GPOBA Swedish Partner Increases Its Participation Twofold
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) provides additional $26.8 million to fund OBA projects in Africa

Washington, January 9, 2013 – The Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid (GPOBA) announced that the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) committed to making a supplemental contribution to GPOBA equal to approximately $26.8 million (SEK 175 million) over the next few years. This additional amount nearly doubles Sida’s contribution to the Partnership, bringing GPOBA’s partnership total to almost $320 million.

Sida’s Departments of Program Cooperation and Global Cooperation will disburse this amount in four installments, with 63 percent (SEK 110 million) already disbursed as of to date, and subsequent payments in 2013, 2014 and 2015).

“We thank Sida for this vote of confidence in GPOBA with this additional funding and for sharing our vision in extending greater resources to assist the poorest households with basic services,” said GPOBA’s new Program Manager, Ms. Carmen Nonay, adding “we also appreciate Sida’s partnership with us in bringing closer the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the fields of health, energy, water and sanitation services.”

“Sida look forward to continued cooperation with GPOBA in the very important work to show results in providing basic services to poorer households,” said Ms. Elisabeth Ekelund, Lead Specialist Financing, Sida.

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GPOBA is a global partnership program administered by the World Bank. GPOBA was established in 2003, as a multi-donor trust fund, to develop OBA approaches across a variety of sectors including infrastructure, health, and education. Its maturing portfolio of 35 OBA pilot projects, for which a cumulative total of $82 million in disbursements has been made, has providing access to basic services to 3.5 million poor beneficiaries.

Sida is a Swedish government agency working on behalf of the Swedish parliament and government, with the mission to reduce poverty in the world. Sida cooperates with Swedish government agencies, organizations and international bodies such as the UN, the EU and the World Bank. Sida’s overall goal is to contribute to making it possible for poor people to improve their living conditions.

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