Results Based Financing Mechanisms: Experience from Output Based Aid

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Summary

- Results-Based Financing being talked about
- Output Based Aid (OBA) what it entails
- OBA experience to date
- Findings on benefits of OBA approach
- Bangladesh example of OBA with SHSs
- Expanding local financing capacity
- Ensuring appropriate service level
- Mumbai example framework for delivery at local level

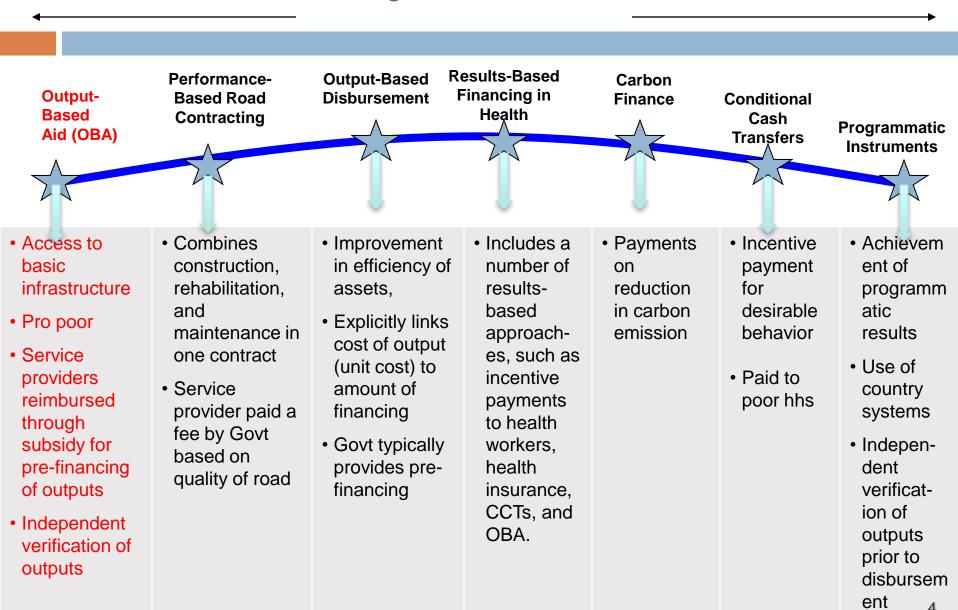


Results based financing

- Payments to businesses or households after measurable pre-agreed actions have been achieved and verified.
- "financing" refers to payment to address the gap in funding between costs and revenues – the affordability or viability gap.
 - Subsidy to households so they can afford costs of connections
 - Cross-subsidy to utility to purchase/produce otherwise financially uncompetitive energy



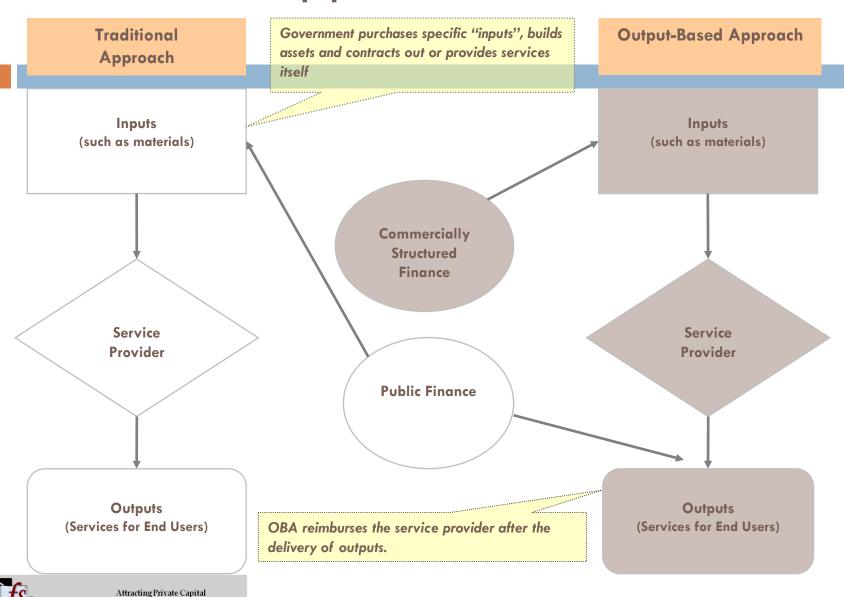
OBA is part of a menu of instruments making up Results-Based Financing



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Traditional approach vs. results-based



Risk transfer: Subsidy Provider to Service Provider

- Payment only after Service Provider has delivered adequate level of service.
- Service independently verified before payments are made.
- Several examples:
 - Output-based Aid and Feed-in tariffs most relevant to clean energy/climate change.

Output based Aid

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- Determine the service to be provided (the output)
- End recipients are targeted
 - low income
- Subsidies set at an efficient level
 - Designed on case-by-case basis with sustainability in mind. Process for determining what the level of subsidy should be.
 - Based on competitive process or efficient unit price discovery – not actual cost.
- Design appropriate institutional arrangements
- Projects continually monitored and regularly improved upon.
 - Everything is designed up front





Uganda: Access to Sustainable Water Services for the Poor in Selected Small Towns

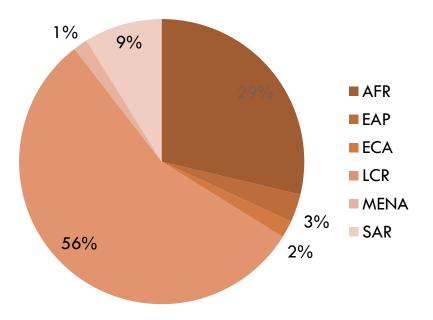
Significant experience with OBA

- 2002: 32 projects identified \$1.5 billion WBG funding
- 2010: 131 projects identified \$3.5 billion WBG funding (excl. \$2.8 bn government financing)
 - 66 projects identified outside the WBG
 - 51 Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid (GPOBA) projects, mainly in water, health and energy, of US\$153 m value (committed)
- Evidence base is increasing (34 projects closed, 78 under implementation)

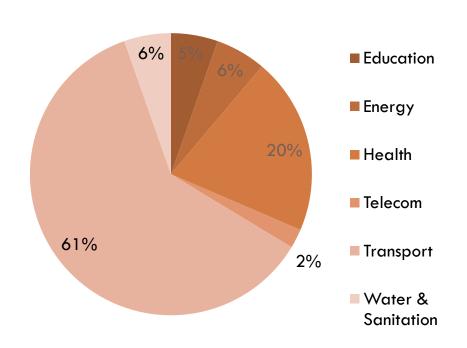


Snapshot of OBA in the WBG

WBG OBA Portfolio by Region



WBG OBA Portfolio by Sector



Lessons: Benefits of OBA Approach

- Outcomes are <u>targeted</u> explicit ex ante determination of who should be eligible for the scheme
 - "Internalizing monitoring" by paying on outputs
- Results focused all stakeholders have strong incentives to deliver service (and are only paid after doing so)
 - So far \$1 of subsidy has leveraged \$2 of private financing; varies by sector and region
- Scope for Innovation and <u>efficiency</u> service outputs rather than work inputs are prescribed
 - efficiency gains through competitive processes
- Designed in <u>sustainable</u> way affordability assessment is carried out up front.

Encourages careful subsidy design

Specific case: Bangladesh Solar Home Systems

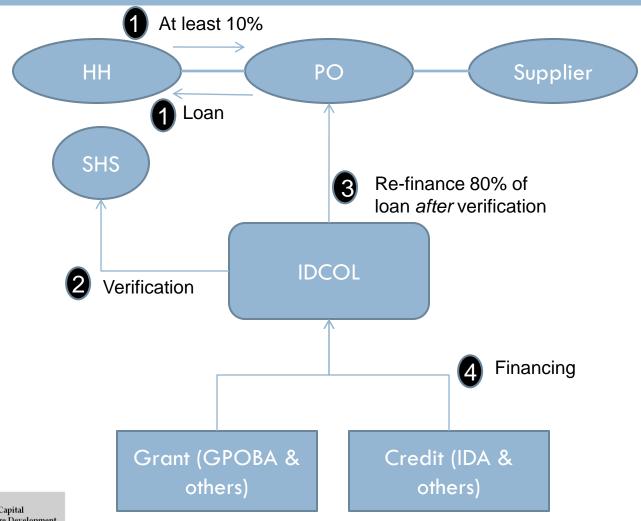
- Rural Electrification and Renewable
 Energy Development (RERED) Project.
- Since 2003, with a variety of grant donors including GEF, KfW, GTZ and latterly GPOBA. Two rounds of credit support from IDA.
- Targeted at off-grid consumers.
- I million connections in May 2011 (440,000 connections since May 2010).
- New round of IDA financing being processed for \$172 million (630,000 new systems).



Bangladesh: Electrification for Poor Rural Households



How it works: high level summary





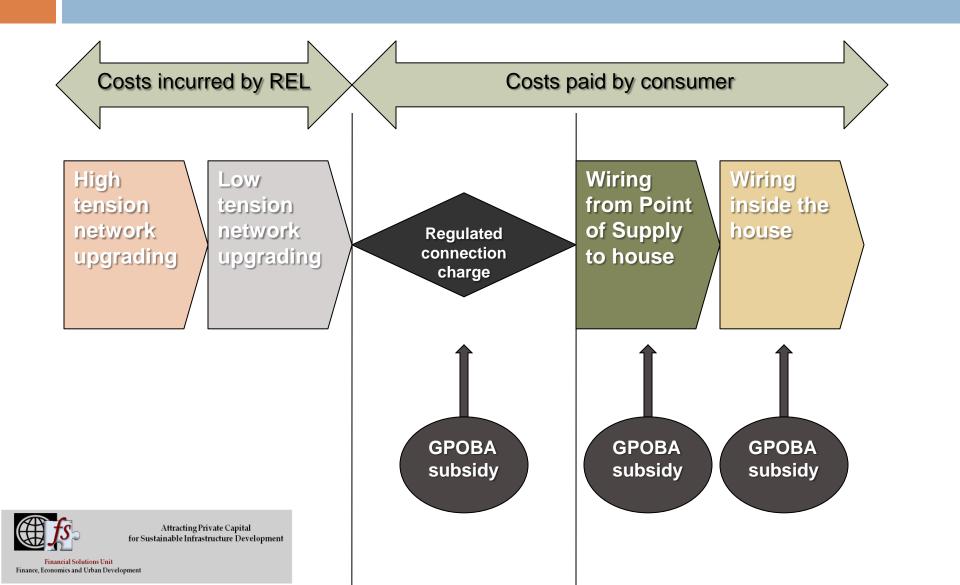
Expanding local financing

- Need to pre-finance puts an onus on developing/leveraging the existing/local financing community
- The explicit (OBA) contract with clear output requirements provides certainty for payment/re-financing.
 - POs were offering hhs credit at a rate of 12-15% with a repayment period of 3-5 years. By setting up the resultsbased lending facility offering 6-8% over 10 years, POs could extract their capital for use in further new projects.
 - Rapid increase in the size of lending.
 - Entry of several financial institutions into the market.

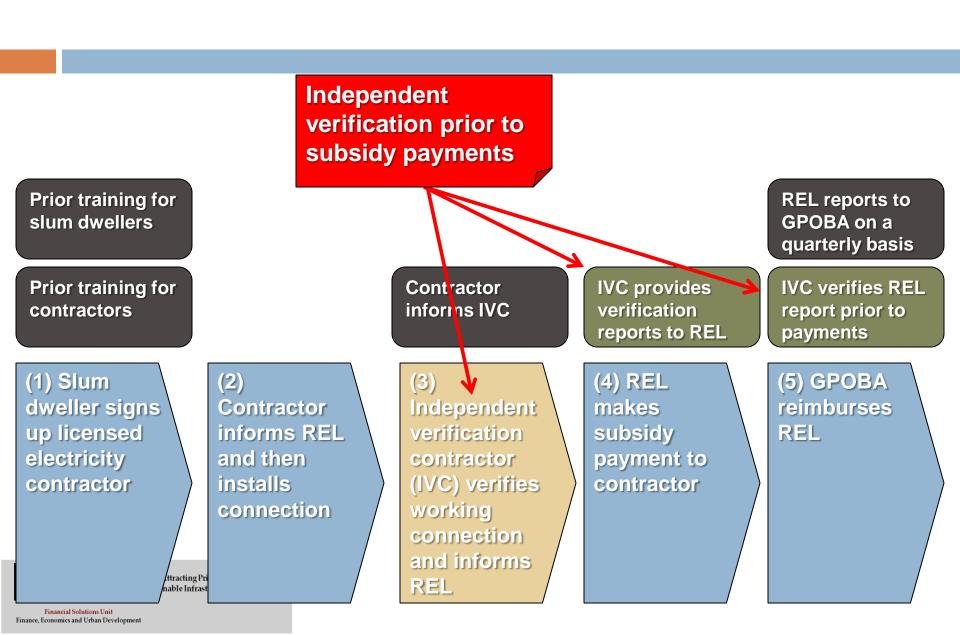
Appropriate service levels

- The project minimizes risk that its suppliers won't perform by designing 'outputs' to reflect desired performance.
 - Includes post installation warranty.
- Government Agency (IDCOL) checks that this service requirement has been met before authorizing release of funds.

Case study: Mumbai wiring in slum context

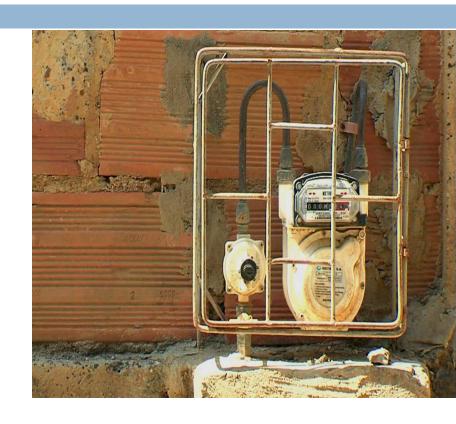


Sequence of events under the project



Provides framework for delivering access and energy efficiency at local level

- Service delivery meets technical and affordability requirements in areas that are beyond the responsibility of the regulated distribution company.
- Supports delivery of adequate basic services in an informal/slum environment.
- Ensures that the financial support is used efficiently and delivers targeted and effective results.





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