

Country Systems Initiative in Ghana: Progress and Next Steps

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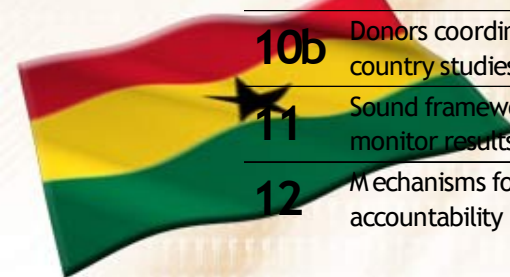
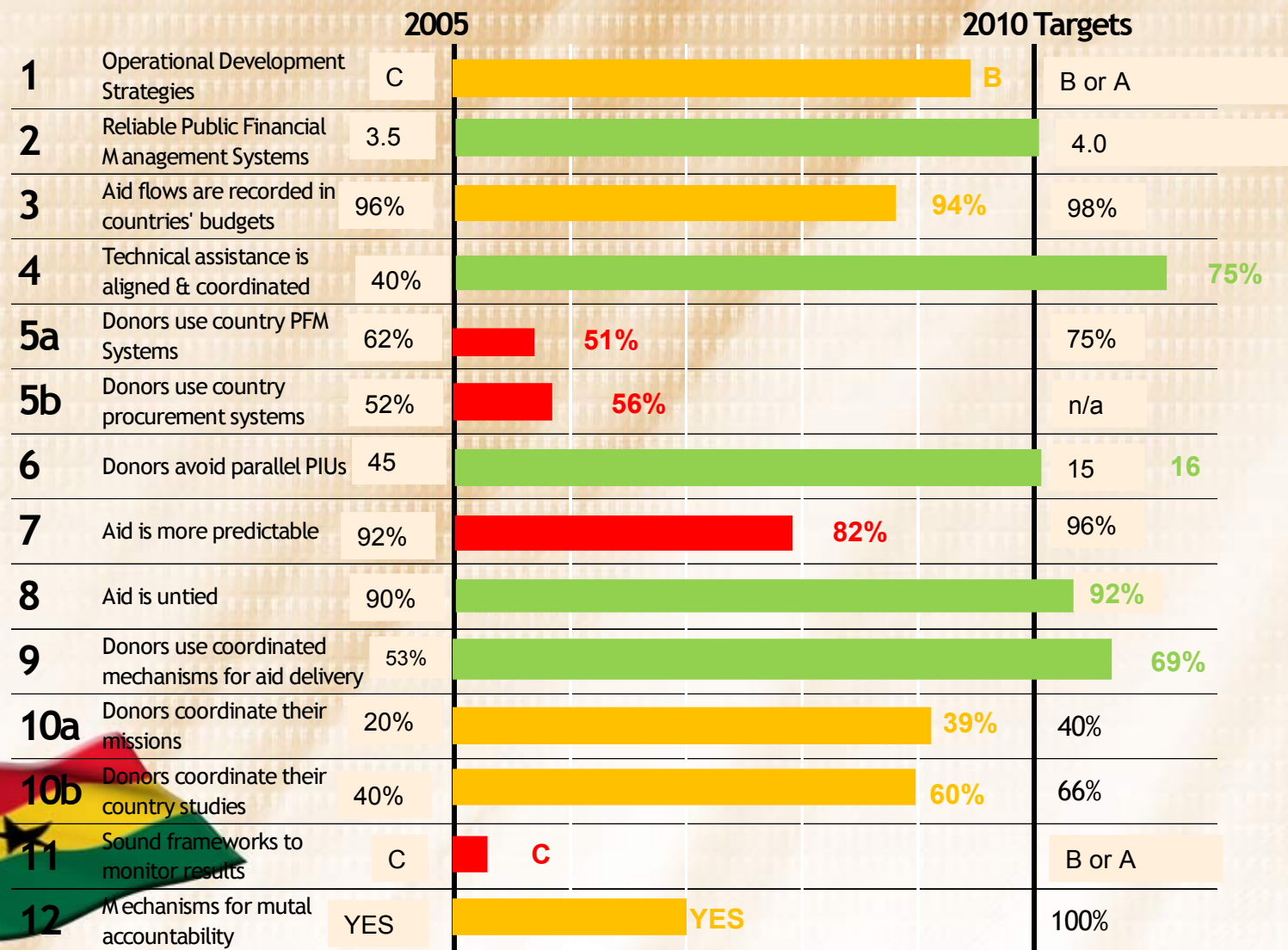


Outline

1. Reaching the Paris Declaration Targets on Country Systems: Evidence from Ghana
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PROGRESS ON STRENGTHENING AND USING COUNTRY SYSTEMS IN GHANA: PARIS DECLARATION COMMITMENT



Aid on Budget Study -- Conclusions

Majority of aid passes through some components of Ghana's Public Financial Management System but not in others...

Stage of Budget	Percentage of Aid on Budget per component
On Plan	50%of national disbursements use national planning procedures
On Budget	External Disbursements included in 2007 Budget Statement 94%of Consultative Group data on disbursements
On Treasury	Less than 30%of external finance uses treasury procedures for budget execution
On Parliament	Parliament reviews of ex ante external allocations is maximum of 93%of total projected aid disbursements as reported by donors
On Accounting	50%of total aid resources are accounted for using national procedures
On Audit	50%of total aid resources accoutned for using national procedures
On Report	93%of external aid resources captured in fiscal reports



Rationale for a Country Systems Initiative in Ghana

- ✓ Mutual Accountability and Development of a Progress Assessment Framework
- ✓ Country Systems commitments: key principle of Ghana's Aid Policy
- ✓ Conclusions of G-J AS Evaluation on need to invest in aid management and Government leadership
- ✓ Conclusions of PEFA Assessment (2009) on need to strengthen elements of Ghana's PFM system and donors aligning to budget process
- ✓ Clear Government commitment on Country Systems
- ✓ Conclusions from other evaluations (CABRI) on need to broaden discussion beyond MDDBS framework



Implementation Process in Ghana: Phase 1-3

- **Phase One**
 - Dialogue with Government (Dec 2009) and Development Partners (Feb 2010)
- **Phase Two**
 - Analysis and Development of Joint- Technical Recommendations and Lessons Learned with CABRI and with support from Task Forces on PFM and Procurement (June 2010)
- **Phase Three**
 - High Level Agreement to Review Recommendations and Report at HLF-4



Identifying 'Quick Wins that Matter' on Country Systems in Ghana: some examples

- ❖ Using one combined assessment tool for PFM
- ❖ Using Ghana's Audit Service
- ❖ Sharing information better during the finalisation of Ghana's budget
- ❖ Transferring financial data to the Controller and Accountant General
- ❖ Taking a leadership role in the Statistics Development Plan



Next Steps

- Seminar held to inform Local Development Partners on Ghana's Budget Execution systems (May 2010)
- Support to Ghana's Audit Service (ongoing)
- CABRI facilitation of Technical Seminars on each of the 'quick wins that matter' (June-July 2010)
- Support from Working Party on Aid Effectiveness co-Chairs (Phase 3: September)

