Supporting the Delivery of Basic Services in Developing Countries

The Global Partnership on Results-based approaches (GPRBA) promotes inclusive development through innovative financing solutions that link funding to actual results achieved. GPRBA is a partnership established to improve the delivery of basic services like water, sanitation, energy, health, and education for low-income communities that might otherwise go unserved.

GPRBA projects have provided nearly 10 million people with basic services globally working in rural, peri-urban, and urban communities. Our support focuses on helping low-income communities access social and infrastructure services while tackling urbanization and rural development challenges, such as affordable housing and solid waste management.

The program was established in 2003 by the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID) and the World Bank as a Bank-administered trust fund. Subsequently, four additional donors joined the partnership: the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS), The International Finance Corporation (IFC), and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

The program, initially established to pilot output-based aid (OBA), and was known as the Global Partnership on Output-based Aid (GPOBA) until February 2019. It was renamed to reflect a new emphasis on testing other types of results-based financing (RBF) approaches.

RBF have become an important part of the development finance solutions, especially as governments and partners strive to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the last decade alone, at least $25 billion of development spending has been tied to results, an increase from just a few billion the decade before.

FOCUSING ON RESULTS
Governments are increasingly stretched to keep up with the demand for infrastructure and social services and ensuring that these services reach low-income communities and households, is a constant challenge. These households are often constrained by the high cost of access while service providers lack financial incentives to extend access to these areas.

With 15 years of experience in RBF approaches across multiple sectors and regions, GPRBA is expanding its reach by providing a range of RBF instruments. To maximize additional public and private finance resources, this broad range of development finance solutions offers greater social impact and improved chances for prosperity in low-income communities.

During the past 15 years, the Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid (GPOBA) has been building evidence on RBF’s ability to mobilize additional resources through a diverse portfolio of pilot projects involving a mix of private finance, results-based grants and guarantees to deliver basic services to the poor low-income communities.
PORTFOLIO
GPOBA’s subsidy portfolio consists of approximately $248 million in total commitments for 49 projects in seven sectors. (See figures below.)

• Total disbursements, as of June 2018, are approximately $180 million

• As our portfolio demonstrates values for improved lives, households and low-income communities, GPRBA also serves as mobilizer of resources from the private sector, development partners and governments.

• Total funding for our 49 subsidy projects is close to $600 million, showing that every $1 of GPOBA funds attracts $1.5 in private, public or consumer co-financing.

• In addition, our technical assistance and knowledge activities have supported numerous projects and clients with identifying and implementing results-based development solutions.

GPOBA EXPERIENCE
The outcomes of GPRBA’s projects contribute to the achievement of SDGs by our client countries. While targeting main goals, GPRBA projects also bring various additional benefits, such as contributions to climate change mitigation, improvements in quality of life and social welfare for low-income communities, positive outcomes for women and testing the application of sector reforms through project implementation.

In addition to working on output-based aid, our team practices result-based approaches and explores new opportunities. Consequently, our strategy is anchored on three pillars: (i) blended finance, (ii) program for results and (iii) impact bonds. GPRBA is focused on building a portfolio of compelling potential business opportunities.

OPPORTUNITIES TO INNOVATE
RBF schemes can take a variety of forms, depending on the nature of the service and the rationale for public funding. Well-designed schemes sharpen the targeting of development outcomes, improve accountability for use of public resources, and provide stronger incentives for efficiency and innovation.

By bringing together public and private sector funders to maximize resources and designing effective incentives for service providers to reach underserved low-income communities, we give people the chance for a better life.

WHERE WE WORK

ABOUT GPRBA
Part of the World Bank Group, the Global Partnership for Results-based Approaches (GPRBA) provides innovative financing solutions that link funding to actual results achieved. Our results-based financing (RBF) approaches provide access to basic services like water and sanitation, energy, health and education for low-income families and communities that might otherwise go unserved.

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