

PRSP Implementation Forum - Implementing PRSP: Agenda for the next three years

Session IV Good Governance

Longer Term PRSP Target/Link	Targets to be achieved by October 2006
<p><i>1. Promoting Local Governance:</i></p> <p>Decentralization and improved local governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate a long-term strategy to promote greater decentralization and review the policy framework to reduce inconsistencies and more clearly define roles • Fiscal decentralization initiated, increasing the financial authority of UPs and other local governments to raise and keep taxes, fees • Gradually increase decision-making authority of UPs for utilization of block grants • Promote accountability and transparency of the public resources used at the local level through greater employment of standing committees • Strengthen the UPs and other local governments administrative capacities by allocating them more and better trained staff
<p><i>2. Tackling Corruption:</i></p> <p>Functional oversight mechanism and measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Corruption Commission becomes fully functional and staffed • Develop reasonable, independent measures of good governance, establish baselines and a monitoring system for Governmental and DP use such that baseline data can be used at PIFM 2007 • Follow-up and full implementation of procurement reform
<p><i>3. Criminal Justice Reform and Enhancing Accessible and Affordable Justice for the Poor</i></p> <p>Separation of the Lower Courts from the Executive Branch & Judicial Reform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an action plan that meets the criteria established by the Supreme Court • Define administrative functions currently performed by the Executive that should be managed by the Judiciary • Outline and clarify the Judiciary related positions that transfer from the Executive and the conditions of those transfers • Develop and begin to carry out a training plan in accordance with new roles and responsibilities
<p><i>4. Criminal Justice Reform and Enhancing Accessible and Affordable Justice for the Poor</i></p> <p>Respect for Human Rights & Enhanced Rule of Law</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and enact legislation to create a National Human Rights Commission • Improve access to justice by establishing a National Human Rights Commission in accordance with UN standards and provide initial training for staff • Strengthen routine oversight and inspection functions of police, including reducing non-

	<p>essential work-load functions (e.g. protocol, VIP and other special duties)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracks Peace Accord
<p><i>Improving Implementation Capacity</i></p> <p>Stronger, more transparent public administration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the performance of the ADP by categorizing all projects according to approval, funding and performance status and removing under funded and unapproved projects from the plan • Establish overall as well as sector specific targets for ADP project completion. Develop and apply sanctions against projects with persistently poor progress rates • Strengthen the capacity of public training institutes through curriculum reviews and updates and training-of-trainer initiatives • Pursue ongoing institutional, procedural and legal reforms required to ensure the independence of the Bangladesh Election Commission