Many countries are not on track to meet the sanitation MDG. Further, a significant amount of money invested in sanitation does not necessarily result in increased access to services. A recent study commissioned by the Water and Sanitation Program found that, for household on-site sanitation in rural and peri-urban areas, hardware subsidies provided on an output basis rather than an input basis can be effective at stimulating demand and leveraging private investment. Building on these findings, the Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid is examining the potential role for output-based aid (OBA) subsidies at all levels of the sanitation “value chain”, including collection, transport and safe disposal, drawing on experience with OBA in other sectors such as water and energy. The objective of the side event is to show how OBA can be used to increase access to sanitation but also how it can encourage the sustainable use of sanitation facilities. GPOBA will share a framework paper on the use of output-based subsidies in the sanitation sector and will present case studies of specific proposals for OBA sanitation projects for discussion.

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