

Objective of today's Meeting

- To assess the validity of the Millennium Development Goals and Targets for Afghanistan
- To review the statistical data available for each indicator
- To set realistic national targets for 2010 and 2015

Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger – MDG 1

Target 1

Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than US\$1 a day

Indicators

1. Proportion of population below US\$1 per day
2. Poverty gap ratio (incidence x depth of poverty)
3. Share of poorest quintile (20%) in national consumption

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Target 2

Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

Indicators

1. Prevalence of underweight children under 5 years of age
2. Proportion of population below minimum level of dietary energy consumption

Issues for Discussion

Goal – Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

- ❑ Is this a valid Development Goal for Afghanistan?
- ❑ Do we know the nature and extent of the problem as reflected in the Goal?

Issues for Discussion...

Target 1 - Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than US\$1 a day

Target 2 - Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

- Are the suggested Targets achievable by 2015 given the current situation in Afghanistan?

- Given the present situation, what would be a realistic target for the indicator for 2010 and 2015?

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- Do we have reliable baseline data for the indicators to monitor progress?
 - What is a suitable baseline year for the particular indicator?
 - If not available at present, can data be collected in the future?
 - Constraints in collecting reliable data in the future?
 - Which agency should collect the data and how often?
 - In case it is difficult to collect data for an indicator, what can be a proxy indicator?

SUGGESTIONS

- Revise targets on a pro-rata basis
- Set end point targets