mohamed Abu Sesay	NCP	Megumi Kaneda	JICA
Aloysius C. Lahai	FAO		

Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Review of the draft TOR for the Pillar Working Groups
- Mode of operations of the Working Groups
- Next Steps
- AOB

Summary of Proceedings: In his opening, the Chairman Mr Syl Fanah of the National Commission for Social Action (NaCSA) apologised for coming late. He also thanked and welcomed everyone present to the meeting, which according to him is the first meeting of the Pillar 2 Working Group: Promoting Pro-Poor Sustainable Growth for Food Security and Job Creation. He intimated that the focus of the meeting is firstly, to review the draft Terms of Reference prepared by DACO for the Pillar Working Groups and then to discuss and agree

on the mode of operations of the Working Group. The chairman then introduced the task of the Pillar Working Group (PWG) II, which is guided by the indicators in the Result Framework, so as to keep in focus with the targets within Pillar II of the PRSP.

Review of the Terms of Reference

Members present critically went through the TOR and the necessary amendment were made.

- Bullets 1 & 6 to be merged
- Bullets 4&5 to be merged also but it was intimated that bullet 4 is the outcome of 5 therefore should not be merged but the order should be changed.
- It was agreed also that in bullet 3 of the TOR, the word 'Project' to be changed to Sectoral Data or Pillar related Activities

It was unanimously suggested that DACO should come up with a revised TOR once the 3 Pillar Working Groups have met.

Operations of the Working Groups

A mapping of the existing sectoral coordinating structures within the Pillar was done during the meeting with a view to first identify existing structures and then to ascertain their current tasks and how best they could be linked to the PWG II. This was to determine whether there was need to form new Sub-Pillar Working Groups (SPWGs) or not.

Groups identified and formed include;

- ❑ **Private Sector Development Working Group:** There was no functional structure for Private Sector Development. Therefore, there was an overwhelming need to create one under the leadership of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. The following development partners expressed willingness to be part of the new structure: UNDP, GTZ, UNIDO, DfiD and IRISH Aid. It was emphasised that Civil Society should be part of this group. Mrs Dove Edwin was identified as the Focal Point for this committee.
- ❑ **Youth Development Working Group:** This group is already in existence and is comprised of GTZ, USAID, FAO and MYS, which is the lead Ministry. Mr Anthony A Koroma of MYS was identified as the focal point person.
- ❑ **Agriculture & Food Security Working Group:** This committee was formed during the PWG meeting and the Director of PMSD (Ministry of

Agriculture) Mr. Idara Sheriff was chosen to be the Focal Point Person. It comprised of FAO, INIDO, EC, USAID, JICA, GTZ

- **Infrastructure Development Working Group:** This group already exists and Mr. Mohamed Swaray of Ministry of Energy and Power is the Chair Person of this committee. It comprised of SLRA, EC, WB, DfiD, JICA, UNICEF

The Next Steps

- The Sub Pillar Working Groups are to provide status report on their respective sectors they are to coordinate and monitor.
- It was further agreed that members in each Group would determine the representation of Civil Society and INGOs in the process.
- The frequency of the meetings for the PWG and SPWGs shall be confirmed after the next DEPAC meeting proposed for first week in July 2006.
- Meanwhile, it was agreed that the PWG II meets fortnightly while the SPWGs meet weekly to ensure proper preparation for the next DEPAC where each PWG would present progress on its Pillar.

The next meeting for the PWG II is 8th June 2006 at 10:00 am at DACO.

Provisional Agenda for next meeting:

1. Opening
2. Review of last meeting's minutes
3. Review of final TOR for Pillar Working Group
4. Update from DACO
5. Next Steps
6. AOB