

Centre for Budget and Policy Studies (CBPS)

Concept Note on the One day Seminar on

Public Spending and its Effectiveness: Selected Studies from Karnataka Health; Education; Water; Local Self-Government

June 25, 2011, Bangalore

Background

Centre for Budget and Policy Studies (CBPS) has focussed on studying public expenditure and its impact on service delivery and outcomes at the State and the district level. During the last two years, we have undertaken two studies at the state level, namely Program Budget Analysis (PBA) and Cost Effectiveness Analysis (CEA) for the social sectors of health, education and drinking water in the state of Karnataka. These studies looked at the priority areas of spending in each sector and their allocations across various expenditure heads. Specific programmes in each sector were analysed for the measuring the outcome and effectiveness of these scheme in delivering benefits to the intended target audience. These studies were supported by the Global Development Network.

In addition, at the district level, we have studied the expenditure patterns and the institutional mechanisms in place to deliver services at the level of local governments. We studied audited financial statements/budgets of the urban and rural local self-governments in the district of Shimoga to understand the priority spending areas and the challenges in service delivery and capacity building. Within the federal framework of decentralisation, the role of elected members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Karnataka in delivering services through its finances was also studied. This part of the study was funded by the Google Foundation.

Objectives

A one day seminar is being organised to share the main findings of these studies with the following objectives:

1. To share the trends in the public financing of social sectors in Karnataka
2. To link public expenditure on these social sectors with parameters of equity, efficiency and effectiveness, and their policy implications
3. To understand the governance issues in the PRIs and ULBs in service delivery through the budget window.
4. To deliberate on the potential role of Local governments in the public service delivery.
5. To receive feedback on our on-going research studies and generate discussions on the issues of public service delivery in social sector.

Expected Outcomes

1. An inter-sector comparative understanding of various trends in financing and governance of health, education and drinking water.
2. Sector specific policy options for making improvements in the service delivery models of the three specific schemes analysed.
3. An overview of the existing system of devolution of funds and governance issues of PRIs and ULBs in relation to service delivery under the federal framework of decentralisation.

4. An understanding of the fund flows at the district and local levels and the bottlenecks

Likely Main Focus of the Presentations

Health:

1. Analysis of the Budget and expenditure in Karnataka for a ten year period
2. Analysis of the functioning and initial impact of the Rashtriya Swastha Bima Yojna (RSBY)

Education:

1. Analysis of the Budget and expenditure in Karnataka for a ten year period
2. Analysis of the functioning and impact of the Instructive Radio Instructions (IRI) for improving the quality in primary grades

Water:

1. Analysis of the Budget and expenditure in Karnataka for a ten year period
2. Analysis of the PPP model in the form of 24/7 water supply project in providing drinking water, especially from the perspective of the poor

Local Bodies:

1. Analysis of the experiences of using budget/audited annual accounts as a tool to understand the intricacies of the rural/urban local self- governance and applying it to empower the elected members for making more informed decisions.
2. Analysis of local governments finances, process of fund flow and the relations with the higher levels of governments

We would be circulating the hand-outs on all the above to share the main focus and the major findings of our research. The handouts will be made available in advance to all the chairs and discussants. The copies will be distributed to all the participants in the seminar.

Poster sessions

We will also be presenting eight posters on related aspects raising some of the important issues. The two tea and the lunch sessions will also be used as poster sessions where the participants will have a choice to have a closer look and discussion around the posters.

One of our researchers will be available near each of these posters to explain and answer the questions, if any.

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Health; Education: Water: Local Self-Government

Tentative Agenda

Registration: 9.00 – 9.30

Inaugural Session: 9.30 – 10.00 am

Welcome: 9.30 – 9.35 am

Inaugural Address: 9.35 - 9.50

Shri S. V. Ranganath, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka

Introduction to the Seminar: 9.40 - 10.00 am

Dr. Jyotsna Jha, Director, CBPS

Technical Session 1 – Health: 10.00 – 11.30 am

Chair: Dr. Arvind Kasturi, Head of Department of Community Medicine, St. Johns College, Bangalore

Presentation by Ms. Achala and Ms. Anaka Aiyar, CBPS

Discussants:

1. Prof. D. Narayana, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum
2. Dr. Nishant Jain, Senior Technical Specialist, GIZ, New Delhi

Session followed by tea / poster session: 11.30 -12 noon

Technical Session 2 – Education: 12.00 noon – 1.30 pm

Chair: Prof. J B G Tilak, National University of Education Planning and Administration, New Delhi

Presentation by Ms. Shubhashansa Bakshi, CBPS

Discussants:

1. Shri Sanjiv Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics, Government of Karnataka
2. Prof. Amman Madan, Professor, Azim Premji University, Bangalore

Session followed by lunch / poster session: 1.30 -2.15 pm

Technical Session 3 – Drinking Water: 2.15 – 3.45 pm

Chair: Shri Ravi Narayanan, Adviser, Araghyam, Bangalore

Presentation by Mr. Sandeep M. S., CBPS

Discussants:

1. Dr. Kshithij Urs, ActionAid India
2. Prof. G. Ramesh, Centre for Public Policy, IIM Bangalore

Session followed by tea / poster session: 3.45 – 4.15 pm

Technical Session 4 – Decentralisation: 4.15 – 5.45 pm

Chair: Prof. P. K. Michael Tharakan, Vice Chancellor, Kannur University, Kerala

Presentation by Mr. Madhusudhan Rao, CBPS

Discussants:

1. Shri T. R. Raghunandan, Former Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Government of Karnataka
2. Shri Aloysius P. Fernandez, Chairman, NABARD Financial Services and former Executive Director of MYRADA (tbc)

Closing Session: Wrap up of the day's proceedings: 5.45 – 6.00 pm

What are the Main Messages? - Prof. Vinod Vyasulu, Adviser, CBPS

Vote of Thanks and Closure