Towards a Coordinated Support Program for Joint Sector Reviews and Public Expenditure Analysis

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Issues raised during ReSAKSS Conference

Four areas:

Demand for PAER

Methodological issues

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Capacity

Role of country SAKSS

Demand for PAER

- Who? For What?
 - commitments under CAADP for MA
 - Paris Declaration
 - Accra Plan of action, etc
 - Disconnect between high level commitments and operationalization levels – Role of MoA, MoF
 - Understanding impact of PAE
 - Political economy issues (around MA/JSR/PAER)
 - Govts, NSA, DPs need this information
 - Not a mechanism for beating up on Govt!

Methodological issues

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 - What gets counted?
 - Political objective/technical objective
 - Expenditures outside agric definition may be more important in transforming agric (credit, trade/markets, telecoms, infrastructure)
 - What indicator then?
 - Absolute number or rate of growth?
 - Where is the data?
 - What improvements are needed on the data systems
 - Agric Sector ministries and MoF need to collaborate

Methodological issues

- Existing tools
- Frequency of PERs
- What documents are required?
 - Who prepares them?
 - What skills are needed?

Capacity Needs

 Who is currently involved in PAER and where are they?

What skills are needed?

 What actions are needed to increase the pool and quality of skills at country level?

Community of practice and networks

Role of Country SAKSS

- A vehicle for harnessing existing local capacity for PAER
- Facilitate networking and access to external expertise on a need basis
- Platform for building local capacity
- PAER to be embedded within existing structures
 - Reconcile adequacy of existing structures and lack of capacity to undertake PAER

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