

## GPOBA Annual Report 2008

### Fact Sheet

- As of June 30, 2008, the Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid (GPOBA) has signed a total of 19 grant agreements for pilot projects using performance-based subsidies in the water and sanitation, energy, health, and telecommunications sectors in 17 countries, expected to benefit up to 2.9 million people.
- In fiscal year 2008, GPOBA more than doubled its portfolio of pilot output-based aid (OBA) projects to US\$72 million, with 10 new grant agreements totaling US\$41.7 million. The majority of the new funding is for projects in Sub-Saharan Africa (57 percent of funding by region) and in the water and sanitation sector (63 percent of funding by sector).
- As of June 30, 2008, GPOBA has disbursed a total of US\$9.4 million, of which US\$7.9 million against verified outputs. GPOBA's first five pilot projects are all disbursing based on independently verified outputs and have benefited over 235,000 people so far:
  - **Colombia natural gas:** Over 30,400 poor households (182,400 people) connected to natural gas supply, making cooking safer and energy more affordable.
  - **Armenia gas and heat supply:** Access to heating provided to 2,300 poor urban households (9,500 people).
  - **Mongolia telecom:** Access to telephone and Internet services provided to 22,300 people living in remote areas of Mongolia, including herder communities.
  - **Morocco water and sanitation:** Connections to water and sanitation networks provided to 8,800 low-income inhabitants of Casablanca, Meknes, and Tangiers.
  - **India community water:** Public access to clean water provided to 12,000 poor people in four villages in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh.
- In addition to subsidy funding, GPOBA approved US\$1.15 million in fiscal 2008 for technical assistance activities, including two stand-alone OBA facilities that will be used to fund sub-projects in the water and sanitation sector in Mexico and Brazil (US\$350,000 and US\$180,000 respectively).
- As of June 30, 2008, GPOBA's donors have pledged a total of US\$179.3 million to the program. The current donors are the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS), the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).