

UNDP/World Bank Skills Building Workshop on Poverty Social Impact Analysis (PSIA)

Pretoria, South Africa
January 27-29, 2008

1. Background

Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (PSIA) is the analysis of the distributional impact of policy reforms on the well-being of different social groups, with particular focus on the poor and vulnerable.

A core objective of Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (PSIA) is to provide policy-makers with valid information on the expected distributional effects of policy reforms on different social groups. A PSIA identifies potential winners and losers of a proposed reform and helps governments to make decisions about the design, sequencing, timing and appropriateness of the reform before it is actually implemented. It should also enable decision-makers to better prepare for compensatory and complementary policy measures where adverse effects are anticipated.

However, policy formulation and decision-making are embedded in a political negotiation process, in which empirical evidence is only one ingredient. The political interests of stakeholder groups are often a very powerful and dominant element in these negotiations. PSIA encourages stakeholder participation and a policy dialogue around reform options as ways of including people affected by reform in the political process. The value added of a PSIA is measured by the extent to which it has an observable impact on policy design and implementation.

The Belgian Government has provided funds to UNDP and the World Bank to jointly support PSIA initiatives at the country level through the Global PSIA project. The project's objective is to raise awareness among national stakeholder involved in policy formulation on what PSIA is and how it can assist in making national policies more pro-poor, transparent and evidence based. The Global PSIA project supports capacity building for PSIA in Africa and The Middle East through training and workshops, and finances PSIA proposals submitted by government departments to the Global PSIA Project. Shortly after the skills building workshops in Senegal and South Africa, a call for proposals will be issued by the Global PSIA Projects, which allows government departments to submit PSIA proposals for funding.

2. Workshops objectives

The workshop has five related objectives:

1. Raise awareness and interest for PSIA type analysis,
2. Develop participants' capacities to identify the need for PSIA,
3. Develop participants' skills to design and commission PSIA work,
4. Create a forum to share relevant experiences and lessons learned from existing PSIAs,
5. Establish a community of practice to contribute to the development of PSIAs.

3. Target Audience

The workshop is conceived for:

- Government representatives responsible for the implementation of Poverty Reduction Strategies,
- Researchers from national research institutes,
- Representatives of Civil Society Organizations that are involved in policy advocacy,
- Country Office staff and Economists from UNDP and the World Bank.

This workshop will gather around 40 participants out of 7 countries (Angola, Botswana, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Namibia, Yemen, Guinea-Bissau, South Africa). It will be conducted in English.

4. Pre-course material

Pre-course activities will be recommended to participants who do not have previous exposure to the PSIA methodology. These activities include, inter alia, the reading of the PSIA User's Guide and the completion of the e-learning online course on PSIA. Participants are encouraged to consult the resources available on the World Bank's PSIA website: [Poverty and Social Impact Analysis](#) or www.worldbank.org/psia.

5. Dates and venue

The PSIA training workshop will take place in Pretoria, South Africa, on January 27-29, 2009. It will be conducted in English. The course material will be made available online and on CD ROM.

Both training venue and accommodation will happen at the same hotel. Room reservations were priorly made by the training organizers.

Hotel directions:

Hôtel SAVANA

Petite Corniche Anfebernard, BP 1015

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www.savana.sn

Shuttle service **will (or not ?)** be provided. In this case, each participant may take a taxi up to the hotel. The approximated taxi fee is South African Rands (USD...).

5. Workshop Programme

1 st day, 27 January 2009 TUESDAY MORNING SESSION	
OPENING SESSION 8:30 – 9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00 – 10:00	OPENING AND WELCOMING NOTE
	INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS AND RESOURCE PERSONS
	PRESENTATION OF WORKSHOP PROGRAMME AND OBJECTIVES
	DISCUSSION ON PARTICIPANTS' EXPECTATIONS AND QUESTIONS Ms. Diana Alarcon, UNDP Bureau for Development Policy, MODERATOR
Introduction to PSIA SESSION # 1 10:00 – 11:20	POVERTY AND SOCIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS – AN APPROCH ENHANCING THE EVIDENCE BASE IN POLICY MAKING Ms. Renate Kirsch, World Bank, PRESENTER

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