



# Elements of German Country Concentration Strategy

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## Status Quo

- Since 2007: Concentration on fewer partner countries
  - 57 priority countries
  - 21 countries with regional cooperation (increased thematic and regional focus)
    - Before 2000: over 100 partner countries
    - Until 2007: 94 partner countries
- Since 2000: Concentration on maximum 3 sectors per priority country (57), 21 countries with regional cooperation with reduced support, e.g. one focal area only



## Benefits?

- average CPA-commitments per year and sector increased from 9,73 Mio. € in 2007 to 13,76 Mio. € in 2009
- Policy and sector dialogue with partner country is more focused and of “higher quality”
- We are better able to be part of division of labour processes.
- Cost savings (less country offices abroad, less in-depth analysis of country information, documents by multilaterals and the EU COM) – not quantified



## How did we reach the Status Quo

- Country selection criteria:
  - Needs (poverty, fragility, global public goods)
  - Governance
  - Cross-country division of labour, significance of German contribution to development
  - Political considerations, regional aspects, historic ties.
- Three groups of partner countries
  - Poor and well governed
  - Fragile states
  - Emerging economics with regional / global relevance



## Strategy elements

- Elements of flexibility:
  - CPA that is relevant for DoL does only go to partner countries
  - However, there is flexibility for flows via specific thematic funding facilities, NGOs / civil society, ODA-relevant private investment schemes, culture / German schools abroad / scholarships
- An external analysis (by German Development Institute, not yet published) shows that poverty, level of democracy and population size exerted a positive influence, intense conflict a negative on the selection process



## Further considerations for German country concentration

- There is momentum to further concentrate geographically
- However, increasing thematic challenges do not always facilitate concentration (e.g. climate change)
- A clear EU process on CC DoL will facilitate internal strategy considerations



# Indicative EU partner country list

- Ministers in La Granja agreed to promote cross-country division of labour in the EU including exchange of information on country lists.
- Such lists could be aggregated to an indicative EU partner country list for EU internal use.
- A first draft of an indicative EU partner country list still under Spanish Presidency?

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