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The UNDP-UNEP
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Lilongwe, Malawi



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I- Framework For P-E mainstreaming

□ National Policy, Planning & Budget Frameworks

- **Vision 2016** – reflects long term aspirations of Botswana & provides broad framework for development
- **NDP 10** – Blue print for implementing vision 2016
- **National Strategy for Poverty Reduction (NSPR)**
- **National Budget** – Systematic Approach followed yearly in preparing budget
- **MDG Plan**
- **NSSD**
- **DDPs**

□ National Institutions & Coordination Frameworks

- MFDP, MEWT, MOA, MOH, MMEWR, MLG, Local Authorities
- Projects/Partners
- CSOs & Private Sector



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II – PEI Country Program

Objectives

- ❑ Support the GoB efforts to promote diversified economic growth and poverty reduction by:
 - Integrating environmentally sustainable natural resource use as a core objective in development planning and implementation
 - Advocating for higher budgetary allocations for ENR management
- ❑ Build capacity - Decision Makers better understand how environmental sustainability contributes to development and how to achieve this in development planning and implementation.



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II – PEI Expected/anticipated results

- ❑ Integration of PE into key national development frameworks
- ❑ Enhanced application of integration approaches, tools, methodologies, & assessments for mainstreaming PE in policies & plans for promoting growth & poverty reduction
- ❑ Awareness of the links between poverty and environment and economic growth and their contribution to national development priorities, policies and processes enhanced
- ❑ Increase investment in pro-poor sustainable natural resource use
 - **Why;** Unless development is pro-poor and sustainable, poverty will increase in relative or absolute terms over time.
 - The linkages will serve as the basis for identifying the critical issues and challenges specific to the Botswana situation which will be the focus for efforts to mainstream poverty and environment into national Development processes.



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IV - Implementation modalities

- ❑ Coordination of implementation lies with MFDP in collaboration with MEWT
 - UNDP/UNEP provide technical support
- ❑ PEI is part of two outcome areas of the GoB/UN Programme for 2010-2014
 - Economic Diversification and Poverty Reduction
 - Climate Change and Environment
- ❑ Overall Project Governance
 - Programme Steering Committee – co-chaired by PS MFDP & RC
 - Component Coordination Group
 - Implementation Team [Technical Advisor, National Programme Manager and Finance and Administration Assistant]
- ❑ PEI will work within the existing & agreed Framework of support between GoB & the UN.



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V - Donor involvement/coordination

□ UN input is coordinated through the one UN Programme

- Current Participating Agencies
 - ❖ UNDP Botswana: US\$1,000, 000
 - ❖ Poverty Unit: US\$ 300,000
 - ❖ Environment Unit: US\$ 700, 000)
 - ❖ UNDP/UNEP PEI: US\$1, 000, 000
- Prospective Partners (Interest expressed)
 - FAO, IFAD, ILO

□ Donor Support

- In-country donor support not yet secured
- In-country donors to be engaged through the Development Partners Forum
- Prospective partners: EU, Norwegian Government, USAID



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VI – Progress and Achievements

Implementation is about to begin, so no concrete achievements as yet. To date Botswana PEI has:

- ❑ Institutional Analysis
 - Detailed understanding of key policy, planning and institutional processes in order to understand institutional capacity, gaps & shortcoming and to identify PEI Entry Points.
- ❑ Poverty and Environment Brief
 - Outlining poverty and environment links to national development priorities
- ❑ Joint GoB UNDP Botswana – UNDP/UNEP PEI Project Document – recently approved
- ❑ Communication Strategy is being developed
- ❑ Recruitment of project staff nearing completion



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VII – Issues and Challenges

- ❑ General lack of understanding of poverty and environment linkages and environmental mainstreaming
- ❑ PE issues are covered in a fragmented way in key strategy, policy and planning documents e.g. Vision 2016, NDPs, DDPs, UDPs, Sector strategies etc.
- ❑ Coordination across sectors is weak
 - limited dialogue on Poverty - Environment issues across all sectors (government, civil society & the media)
 - Existing structures, mechanisms and processes for implementing and coordinating issues that are cross-cutting lack strength and capacity to improve their ability to champion and lead PE issues.
- ❑ NSPR does not adequately address poverty and environment linkages
 - The review, with PEI, will address the limitation
- ❑ Environment issues are not given priority in national budget. Environment is still seen as responsibility of MEWT



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VIII – Responses

- Advocacy & awareness building on PE issues (targeting planners, decision makers & local authorities) -
Communication and Advocacy Strategy
- Policy Dialogue & debates (GoB, CSO, private sector & donors) at high level
- Policy review and harmonization
- Support the integration of PE issues in key policies, strategies and plans (including DDPs & UDPs) across sectors
- Generation of economic evidence to support allocation of resources to PE issues



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X – Next steps

❑ Implementation

- Facilitate regular policy dialogues/debates with policy makers, CSOs and Private Sector
- Undertake strategic analytical studies to inform decision making
 - ✓ Exploring opportunities to integrate ENR management into the Local Economic Development Programme
- Carry out capacity building within key participating institutions to develop a sustainable core of PE specialist expertise
- Identify key poverty and environment indicators at National, Sector and District level indicators including ongoing work by MEWT.
- Integration of PE issues into the review of the NSPR
- Prepare policy briefs, presentations and communication materials based on



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Thank you
Kea leboga!!!