

Talking Points for Session 4- Poverty-Environment Nexus Measurement, Monitoring & Evaluation

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1. Characteristics of Poverty in Bhutan
 - a. 12 percent of population under national poverty line (Nu. 1704.84 per month per person)
 - b. Poverty a rural phenomenon with 16.7 percent
2. Strategy for Poverty alleviation include Broad Based Five Year Plan and targeted poverty alleviation program
3. Targeted Poverty alleviation programs namely Rural Economy Advancement Program (REAP), Land Rehabilitation Program and Targeted Household Poverty Program (THPP)
4. Principles of REAP include sustainable livelihood, simple inclusive and effective, Eco-efficient, gender and ownership
5. Key features of REAP II are;
 - a. Objective selection Criteria (RMPI)
 - b. Village Participatory Planning
 - c. Monitoring and Evaluation (Pre-test and Post-test)
6. REAP Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index consist of following dimension which has 17 indicators under 6 dimension;
 1. Education
 2. Health
 3. Standard of living
 4. Community vitality
 5. Financial Security
 6. Food Security
7. Monitoring Aspects include;
 - a. Signing of annual performance agreement (APA) between Hon'ble Prime Minister and Dzongdag (Governor)
 - b. Preparing annual work plan
 - c. Monitoring of Dzongkhag (District) and Gewog (Sub-District) Key Result Area with subsequent Key Performance Indicators
8. Evaluation Framework:
 - a. Evaluation are conducted for the program and projects
 - b. Quasi-experimental design
 - i. Regression Discontinuity (in REAP context)
 - c. Follow Draft Evaluation Policy, Protocol and Guidelines
 - d. Conducted evaluation by independent consultant for past programs
9. The planning approach based on principles of GNH in 11th FYP (2013-2018) and Nine Domains of GNH in upcoming 12th FYP (2018-2023) also focus on Poverty and Environment at the national level by identifying as one of the 16 National Key Result Area;
 - a. NKRA 3- Poverty Eradicated and inequality Reduced
 - b. Healthy Eco-System Services maintained

10. Flagship Programs identified;
 - a. Targeted Programs for Vulnerable Groups
 - b. Integrated Water security