Lessons in Education Budget Advocacy in the Asia Pacific

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I. Critical Issues in the Budget Process

- Transparency - Access to Documents & Information
- Public Participation in Budget Process
- CSO Representation in Budget-Making Bodies/Commissions
- Greater public awareness on Budget
- More substantial public debate on the Budget
II. Budget Advocacy Strategies

- Capacity building
- Planning and designing intervention strategies
- Information dissemination and media engagement
- Lobbying and intervention
III. In Pictures: Budget Advocacy Work in the Asia Pacific

**PHILIPPINES – “Six will Fix” Campaign**

6% of GDP for Education
will cover GAPS in Education
III. In Pictures: Budget Advocacy Work in the Asia Pacific

**INDIA – Nine is Mine Campaign**

6% of GDP for Education  
3% of GDP for Health  
= 9% to End POVERTY

**NEPAL ... Budget Tracking Survey**

Funding Flow in Nepal, 32 Steps MOES ➔ Schools
IV. Lessons in Budget Advocacy

- There is a need to identify key actors in the budget process (Stakeholders Analysis/mapping)
- There must be concrete proposals with good basis
- Make budget proposals simple (“demystify” budgets)
- Must have credibility, with constituency, with machinery
IV. Lessons in Budget Advocacy

- Must have champions or allies in the Government
- Intimate knowledge of the engagement terrain
- Must maintain flexibility in dealing with Government
- Must develop expertise and capacity in budget advocacy
Thank you!