UK’s DFID Adds Funding to GPOBA’s Health Efforts for World’s Poor
Additional Commitments Increase Resources from GPOBA’s Longest-Standing Partner

Washington, March 28, 2013 – The Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid (GPOBA) announced that the Department for International Development (DFID) of the United Kingdom has committed to donate an additional $4,079,160 (GBP 2,700,000) to fund efforts focusing on the dissemination and impact evaluation of health projects. DFID’s share in the partnership is the largest, and with this supplemental contribution to GPOBA, DFID’s donations will total almost $113 million. The commitments will be disbursed in three installments over a two-year period, with the first tranche expected before the end of March, an additional one later this year, and the final one by July 2014. This contribution by DFID is its first funding to specifically target mainstreaming output-based aid (OBA) in the field of health.

GPOBA Program Manager, Ms. Carmen Nonay, said, “We welcome this funding to help us review and evaluate the positive effects of OBA in the health sector. DFID was present at GPOBA’s infancy as its first donor in 2003, and we are grateful for its continuous support on behalf of the world’s poorest.”

World Bank Global HIV/AIDS Program Director, David Wilson commented: "Our President Jim Yong-Kim has challenged us to work multi-sectorally as one unified Bank, to focus on partnerships for results and to strive for improved outcomes for the poorest. This additional contribution embodies this vision - a multi-sectoral partnership for improved health outcomes."

Mr. Andrew Maclean, Private Sector Infrastructure Adviser at DFID, added, “We are pleased with the work GPOBA has done in its initial forays in the health sector, particularly in reproductive health. DFID is glad to invest in GPOBA’s efforts to review the effectiveness of health projects and results to beneficiaries, most of whom otherwise would not have access to any health services.”

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GPOBA is a global partnership program administered by the World Bank. GPOBA was established in 2003, as a $375 million multi-donor trust fund, to develop OBA approaches across a variety of sectors including infrastructure, health, and education. Its maturing portfolio of 36 OBA pilot projects, for which a cumulative total of $83.6 million in disbursements has been made, has providing access to basic services to more than 4 million poor beneficiaries.

The Department for International Development (DFID) is the part of the UK Government that manages Britain’s aid to poor countries and leads the fight against extreme world poverty. DFID supports long-term programs to help stop the underlying causes of poverty and respond to humanitarian emergencies. DFID’s main program areas of work are Education, Health, Social Services, Water Supply and Sanitation, Government and Civil Society, Economic Sector (including Infrastructure, Production Sectors and Developing Planning), Environment Protection, Research, and Humanitarian Assistance.

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