

**Strengthening PRS Monitoring Project – Federal
ToR's for Study on Debt Profile of Pakistan and its Impact on Poverty**

Terms of Reference

Project Name: Strengthening PRS Monitoring Project (SPRSMP)
Post Title: Study on Debt Profile of Pakistan and its Impact on Poverty (SSA)
Duty Station: Islamabad
Posted on: August 15, 2012
Last Date to Apply: August 22, 2012

Background:

The PRSP Secretariat underpins the government's institutional mechanism for poverty monitoring. The PRSP Secretariat has been mandated with the overall lead in coordinating, monitoring, evaluating, and tracking the implementation of the PRSP; and reporting progress on anti-poverty public expenditures, intermediate social indicators, and final outcomes. A critical input in achieving the targets set out in the PRSP is the effective utilization of anti-poverty public expenditures. The purpose of the Strengthening PRS Monitoring project is to strengthen institutional capacities for results-based monitoring and evaluation of poverty reduction strategies (PRS).

The causes of poverty at an individual level clearly present a wide range of possible explanations for poverty and unequal wealth distribution. Equally, it is possible to identify some clear structural causes of poverty, which in countries that espouse equality of opportunity is problematic. According to economic theorists worldwide there is a strong connection of poverty with the debt profile of a country. Debt has constrained economic development in many cases. Borrowing, with the hope of stimulating investment and reducing poverty has more often than not resulted in a downward spiral into abject poverty. This is not true of all instances. However, where it has been the case the ways in which poverty and debt are addressed must be reviewed.

The PRSP II takes a very effective approach towards formulating a long-term national economic strategy that aims at reducing poverty. The first pillar of PRSP is Macroeconomic Stability and Real Sector Growth. The debt and deficit of Pakistan need to be reduced in order to achieve macroeconomic stability and reduce poverty. The study on Debt Profile of Pakistan and its Impact on Poverty will help the government to accurately assess the linkages between poverty reduction and debt management.

The researcher hired to carry out this study will be required to perform the following duties and deliverables:

Objectives and Parameters of the Study:

- To collect data on debt and poverty related indicators
- To analyze the debt profile and poverty trends of the country.
- The main aim of the study is to identify the linkages of debt with poverty and elaborate on the how the overall debt trend affects the poverty rate.
- The study should also clearly map out what policies the government has initiated to control debt and poverty rates.
- The researcher will be required to give policy recommendations that provide a guide line to the government on how to control poverty and debt rates.
- Any other task assigned by the National Project Manager/ National Project Director.

Qualification:

The candidate should have Masters Degree in Social Sciences or Business Administration.

Supervision:

The support person will work under the guidance and supervision of the National Project Manager.

*Please send your CV to:
The National Project Manager
Strengthening PRS Monitoring Project
3rd Floor, Federal Bank for Cooperatives Building
G-5/2, Islamabad or
Email to: sprsm.jobs@gmail.com*