



World Bank Global Tax Program (GTP)

Financing development through domestic resource mobilization

Domestic resource mobilization provides governments with the funds needed to invest in development and relieve poverty. It is a central pillar of the global 2030 financing for Development agenda, reflecting the financing needed in many developing countries to meet development goals.

Rationale

Domestic resource mobilization (DRM) is at the crux of financing for development: a strong revenue base is imperative for developing countries to finance public services, social support, infrastructure, and help strengthen the social contract between citizens and the state. It is key for fiscal sustainability and to place public finances on a stronger footing.

Objectives and activities

The overall objective of the GTP is to strengthen tax systems of developing countries by facilitating the design and implementation of fair and effective tax systems that create positive conditions for economic growth and private sector development. Mobilizing domestic revenues and increasing the equity and fairness of tax systems are the main goals pursued by the GTP. Intermediate objectives include greater participation of developing countries in the development of the global tax architecture, improved understanding of the requirements to improve the performance of tax administrations and strengthening the application of research and knowledge development.

Country/region
Global / Bilateral

Executing agency
World Bank Group
(WBG)

Partners
Australia, Japan,
Luxembourg,
Netherlands, Norway,
UK

Project Duration
2017-2022 (Phase 1)

Total budget
USD 66.3 million

SECO contribution
Total : CHF 9,000,000
Global Funds:
CHF 4,000,000
Bilateral Funds:
CHF 5,000,000



Governance Structure

The Global Tax Program is a multi-donor initiative for financing technical assistance related to tax policy and administration in low and lower middle income countries. The main decision body of the GTP is the Steering Committee (SC) composed of donor representatives and WBG staff. Its main role is to provide strategic guidance, contribute to the setting of policies and priorities and review progress under the annual work plan. The WBG as the implementing partner serves as Secretariat to the SC. The GTP comprises a global multi-donor trust fund (MDTF) as well as separate single donor trust funds (SDTF).

Results so far

Since inception, the GTP supports DRM engagements in 51 countries, including MTRS support in Senegal, Uganda, Uzbekistan and Vietnam, support on international tax to 39 countries, and other technical assistance to DRM reforms in 22 countries.

In terms of regions, Africa has been the main beneficiary of the program with 25 countries, followed by Asia and Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean with each 10 countries and 6 countries in Eastern and Central Europe.

In addition, SECO approved bilateral country proposal for Azerbaijan, Kyrgyz Republic, Peru and Vietnam under the bilateral fund. The support focuses on strengthening the administrative capacity to collect taxes and supporting implementing international good practices and strengthening capacity on international tax issues.

In addition to the country specific work, the GTP provides research, learning and diagnostic tools, such as the Tax DIAMOND Tax Administration Tool and research on specific tax issues.

How to get involved

The GTP ensures strong country ownership by following a demand-driven approach. Technical assistance is provided upon request by countries' authorities. Low- and lower-middle income countries that have the biggest revenue shortages and have expressed strong interest in comprehensive reform will be the preferred target group. The Steering Committee decides on the final selection of beneficiary countries based on detailed project proposals.

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