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Project name

Names of team members

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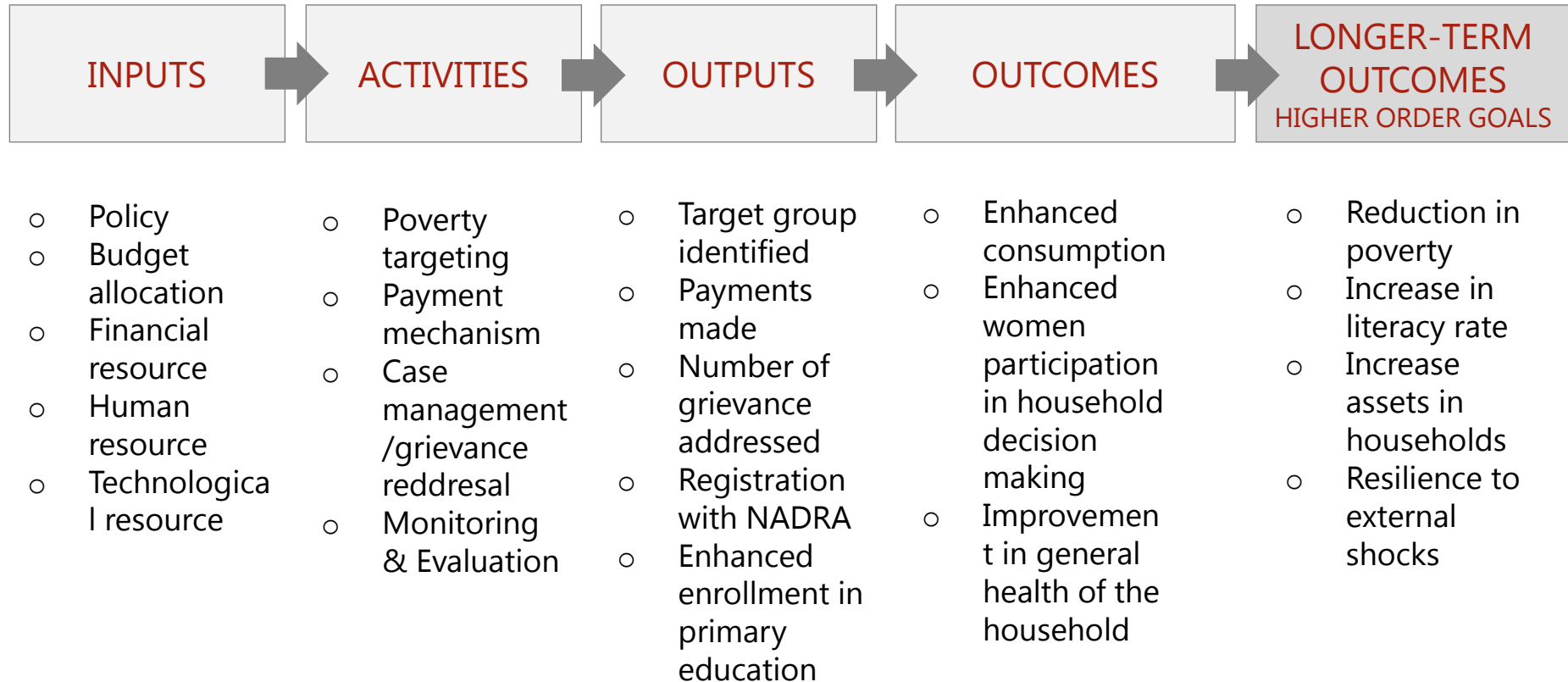
1. Background

- ❑ BISP is a cash transfer program for the ultra poor household of Pakistan
- ❑ To counter act the inflation and food crises of the country
- ❑ Targeting:
 - ❑ Phase I: Targeting by parliamentary representatives
 - ❑ Phase II: targeting using the poverty score cards
- ❑ Transfers mechanisms: payment is provided to women in the household
- ❑ Payments: cash transfers are made through money order, smart cards/electronic transfers

2. Description of Intervention

- ☐ Unconditional cash transfer
- ☐ Conditional cash transfer
 - ☐ Household with primary school going children up to Max of three children
 - ☐ top up payments shall be made based on verified attendance of the children

3. Results Chain



4. Primary Research Questions

- ☐ Does the program improve consumption of households
- ☐ Does the program include women empowerment
- ☐ Does the program improve children's enrollment and retention
- ☐ Does the program improve assets creation

5. Outcome Indicators

- ☐ Per capita consumption expenditure
- ☐ Increased participation of women in household decision making
- ☐ Nutrition status of children
- ☐ % of children (girls & boys) completing primary education
- ☐ % change in assets holding

6. Identification Strategy/ Method

- ❑ Regression discontinuity
 - ❑ Poverty score card eligibility cut off 16.7
 - ❑ supplemented by a tracer study for the ultra poor
 - ❑ and further supplemented by qualitative investigation across the beneficiaries
- ❑ Follow up survey will be on diff – in – diff (RDD)
- ❑ Caveat: the score should remain constant i.e. 16.7 (political economy perspective)

7. Sample and Data

- ❑ Baseline data collection
 - ❑ stratified random sample
 - ❑ power calculation that captures the impact of the sample appropriately
 - ❑ ensure appropriate significance levels
 - ❑ representative at the province level
- ❑ Quantitative and qualitative data
- ❑ Data on households characteristics, consumption patterns, nutrition, women decision making etc.

8. Time Frame / Work Plan

- ☐ Baseline survey was conducted in May 2011
- ☐ Intervention- transfers based on poverty score card started June 2011
- ☐ Baseline survey report due by end October 2011
- ☐ Follow up survey will be conducted in June 2012
- ☐ follow up survey report by October 2012

9. Sources of Financing

- ☐ Government of Pakistan
- ☐ World Bank Technical Assistance