
Conclusions of the 7th PFM Policy Dialogue held on 13th May 2022

- The Government, under coordination of the Ministry of Finance, will continue to conduct regular, inclusive and transparent policy dialogue in the area of PFM with all relevant stakeholders.
- National authorities are committed to implement efficiently the new PFM Reform Programme 2022-2025 and 2022 Action Plan. Development Partners acknowledge that the new PFMRP 2022-2025 is comprehensive and captures most of the weaknesses identified in PEFA and SIGMA assessments.
- Development Partners encourage the Government to enhance the administrative capacities of the institutions involved in PFM reforms and reinforce the results and monitoring framework of the PFM reform programme.
- Development Partners note that important reforms continue to be delayed due to the lack of enabling legislative framework. This is a risk that could jeopardize the implementation of the PFMRP 2022-2025. Development Partners recommend to carry out a Mid Term Review of the PFMRP 2022-2025 in mid 2023 to reassess the monitoring framework and potentially extend the reform to cover the period 2024-2027.
- The Government commits to adopt the following key legal acts in 2022:
 - Law on Public Private Partnership and Concessions
 - Law on Concessions of Goods of Common Interest
 - Law on State Audit
 - Law on Financial Inspection
- Implementation of the reforms envisaged in the OBL will require strengthening capacities both in MoF and Line Ministries. Development Partners remain concerned about the financial gap under this measure. MoF should establish the Public Finance Academy as a new Department in MoF by 2023 and provide sufficient resources to implement its mandate.
- The Ministry of Finance, supported by the EU and the World Bank, remain fully committed to implementing the new IFMIS. WB and EU will sign an agreement to support the implementation of IFMIS before mid-July. MoF shall establish a “OBL working group” to support the implementation of IFMIS and OBL reforms and develop a detailed IFMIS implementation plan for design and gradual roll out of modules.

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- Development Partners note delays in implementation of the PIM Action Plan. The government commits to speed up the implementation of the PIM Action Plan under the leadership of Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Finance will establish the PIM department with sufficient resources to complete its mandate by December 2022. Development Partners remain committed to provide capacity building and support the process.

 - The next PFM Policy Dialogue meeting will be held in September 2022 to discuss the mid year implementation monitoring report. In addition, another PFM Policy Dialogue will be held in the first quarter of 2023 in order to discuss the annual monitoring report and 2023 Action Plan.

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