Working Group 3

Targeting the Poor

Targeting the Poor

- Donor perspective – mandate is to support the poorest of the poor
- Cost-benefit of targeting the poor
- What margin of error is acceptable to donors
- Monitoring mechanisms
- All programmes have problems

Targeting the Poor

A range of experiences from different countries

- Cambodia
  - Community advisory committees + criteria
- Vietnam
  - Village communes submit lists
- Germany
  - Identifying the right people

Targeting the Poor

A range of experiences from different countries

- Kenya – poverty grading tool for 5 districts
- India – BPL cards
  - Established government systems
  - Not doing a good job
  - Adding proxy indicators such as SC and ST

Targeting the Poor

- Regional variations
- Few monitoring systems available
- Changing systems requires high level political support
- Problem faced by developing and developed countries
- Who is poor matters if the subsidy is large