

Building Parliamentary Capacity

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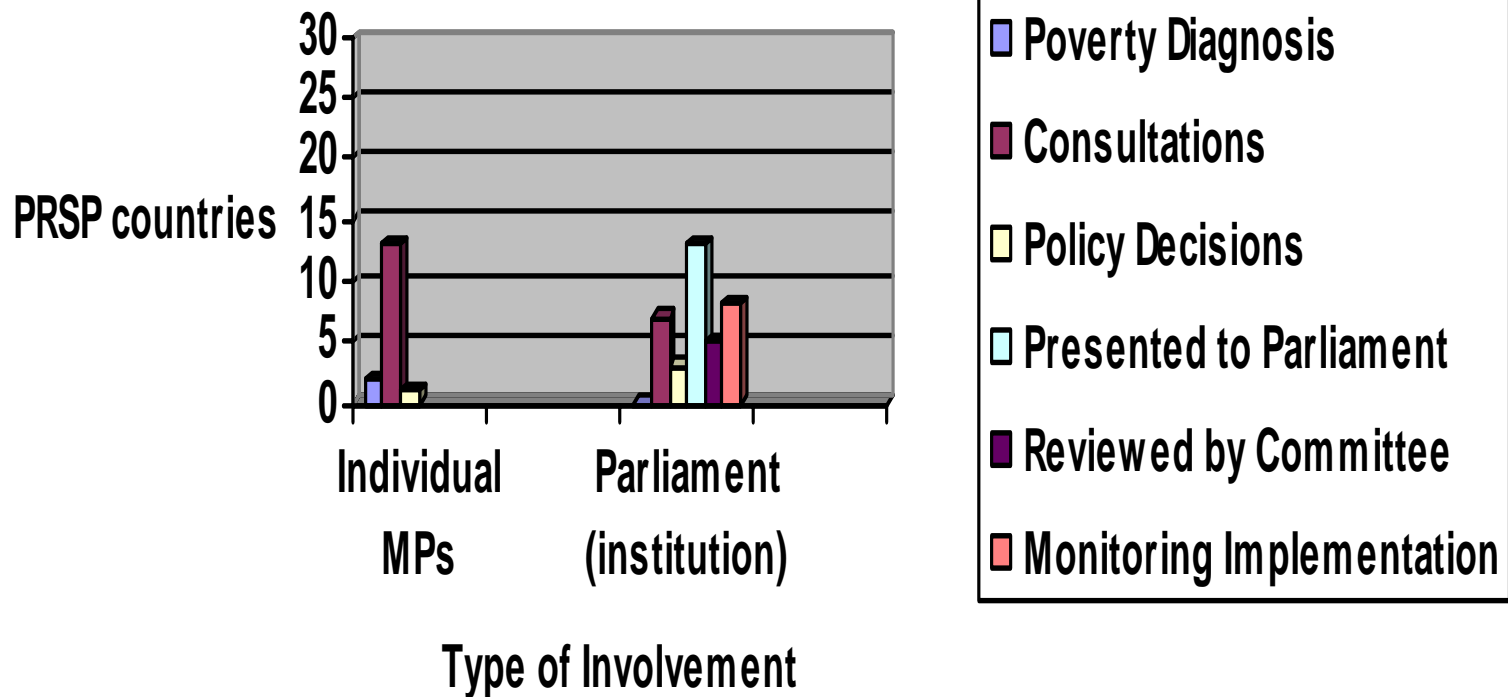
Presentation Outline

- *Parliaments, poverty reduction, democracy and good governance*
- *Are parliaments effective and how can this be measured?*
- *Impediments to effectiveness*

Parliaments, poverty reduction, democracy and good governance

- 2002 joint World Bank – IMF review of PRSP
- Country ownership of PRSP
- PRSPs presented to parliament in 50% of full PRSP countries
- Building on traditional roles for parliaments
- Entry points

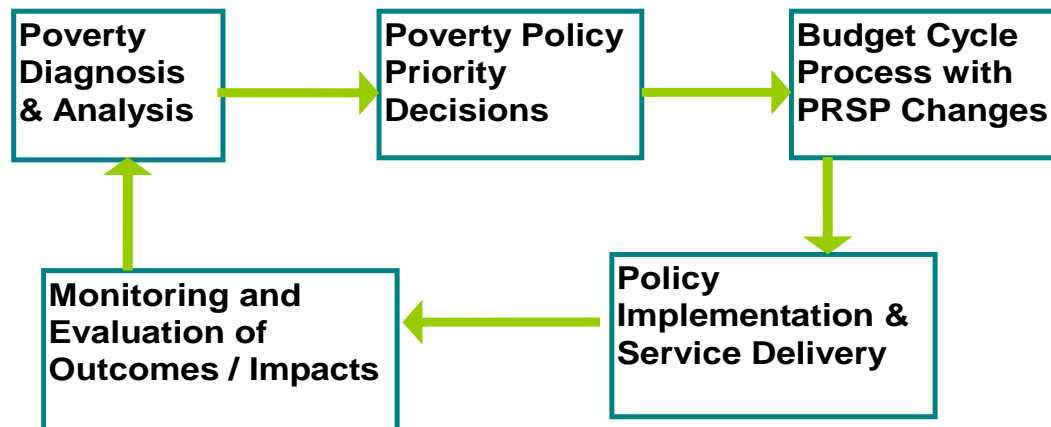
Trends in Parliamentary Involvement



Sharkey and Dreger, *"Parliamentary Involvement in the PRSP"*
World Bank (2003)

The Policy Process – Entry Points for Parliament

Budget Review & Approval



Monitoring and Oversight

Are parliaments effective and how can this be measured?

- Ownership
- Longer term technical assistance
- Institution vs individual
- PSP part of wider governance reform
- Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures

Impediments to effectiveness

- Donor funding
- Donor coordination
- Unrealistic expectations
- Political will
- Lack of successor planning and dependency
- Focus on individual rather than institution

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