

Sector Budget Support in Practice (SBSiP) Seminar

Introduction



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Study Context

- Commissioned by the Strategic Partnership with Africa (SPA)
- Financed by DFID
- Undertaken by Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Mokoro, local researchers...
- ...in collaboration with Country Reference Groups

What did the study involve?

- Inception report (methodology)
- Literature review
- Case Studies
 - **Health:** Zambia, Mozambique, Tanzania*
 - **Education:** Rwanda, Uganda, Mali
 - **Roads:** Zambia
 - **Local Government:** Uganda*, Tanzania*
 - **Agriculture:** Mozambique*
- Donor HQ Accountability Expectations
- SPA Members Workshop and Action Plan
- Synthesis Report and Good Practice Note

Study Methodology

- Primary study question:
 - How far has SBS met the objectives of partner countries and donors and what are the good practice lessons that can be used to improve effectiveness in the future?

Working definition of SBS

- Funds channelled via government finance ministry via regular government procedures to the ministries, departments or agencies responsible for budget execution
- Dialogue and conditions associated with the aid should be predominantly focused on a single sector

Key Study Questions

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 - What has SBS achieved in the case study countries and what are the conditions for success?
 - How far has the design of SBS conformed with partner Government regulations and systems and to what extent have donors departed or “derogated” from these to ensure accountability?
 - How well is SBS integrated with other aid instruments and with cross cutting Government reform efforts?
 - How does SBS compare to other aid instruments in terms of perceived benefits to partners and levels of transaction costs?