

# Protecting the Vulnerable:

## The Design and Implementation of Effective Safety Nets



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# OUTLINE

- Looking at yesterday: Bank's work on Children and Youth
- Looking at tomorrow: A New Global Strategy on Children and Youth
- Strategic Approaches to a Children and Youth Action Plan

# Looking at Yesterday

- Between FY1990 and FY2000, the WB financed 625 HD projects
- 302 of these projects supported, directly or indirectly, child health, welfare, development and protection
- This represents 48% of total WB lending in the HD sectors in this period

# Looking at Tomorrow: Developing a New Strategy that would...

- Fill in information gaps
- Shift Focus from coping to prevention
- Prioritize Bank`s areas of intervention
- Guide policy recommendations
- Be reflected in operations

# FY03: The Deliverables

- Complete a draft strategy on children and youth
- Firm backgrounds for methodology and data
- New areas of emphasis such as OVC, Child Labor, Disabled Children and Youth Employment
- Follow up of the Demand-Driven Proposals implementation

To develop and implement a global C&Y strategy, we need to make key changes in the way we do business...

- Mainstreaming children and youth as a theme
- Establish the centrality of children and youth issues to MDGs and the Bank's corporate strategy
- Focus on implementation and regional Outreach
- Strengthen partnerships

# Mainstreaming children and youth as a theme

- Adopting a cross-sectoral and comprehensive approach to C&Y issues
- Emphasizing importance of continuity in investments based on the life cycle approach and risk management framework
- Developing tools that will help staff to design and carryout assessments, interventions and evaluations
- Developing a C&Y website for outreach and communications

# Centrality of children and youth issues to MDGs and the Bank's corporate strategy

- Achieving Millennium Development goals is a pressing need
- 6 of the MDGs are directly related to Children and Youth
- Focusing on better policies and practices for children and youth is central to achieving development goals

# Areas that need additional focus

- The economic benefit of investing in Children and Youth
- Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- HIV/AIDS and youth
- Prenatal and neonatal health
- Youth Employment
- Youth participation
- Child labor and health related issues

# Implementation and regional Outreach

- From strategy to operations
- Building on regional work and leadership
- Good practices in the regions for setting a road map for replication and sustainability
- Knowledge management

# Partnerships

- Building internal partnerships across different sectors and regions
- Develop external partnerships with relevant UN agencies, international institutions and NGOs
- Bank as a leading-equal-partner