



THE ZAMBIAN PRSP EXPERIENCE, AND ROLE OF NGOS, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION.

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I. Introduction

- Poverty - challenge for all in Zambia
- Zambia needed a good plan for poverty-PRSP is a Platform
- From 'government knows best' to 'stakeholder participation'



II. Civil Society and PRSP's

- Opened up a 'window' of opportunity
- Initially skeptical – “Wont this be another SAP’
- Participation not because it's a requirement but because of the need to fight poverty

III. Civil Society in the Formulation of Zambia's Poverty Strategy

- The C SPR network
- Civil Society PRSP activities
- The report – 'A PRSP for Zambia –A Civil Society Perspective'
- Challenging or complementary?



IV. Civil Society in PRSP Implementation

- MOFNP – in the lead
- Some civil society groups to work with government

V. Civil Society in PRSP Monitoring



Effective monitoring crucial in the following angles

1. Resources for PRSP
2. PRSP programme implementation
3. Results of implementation
4. Government commitment to PRSP

The Civil society Monitoring Structure

- Expenditure Tracking
 - What is happening to the monies
- Poverty Monitoring
 - Using participatory approaches
 - Baseline with ZAMSIF
 - Is PRSP Making a difference

VI. Beyond Monitoring

- Poverty Monitoring Reports
- Disseminate information
- Advocacy efforts to inform implementation

PRSP REVIEW

- National Development Plan
- SAGs
- CSO WGs

VII. Use Of ICD

- Popularisation of materials – simplified PRSP, brochures, fliers
- Follow pre and post budget PRS issues
- Research on PRSP expenditures
- Use of media as ‘strategic partners’ (media round table meetings, capacity building etc)
- Use of website
- Radio programmes and documentaries



Thankyou !!

