



# NPRS-PRF

Partners in Poverty Reduction

## Messages from NPRS and PRF Poverty Funds Initiatives

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# NPRS and PRF - Objectives

- **Cooperation Fund in Support of the Formulation and Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategies (NPRS):**
  - ✓ Help DMCs formulate, prioritize, implement, monitor, and reformulate national poverty reduction strategies and strengthen ADB's roles in this process
- **Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund (PRF):**
  - ✓ Assist in policy dialogue on poverty reduction
  - ✓ Develop new programs/projects
  - ✓ Pilot new approaches to influence project designs
  - ✓ Monitor and assess poverty reduction impact
  - ✓ Involve broader stakeholders
  - ✓ Strengthen ADB's roles in the region

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# NPRS and PRF - Progress

- **NPRS:**
  - ✓ **Funded by the Government of the Netherlands - \$7.72 million**
  - ✓ **19 projects across 5 sub-regions, plus regional projects**
  - ✓ **- 13 completed, 6 under implementation**
  - ✓ **Fully committed by September 2005**
- **PRF:**
  - ✓ **Funded by the UK Government - \$66 million, including \$10 million for PRC**
  - ✓ **106 projects across 5 sub-regions, plus regional projects**
  - ✓ **- 40 now completed, 66 under implementation**
  - ✓ **Fully committed by November 2005**

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# Knowledge Products Development

Regional TA 6270 - Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects:

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- Over 80 short and in-depth case studies
- Six Thematic Synthesis Papers
- Quarterly e-newsletter “Poverty Matters”
- NPRS and PRF websites
- Feature articles in Media
- Support knowledge dissemination seminars, workshops and conferences, translations to local languages, and more...

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# Five Thematic Areas Identified

- Policies and Strategies
- Regional Integration and Poverty
- Pro-Poor Infrastructure
- Equity, Inclusion and Targeting
- Poverty, Natural Resource Management and Transition
  
- One further theme to be explored looking at all of the case studies
- Process and Influence

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# Policies and Strategies

- Supporting pro-poor policy development through participatory poverty assessments - understandings of poverty, voices of the poor, and capacity of governments for poverty reduction
- Supporting the implementation of PRSP loans, budget support and program loans - support to the implementation of poverty reduction strategies
- Strengthening partnership with others and building institutional capacity - building partnerships with other donors and governments

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# Regional Integration and Poverty

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- Building consensus on poverty - exploring issues, building an understanding and taking things forward
- Inclusion of the poor - understanding who benefits, exploring vulnerability and ensuring the poor can access opportunities
- Public goods and public bads - importance of regional public goods to the poor and mitigating against new risks

# Pro-Poor Infrastructure

- Increasing the impact of infrastructure - planning that considers the poor and involving the poor in planning
- Infrastructure for the poor - participation of the poor and ensuring that policy benefits the poor
- Mitigating impacts - Assessing new risks and ensuring public safety

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# Equity, Inclusion and Targeting

- Importance of national commitment - progress made with strategic work in a positive policy environment
- Interventions targeting the poor and interventions that mainstream the marginalised both required
- Need to address the legislative framework
- Involving those directly affected to understand needs and constraints
- Research linked to practical interventions to enable change

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# Poverty and Natural Resource Management

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- Poverty and environment linkages are complex and diverse
- Understanding linkages in regional, national and local contexts
- Monitoring and evaluation to track environmental and poverty objectives
  
- ADB's Role
  - Local - Taking local level research findings to the high-level decision makers
  - National - Working with partners to build a shared vision for achieving poverty and environmental goals
  - Regional - Building on the comparative advantage of working at the regional level with resources, an established understanding of institutions and processes and credibility
  - General - A focus for knowledge sharing and learning for the region