Summary, next steps, timeline

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Inception workshop on "**Strengthening Macroeconomic and Social Policy Coherence through Integrated Macro-Micro Modelling**", Amman, 28-29 March, 2012.

Revisiting the objectives

- Achieved:
  - Key policy questions presented and discussed.
  - Integrated macro-micro modelling framework described.
  - Results of recently completed projects on MDG financing strategies and real-time simulation results presented and discussed.
  - Key aspects of international support measures reviewed.
  - Stock of data availability taken.
- Pending:
  - More discussion on institutional arrangements under which capacity building activities will be undertaken.
  - Agree on future data collection/estimations ("what" and "who").
  - Agree on a timeline.

Key questions

- What does it take to achieve the MDGs?
  - What are MDG determinants?
  - How would MDG achievement influence other aspects of economic and social development?
- Do we know how much it will cost and can we afford achieving the goals on time?
- What policy options do we have in financing the MDG strategy? What are the trade offs when:
  - scaling up aid or borrowing abroad?
  - enhancing domestic resource mobilization?
  - reallocate government spending across sectors?
  - improve efficiency of spending

Other policy questions and model features

- Gender inequalities: capture in labour market?

- Migration and expat workers?

- Policy issues:
  - Tax policies (do we have enough detail in SAM?)
  - Subsidy policies: what kind? How are subsidies captured in SAM?
  - Trade policies?
  - Infrastructure investment?
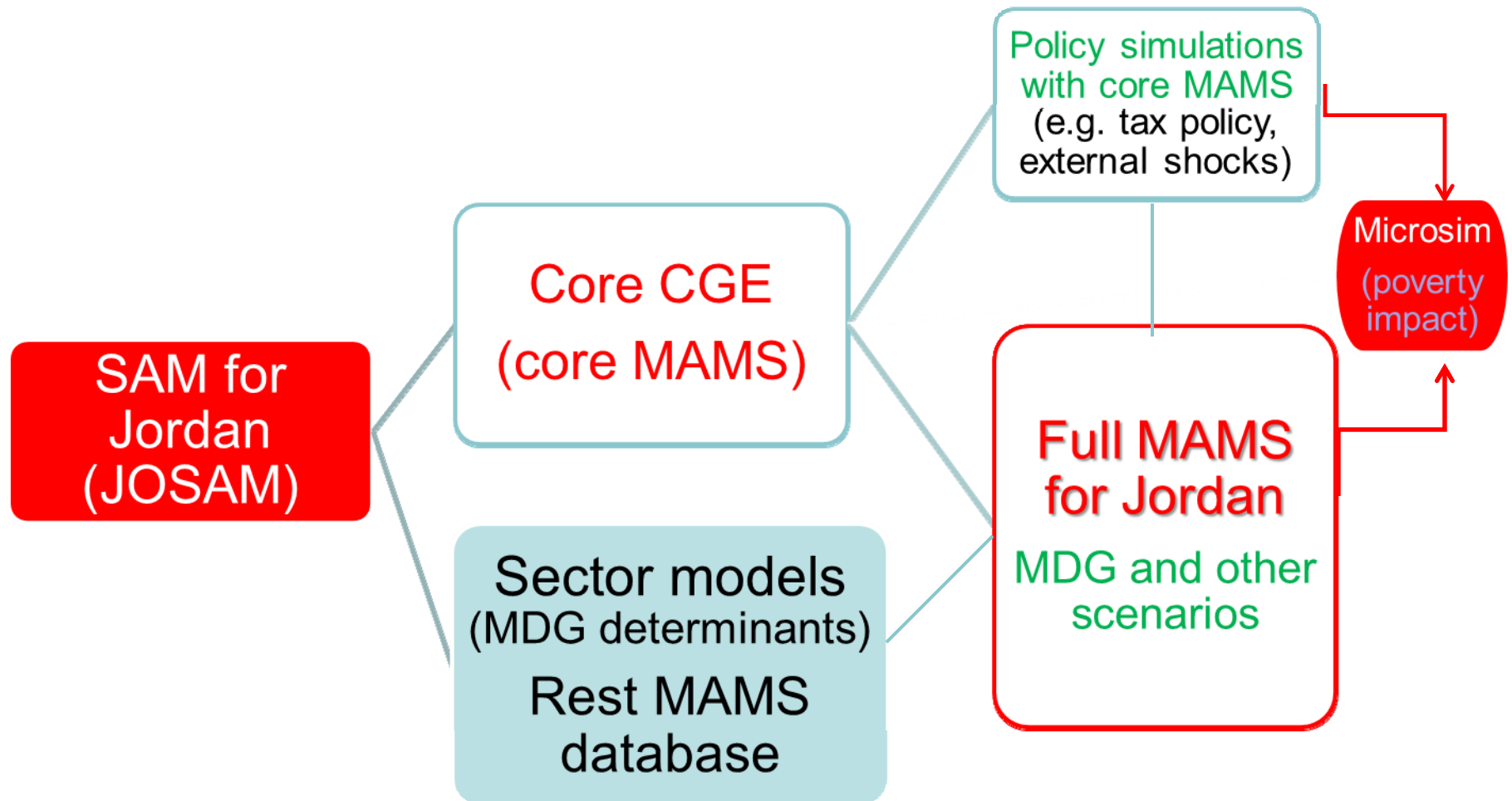
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Scope for strengthening capacities

- Contingency planning: "what if" (….there is a global shock) and "what could happen" (…in terms of setbacks in human development) and "what could we do" (.. to mitigate or avoid such impact)
- Policy coherence: use model to see through interactions across key policy areas and coherence in outcomes in terms of defined goals and targets (such as the MDGs)
- Beyond MDGs: framework flexible to set different than internationally agreed targets or assess feasibility of attaining other policy targets

Key resources

http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/capacity/projects_mdgs.shtml

- Look for Jordan workshop, March 2012
- Presentations will be uploaded (by next week)

•Key bibliographical references

- MAMS related has been distributed
- Background readings will be sent for preparation before next workshop

•Permanent technical backstopping and data gathering through e-mail, video conferences, websites.

Modelling strategy

Next steps (1-5)

1. ***Scoping mission and first workshop***:
   - Identify key policy questions; how to adapt framework; available country expertise; data availability

2. Formation and consolidation of "technical unit", also:
   - initiation inter-agency policy platform;
   - include activity in program with UNDP

3. Adaptation Social Accounting Matrix, completion of MAMS dataset
   - Base year? How to aggregate/disaggregate JOSAM?
   - Sector studies (estimation of MDG elasticities)

4. Calibration of Core CGE/MAMS for Jordan with new dataset; pilot policy simulations with Core CGE/MAMS

5. ***Workshop 2***: Calibration Full MAMS (and ISIM-MAMS), updating of data set, initial runs of MDG and other policy scenarios

Next steps (6-10)

6. Final fine-tuning of MAMS for Jordan

7. ***Workshop 3***: implementation of policy simulations and elaboration of policy notes/briefs, microsimulations training

8. Implementation of policy simulations and elaboration of policy notes/briefs

   - *Policy briefs in what areas?*

9. ***Workshop 4:*** presentation/discussion of policy notes/briefs, follow-up steps, uses to support policymaking, and policy dialogue.

10. Strengthening the policy dialogue: continuous presentations of results to policy makers and stakeholders; identification of new demands for policy analysis

Time schedule (deadlines)

Step	Task	Original Deadline	Comment
Step 1	**Workshop 1: Project inception**	**28-29 March 2012**	**completed**
Step 2	Formation of technical unit	31 Mar 2012	
Step 3	SAM for MAMS Completion of MAMS dataset (estimation all elasticities and other key data for model calibration)	15 Jun 2012 30 Sep 2012	
Step 4	Calibration of MAMS with new dataset	31 Oct 2012	
Step 5	**Workshop 2: MAMS (ISIM-MAMS) training**	**Nov. 2012**	

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Step 6	Final fine-tuning of MAMS for Jordan	31 Jan 2013	
Step 7	**Workshop 3: implementation of policy simulations and elaboration of policy notes/briefs, microsimulations training**	**March 2013**	
Step 8	Implementation of policy simulations and elaboration of policy notes/briefs	31 May 2013	
Step 9	**Workshop 4: presentation and discussion of policy notes/briefs, follow-up steps, uses to support policymaking, policy dialogue.**	**June 2013**	
Step 10	Policy dialogues; identification of new demands for policy making	Continuous from first simulation results	