Public Expenditure Reviews

Background
Tanzania's Public Expenditure Review (PER) process provides a forum where working groups comprising of representatives from the Government, development partners, academia, the private sector and civil society organizations agree on an analytical agenda, guide and finance its implementation and review all outputs.

The overall objective is to improve fiscal policy formulation and management.

The three PER studies approved for 2015 are underway. These are: Efficiency Gains in Infrastructure Investments; the Implications of National Accounts Revisions (GDP Rebasing) on Macroeconomic Variables and Poverty Dynamics; and the PER study on Environment and Climate Change. The Non-Tax Revenues and the PPP studies which were approved in 2014 are ongoing.

For more details please see the MoF or DPG website:
http://www.tzdpg.or.tz/index.php?id=1229

Upcoming Events
1st December, 2015, MoF-New Building Conference Room
PER Champions Group Meeting
29th January 2016 (tbc)
Annual National Policy Dialogue

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Action Plans
The existing action plans were reviewed at a Champions Group meeting on August 25th. The decision was taken to use the Champions Group more strategically and focus more on follow-up on study recommendations.

Actions plans for the studies completed in 2014 (Tax Exemptions, LGAs Fiscal Inequities, Contingent Liability, Payment Arrears and Pensions study) had been updated to identify recommendations which are still pending for implementation by the respective Government Organizations. Letters were sent to the responsible organizations to remind them so as to ensure that all outstanding recommendations are fully implemented. The next Champions Group meeting will discuss one action plan in detail, to identify barriers to progress.
**PER 2015 Studies**

Implementation of the three studies approved in 2015 is in progress.

**Implications of National Accounts Revisions (GDP Rebasing) on Macroeconomic Variables and Poverty Dynamics**

Phase I of the study which involves updating of the MACMOD database, elasticity estimation and model cleaning is ongoing. Implementation of phase II will start after the completion of phase I. The study is expected to be completed by end June 2016.

**Efficiency Gains in infrastructure Investments**

The purpose of this study is to assess the Government’s current position in managing infrastructure investment projects and identify weaknesses in order to achieve value for money for future projects.

**Environment and Climate change**

The PER study on Environment and Climate Change will examine the trends and allocation of Government spending and assess the extent to which Government spending on Environment is in line with Global and National environment priorities. Procurement is underway so the study should commence in the next few months.

**PER 2014 Studies**

The consultant for the PPP study has been engaged and is now doing stakeholders consultation to gather the necessary data as part of the undertaking of the study. The PPP study will inform decision makers on the potential pipeline of PPP projects in the transport sector. It will look at how resources can be used more effectively to leverage private investment and provide value for money.

**PER Basket Fund**

In addition to Sweden’s earlier contribution, Denmark disbursed 1 million DKK which is equivalent to USD 154,143.97. This disbursement increased the PER Basket Fund account balance to USD 250,263.36 as at 30th September, 2015. Finland has signed an MOU with Government and its Euro 80 thousand is expected shortly.