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Conclusions:

1. Yes it is possible
2. Lots of progress demonstrated in country examples
3. Four main focus areas, where we know what the issues are, some obstacles, but are also seeing solutions.

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Main issues:

- a. Ownership: Need to manage tension between existing "ownership" and donor dependence;
- b. Harmonization and alignment: Focus on having a comprehensive national strategy is critical, especially a process by which all partners (government, development partners, CSO) align and contribute to that strategy;
- c. Results: Development of one common M&E framework with comprehensive set of indicators; important for all partners to align despite tensions over what is considered highest priority;
- d. Mutual accountability: Perhaps the most difficult to achieve; alignment to budget cycle and predictability are most for countries to tackle to hold partners accountable. Better engagement of civil society identified as key solution.

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Key recommendations:

1. Alignment of all partners to national plans and strategies
2. More focus on harmonization of fiduciary procedures (FM, procurement) and alignment with budget cycle
3. Emphasis on the need for capacity building, but also some technical assistance as HR capacity is still very much an issue