



Making Cooperation Work

COMCEC STRATEGY

For Building an Interdependent Islamic World

THE COMCEC STRATEGY ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION



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1st Meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Working Group

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OUTLINE

- **COMCEC Strategy**
- **Common Challenges in the Area of Poverty Alleviation**
- **Poverty Alleviation in the COMCEC Strategy**
 - Strategic Objective
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- **How to Operationalize?**
 - Poverty Alleviation Working Group
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COMCEC STRATEGY (Background)

- Prepared under the **high guidance of H.E. Abdullah GÜL**, President of the Republic of Turkey and **the Chairman of the COMCEC**
- Adopted by the **4th Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference** (14-15 August 2012, Mecca)

COMCEC STRATEGY

VISION

*“To build a **prosperous Islamic Ummah** based on solidarity and interdependence, enhanced mobility and good governance.”*

MISSION

- To produce and disseminate knowledge
- To share experiences and best-practices
- To develop a common language and understanding
- To approximate policies

PRINCIPLES

- ▶ **Enhancing Mobility:**

Enhancing mobility through reducing barriers and enabling easier movement of goods, capital and people

- ▶ **Strengthening Solidarity:**

Incorporating resources and efforts, sharing experiences and best practices to address common challenges

- ▶ **Improving Governance:**

Improving the quality of public services for a more efficient, transparent, inclusive and accountable governance

COOPERATION AREAS

- Trade
- Transport & Communications
- Tourism
- Agriculture
- ***Poverty Alleviation***
- Finance

COMMON CHALLENGES IN THE AREA OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION

- Lack of Institutional and Human Capacity
- Lack of Efficiency, Transparency and Accountability in Public Services
- Lack of Aid Effectiveness
- Lack of Absorption Capacity of Aid Recipient Members
- Neglect of Vulnerable Groups
- Adverse Effects of Global Food and Finance Crises
- Underdeveloped Agriculture Sector and Unfavorable Global Trade Conditions
- Conflicts and Disaster-related Challenges
- Lack of Accurate and Reliable Data for Monitoring Poverty

POVERTY ALLEVIATION COOPERATION IN THE COMCEC STRATEGY

COMCEC Strategy addresses these common challenges through *its guiding principles*:

- Enhancing Mobility
- Strengthening Solidarity
- Improving Governance

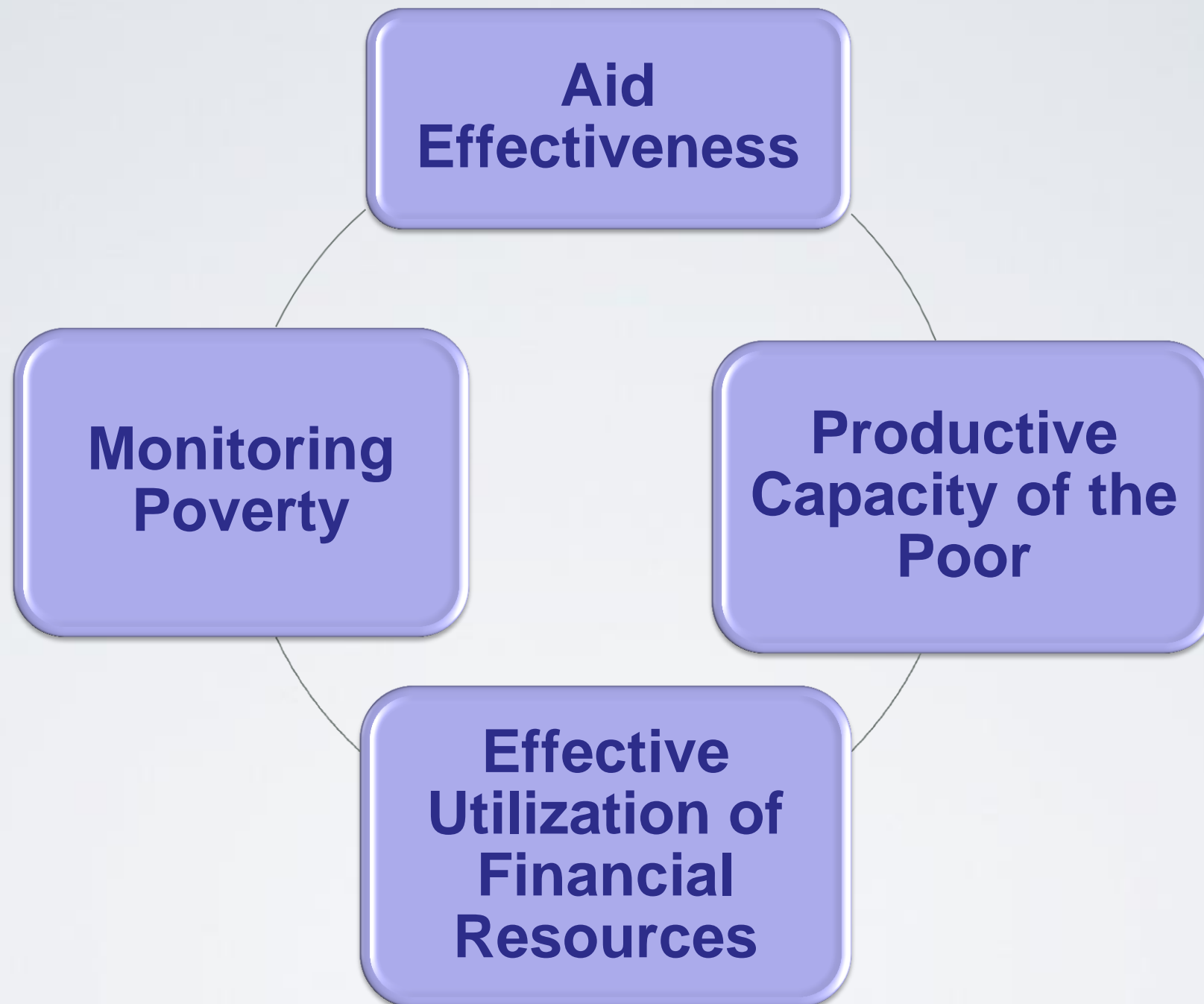
POVERTY ALLEVIATION COOPERATION IN THE COMCEC STRATEGY

- Strategic Objective
- Output Areas

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger in the member countries

OUTPUT AREAS



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▸ Aid Effectiveness:

COMCEC will support networks of institutions providing the daily needs of the poorest in the member countries and cooperation between the public sector and civil society to effectively reach the poor.

OUTPUT AREAS

- ▶ **Productive Capacity of the Poor:**

COMCEC will promote poor people-oriented programs to increase their productivity.

OUTPUT AREAS

- ▶ **Effective Utilization of Financial Resources:**

COMCEC will encourage the member states to streamline their efforts for the effective utilization of financial resources.

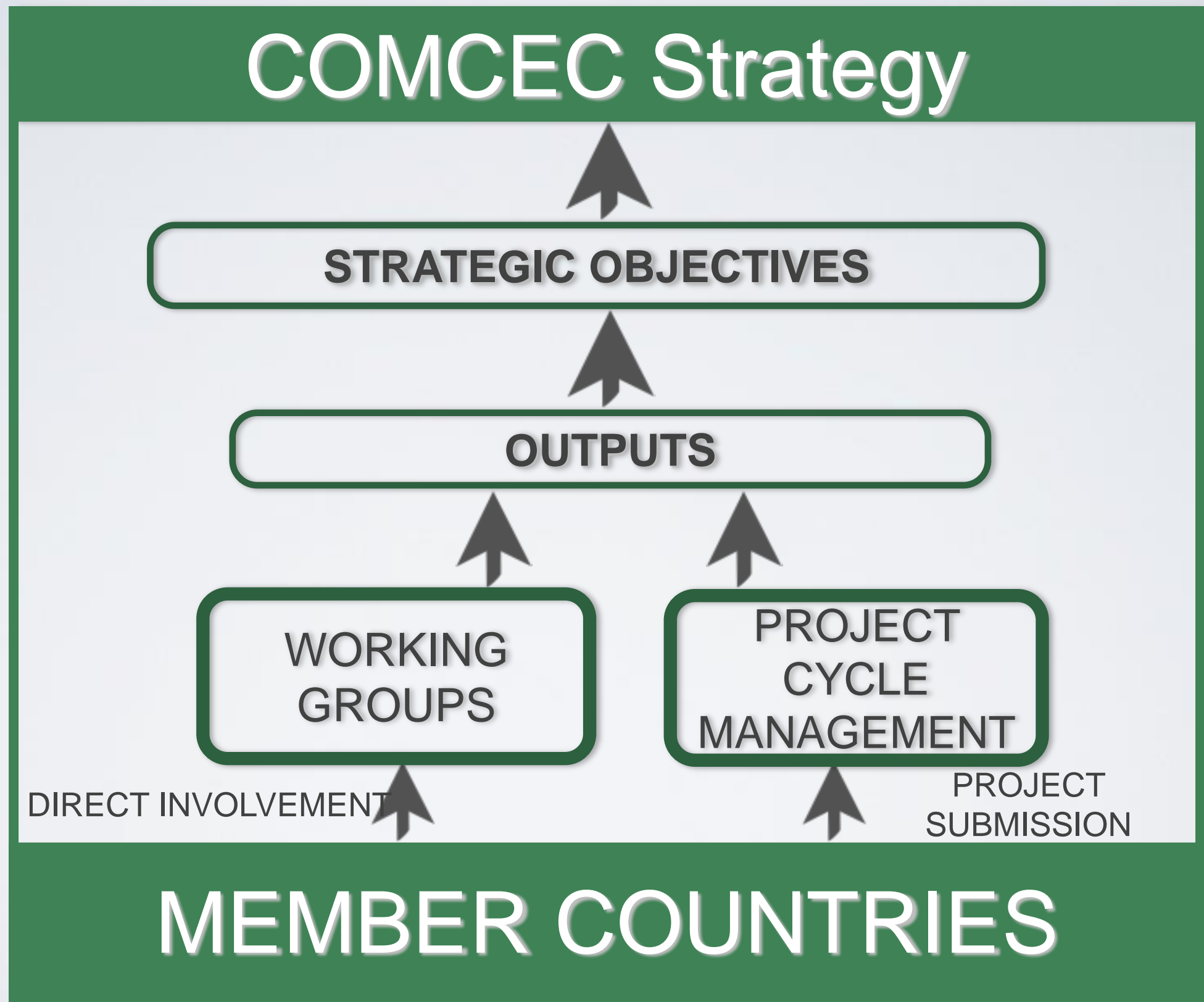
OUTPUT AREAS

▸ Monitoring Poverty:

COMCEC will aim to enhance the capacity of the member countries in monitoring and reporting poverty based on reliable data.

HOW TO OPERATIONALIZE?

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MECHANISM



COMCEC POVERTY ALLEVIATION WORKING GROUP

- ▶ Member Country-driven: greater country ownership
- ▶ Producing and disseminating knowledge
- ▶ Sharing experience and good practices
- ▶ Creating a common understanding
- ▶ Approximating policies
- ▶ More expertise, less procedure



COMCEC Project Cycle Management

- **Multi-annual programming** linked to the objectives of the COMCEC Strategy
- Clearly identified project submission and implementation process
- COMCEC projects funded through **grants** provided by the CCO
- **No financial burden** on the Member Countries
- **Soft Projects** to be financed

(Technical Cooperation and Capacity Building Programs/ Projects)



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Thank You