

Drawing Some Conclusions from the Study for Policy.



Inferences from Research to Policy

- Issues with making Generalizations from Survey Studies.
 - We know that from our personal experiences that conditions are much worse or in other instances much better than what the study reveals.
 - Sampling Strategy deals with that to some extent.
 - Conclusions on broader policy contexts but specific policy designs may need further studies to understand better the contextual issues.
- Regression Analysis will indicate better correlational data for better understanding of links between variables and hence possible specific policy options.

What is the Big Picture

- Lost Decade??? Not at all. Things do not look that bad as speculated by many in the public and through the media.
 - Teacher numbers and Student Enrolments have increased. School Infrastructure and Learning Conditions have deteriorated but not very serious.
 - Health Service delivery has somewhat not improved and had deteriorated. But overall, some basic services are still being provided.
- But is that due to increased per capita spending from 2009.
 - If so, can we see improved results in the next couple of years. To see that per capita spending must be sustained at 2012 levels or increased.

In Education

- More than 80% of School Fee Subsidies are being received and having a positive effect. This needs to be continued and sustained.
- The Set up of School Boards, Parents and Citizens Groups and the regular meetings of these bodies creates and builds accountability mechanism. These need to be sustained and strengthened.
- Regular Visits from Supervisors Seems to make a difference. These need to be sustained and strengthened.

In Health

- Health Services have declined but not so drastically as thought. However still maintained at some levels
 - Health Grants not being received.
 - Drugs supply to be improved.
 - Infrastructure maintenance required.
- May need to develop local bodies to take responsibility and develop some accountability systems.
- Work on Regular Supervision systems to Health Centre and Aid posts.

General Policy Implications

- Need for Better Transport Infrastructure and Other Enabling Services such as Banking, Shops, etc. to be accessed by staff and families of schools and health centers as well as the wider community.