

Promoting pro-poor growth

Strategic aim:

To encourage donors to pay greater attention to increasing the impact of economic growth on poverty reduction.

Key messages and findings:

- Rapid and sustained poverty reduction requires pro-poor growth, i.e. a pace and pattern of growth that enhances the ability of poor women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from growth.
- Policies to tackle the multiple dimensions of poverty are mutually reinforcing and should go hand-in-hand.
- Empowering the poor is essential for bringing about the policies and investments needed to promote pro-poor growth.

Audiences:

- Donor staff stationed in developing countries, as well as their counterparts locally and in headquarters.

Key challenges and recommendations:

For donors, the pro-poor growth agenda is not business as usual:

- Policy-makers need to think more about promoting pro-poor growth, rather than just growth per se.
- Pro-poor growth is multifaceted. Donors need to support and provide incentives to field staff to work in multidisciplinary and multi-donor teams.
- Political barriers and capacity constraints in developing countries can be major obstacles to promoting pro-poor growth.
- What happens in the informal economy is key to whether poor women and men participate in, contribute to and benefit from growth.

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