

CONCEPT - JUSTICE SECTOR SUPPORT: PARTNERS' FORUM AND MDTF-JSS

Partners' Forum Objective: Facilitate EU Integration through:

1. Results/outcomes (rather than project) focused policy dialogue with Government
2. Targeted capacity-building support to MOJ and judiciary
3. Aid coordination and effectiveness with strong demonstration impact



Justice Sector Reform Process: Performance Framework & Benchmarks

2009-10

1. MDTF operational and functioning, evidenced by agreement between MOJ, donors and World Bank on MDTF Project Memorandum
2. First round of periodic surveys of users of justice sector services commissioned (to track results and outcomes – this first survey will establish the baseline)
3. Justice sector expenditure and institutional review (JPEIR) including a 'drivers of change'/risk analysis, initiated collaboratively between MOJ, MOF, judiciary, World Bank and development partners, drawing also on expertise from partners such as CEPEJ/OECD-SIGMA and (especially) European judiciaries on specific aspects of judicial performance, efficiency & governance

2010-11

1. National Judicial Reform Strategy (NJRS), with costed implementation/action plan and including prosecutors, updated and re-affirmed by new Government
2. JPEIR completed, discussed between government and partners, and disseminated - identifying institutional challenges, justice sector performance indicators and prioritized medium term financing requirements & outcome indicators for justice sector modernization
3. Program budgeting for justice sector, drawing from GOP and MTEF, introduced
4. 2010 justice sector budget preparation process based on bringing 100 percent justice sector financing on-budget within a defined time period

2011-12

1. More than 50 percent of justice sector financing on-budget and increasing
2. Outcome/Performance measures for NIP and other investments in justice sector approved
3. Commissioned surveys to track results and outcomes completed and results disseminated
4. Medium term financing gap (if any) identified for establishing a SWAp if needed



Periodic Justice Sector policy dialogue between Government & sector development partners

2009: bi-annually (to feed into SAA)
 2010-2012: annually but well timed (post-budget and pre-SAA reporting)
 2008-10 dialogue on progress on aid effectiveness

Justice Sector Institutions' Role

- Update and cost NJRS
- Develop credible financing and implementation plan with performance benchmarks
- Develop capacity, coordination and planning capabilities
- Demonstrate commitment to quality reforms – develop mechanism to track & publish annual progress on outcomes



Role for Partners' Forum

- Test strategy is credible
- Ensure strategy and implementation plan are EU integration focussed including use of good practice from EU member states on justice sector efficiency and transparency
- Inputs from national and international civil society
- Policy and program dialogue with EC and USAID (non-MDTF donors)



For Government

- Prepare and present progress reports in a timely manner
- Periodic assessments of outcomes and results
- Communicate outcomes
- Involve civil society



For MDTF donors

- Test credibility of Government reports
- Feed dialogue into the Partners' Forum and SAA reporting process
- Involve civil society

