

1.0. INTRODUCTION

Preparation process:

This second PRS progress report is the first to be prepared after Tanzania reached Completion Point in November 2001. The report is a product of a consultative process involving stakeholders in a number of ways. Views from the poor were gathered through the Participatory Poverty Assessment (PPA) exercise carried out in identified areas covering all the regions in Mainland Tanzania, which focused on vulnerability. The Poverty Policy Week held in mid September 2002 provided opportunity for stakeholders to discuss the outline and contents of the report. This was also done in several meetings involving government ministries, civil society organizations, the private sector and external development partners. The draft report was shared with development partners who offered their comments. The report was further discussed during the Consultative Group Meeting held in December 2-5, 2002 involving all the stakeholders.

The objectives of the report:

The report highlights the mileage achieved during 2001/02. It provides a synthesized poverty profile in chapter 2.0 – after the new findings under HBS/LFS 2000/01, which provide the baseline data on the status of poverty. Chapter 3 provides information on macroeconomic policies and structural reforms and how they link to poverty reduction. Issues of private sector development, impact of globalization and debt sustainability are also part of this chapter. Chapter 4.0 dwells on implementation status of the key priority sectors for poverty reduction. Sectors report the milestones achieved so far on agreed actions for 2001/02, and spell out steps for 2002/03. Chapter 5.0 contains implementation status on cross cutting issues and the way forward. The RDS is elaborated and implementation status of the Local Government Reform programme is reported. The chapter also introduces a section on development of human capital. Chapter 6.0 reviews the budget framework for poverty reduction programmes including domestic resource mobilization plan and a macroeconomic perspective of resource envelope. Poverty monitoring and evaluation implementation status and the way forward is provided under chapter 7.0, which briefly discusses also the financing of the PMMP.