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KEY GAPS in SDGs that may hinder LNOB -Context of COVID-19 Pandemic

- **Resource gap: Unemployed resources, low production and consumption leads to lower revenue mobilization and expenditure (due to Covid-19)**
- **Time span and cost: Project cost and time over-run, re-prioritizing the sectors of development i.e. extra burden in health expenses and social protection schemes**
- **Public and private sectors concentration: Tiers of Government's concentration on COVID-19 pandemic management and private sector's concentration on survival strategies in business.**



Opportunities

- **Enhanced hygiene behaviors and health awareness, better environmental situation due to lockdown and shutdown**
- **Some expansionary effect in agricultural practices/production**
- **Thinking on mobilization of domestic resource (i.e. questions on dependency).**



Recommendations

- **Domestic employment opportunities and internal revenue mobilization via. three tiers of the governments (tax policy revision)**
- **Public expenditure divert to most prioritized sectors**
- **Relief and rescue policies for the pro-poor and vulnerable (social protection and targeted programs)**