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#### **Session 9**

# **Group Exercise: Developing DLIs**

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## Disbursement-Linked Indicators (DLIs)

DLIs: Subset of program results indicators; basis for disbursement

Depending on the RBL program DLIs can be:

actions/ processes outputs outcomes

#### DLIs should be:

**Tangible** 

Verifiable

**Transparent** 

Under control of government

#### Verification protocol includes:

- DLI definition and what constitutes achievement
- Whether disbursements can be partial and how that would be done
- Expected timing of verification
- Data for measuring achievements, including reporting frequency; and
- Entities responsible for verification

The DLI verification protocol provides assurance that disbursements will be made based on credible results



## Designing [SMART] DLIs

- **Specific**—details the outputs or outcome the project seeks to achieve by specifying dimensions, such as who, where, when, quality, quantity, and cost.
- Measurable—stated in quantifiable terms (e.g., percentage of children) and feasible to collect data in time
  - Specify indicators quantitatively, even if measuring qualitative dimensions
- Achievable—realistic about what is to be achieved; Choose a target that is ambitious, yet realistic.
- Relevant—appropriate to the results statement it measures and useful for management information purposes.
- Time-bound—stated with a target and baseline, both with dates
  - DLIs should incentivize achievement
  - Consistent with government capacity



### **Verification Protocols**

- Definition and Description of Achievement
  - a. Indicator calculation
  - b. Definition of terms
  - c. Disaggregation: by gender
  - d. Baseline and target values
  - e. Partial achievement
- Information Source and Frequency
- Verification Agency and Procedure
- Verification Time Frame



## **Examples**

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## Session 10 Financial Management

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