GPOBA InnOBAtions Awards

On Tuesday, October 29, GPOBA’s Panel of Experts announced ten award-winning pilot projects at the conclusion of GPOBA’s 10th Anniversary two-day conference, an output-based aid (OBA) networking and learning event. The Panel of Experts has been delegated the authority, by GPOBA’s donors (World Bank, IFC, DFID, Sida, Ausaid and DGIS) to approve GPOBA’s projects for eligibility and commitment; and in this case, also served as the committee to select the ten projects that best exemplified successful and innovative implementation of output-based aid, with potential replication and scaling up, as well as adding to the diversity of the portfolio.

Projects meeting the criteria below were favored for selection:

- OBA pioneer (first pilot, new sector, frontier)
- Leveraging partnerships with governments / donors / other development partners
- Enabling private sector participation in the sector / country
- Community / grassroots involvement
- Impact on sectoral policy, scale up or replication effect

Of the ten awards presented, half were for pilots in the water sector, with the remaining sectors (energy, health, transport, education, and solid waste management) having one representative each:

WATER

1. **Improved Access to Water Services in the East Zone of Metro Manila (Philippines)**

   This project helped 171,000 people get access to clean, piped water, enabled private sector participation and had a scale-up effect, as the government of the Philippines has shown interest in adopting and expanding the approach through a National OBA Facility for water and sanitation. In addition, this project was also recognized for GPOBA’s collaboration with the IFC, which contributed US$2.9 million to the project. For more information, [click here](#).

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2. **National OBA Facility for Water and Sanitation Services (Honduras)**

   GPOBA supported the government of Honduras to establish an OBA Facility to finance water and sanitation projects throughout the country, benefitting around 88,000 people. As the first OBA facility developed by GPOBA and the World Bank, the project was recognized as an OBA Pioneer. It was also applauded for leveraging partnerships with the government and donors, which provided co-financing and technical support, as well as other partners carrying out the projects. Also recognized were its enabling the participation of the private sector and communities – as many of the latter contributed in-kind to the construction of the sub-projects. For a guide to this facility, [click here](#).

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3. **Microfinance for Community Water Services (Kenya)**
   Over 200,000 people in rural and peri-urban communities received access to water through this project, and was recognized for enabling private-sector participation and leveraging partnerships with other development partners. As a pioneer project, it was also the first GPOBA-funded project to facilitate access to private-finance by blending OBA subsidies with commercial finance. The lender, K-Rep Bank, provided microloans to help small, community-based providers expand their water networks. To review OBA Approaches #30 focusing on this project and a video, [click here](#) and [here](#).
   
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4. **Expanding Piped Water Services to Surabaya’s Urban Poor (Indonesia)**
   This project extended piped water services to approximately 68,000 people in Surabaya. The project was awarded for leveraging partnerships with Donors and for its impact on sector policy in Indonesia, and scale-up effect. The project won the government’s buy-in to adopt and scale-up the OBA approach as the nationwide program for opening access to piped-water supply and sanitation for the poor. It helped to leverage over US$100 million from AusAID and $10 million from USAID to connect over 325,000 households to water and sanitation through 2016.
   
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5. **Andhra Pradesh Water Scheme (India)**
   This project has provided safe drinking water to 75,000 people in 25 villages. It was recognized as an OBA pioneer as it piloted a new, energy efficient and non-polluting ultra-violet water purification technology under a PPP model; it was also recognized for enabling the private sector, for leveraging partnerships between private sector providers and local NGOs, and for working at a grassroots level with full community engagement.
   
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**ENERGY**

6. **Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development Project (Bangladesh)**
   Approximately 2.4 million people in rural Bangladesh now have access to energy through their solar home systems. This project was an example of leveraging partnerships between the implementing agency, a government-owned infrastructure finance company, and NGOs, which procure and install the systems. It was also recognized for its scale-up potential, as many Donors have shown interest in replicating the model in other areas of Bangladesh. For an update and video, [click here](#)
   
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HEALTH

7. **Safe-Motherhood Project (Yemen)**
This project has been providing maternal health services, including safe child births to targeted women. So far, the program has reached around 17,000 women. It is considered a pioneer of OBA, as it is Yemen’s first results-based financing project, and the first pilot in the country with a successful partnership between NGOs and the private sector. Its role and importance were such that the World Bank granted a waiver for it to continue when the country was considered closed due to internal political strife. The IFC contributed $3.9 million for this project, another example of collaboration within the WBG.

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EDUCATION

8. **Upper-Secondary Education Enhancement (Vietnam)**
Through tuition subsidies, GPOBA has helped over 8,000 students gain access to quality education. This is GPOBA’s first and only project in education, and was recognized for being an OBA pioneer as an example of testing the use of OBA in a new sector. It was also awarded for leveraging partnerships with local education partners, including government-sponsored associations working to improve education in Vietnam. For an overview of this program, visit [East Meets West](#).

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

9. **Nepal Solid Waste Management**
As the first GPOBA pilot in this sector, this was recognized as a pioneer for its innovative use of OBA, especially as this is a sector that traditionally has suffered from a lack of financing, lack of institutional capacity and poor quality of service. The project, which is still in its start-up phase, is expected to improve access to quality, financially sustainable solid waste management services for 800,000 people.

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TRANSPORT

10. **National CREMA Program (Argentina)**
Although this was not a GPOBA-funded project, it was granted an InnOBAction award for being a results-based-financing project carried out by the World Bank’s Transport sector that incorporated several OBA core concepts. This program developed a national road network management strategy through performance-based road rehabilitation and maintenance contracts. It was recognized as a
pioneer of results-based financing in the road asset management business, as it was the first of its kind to address both of these issues together under performance-based contracts since the 1990’s. Additionally, it also was recognized for enabling private sector participation, and for its impact in sector policy and replication effect. This CREMA strategy supported by four World Bank loans recently expanded from the national to provincial level in Argentina, and is being replicated in other countries.

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