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Assessing Development Strategies to Achieve the MDGs in Africa

Implementation status and workshop
objectives

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Overview

- Where do we stand in terms of project implementation?
- This workshop:
 - Objectives
 - Agenda

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Time schedule (implementation)

Step/Workshop	Task	Deadline	Completed	Comments
Step 0	<i>Formation of country teams</i>	September 2009	✓	
Workshop 1	Project inception	4-6 Nov. 2009	✓	
Step 1	Country narrative (complete draft)	10 Dec. 2009	✓	
Step 2	SAM construction/update (including Macro SAM and adaptation for MAMS)	15 January, 2010	✓/ ?	

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Time schedule (implementation)

Step/Workshop	Task	Deadline	Completed	Comments
Step 3	Complete basic database and calibration of “macro” version of MAMS	30 January 2010	✓/ ?	
Step 4	Micro/sector analysis of MDGs, complete MDG part of database	January-March 2010	✓/ ?	
Workshop 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of progress - Run MAMS in GAMS - Calibration of MAMS and review of data - Generation of country baseline scenario - Introduction microsimulations methodology 	April 2010	✓	With just a little delay!

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Time schedule (deadlines)

Step/ Workshop	Task	Deadline	Completed	Comments
Step 5	Full MAMS/CGE calibration & policy scenario analysis and preliminary write-up of results	May – June 2010		
Step 6	Microsimulation/ poverty (MDG1) analysis	15 July 2010		
Step 7a	Full draft of country paper	15 Aug 2010		

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Time schedule (deadlines)

Step/ Workshop	Task	Deadline	Completed	Comments
Workshop 3	Discussion country papers and policy recommendations with policy makers	Sept 2010		
Step 7b	Final version country paper	31 Oct 2010		
Step 8	Comparative analysis	31 Oct 2010		

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Workshop objectives

- Take stock:
 - Adjusted SAM for MAMS;
 - Basic database completed;
 - MDG database in progress;
- Explain how to run MAMS and its different scenarios using GAMS
- Find hands-on solutions for remaining problems with data sets and model calibration to, at least, produce the baseline scenario;
- Discuss (more on the) estimation of MDG-related elasticities and parameters;
- Introduce the microsimulation methodology and prepare the country dataset for its implementation;
- Plan next steps (including country mission if necessary).

Overall goal: leave this workshop with a model running, at least for the baseline!! Some data gaps may have to be filled in later...

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Agenda items

- **Plenary sessions:** lecture-type (see next slides).
- **Country team presentations:** to report progress and present preliminary baseline results
- **Country team work:** to generate baseline scenario for country and prepare and use dataset for microsimulations
- **Practical sessions:** hands-on work by teams to run MAMS with demo data version and microsimulation methodology
- **Assignments:** push teams to generate preliminary baseline scenario and make a presentation on this

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Plenary sessions

- MAMS file structure and runs in GAMS
- MAMS closure rules, and generation of a baseline and other scenarios
- Generation of reports for key results of MAMS for analysis
- Revisit of key parameters of the MAMS dataset
- Additional suggestions for estimating MDG-related elasticities/parameters and elaborating MDG-determinants story
- A non-parametric microsimulation approach to assess changes in inequality and poverty
- Implementation of the microsimulation methodology in STATA using MAMS results

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- *Tip: Try to make the most of this workshop as it provides one of few opportunities to work with coordinating team*

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