Summary
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.

There are currently three studies completed and an annual rapid budget analysis:
- National Agriculture Input Voucher Scheme
- Tax Exemptions
- Fiscal Inequities in LGAs

There are a number of other studies underway. These include studies on arrears, pensions, contingent liabilities, PPPs in the transport sector, non-tax revenues, tax incentives and the development of the Public Investment Operational Manual. For more details please see the MoF or DPG website:
http://www.tzdpg.or.tz/index.php?id=1229

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PER Related Announcements in the Budget Speech

Tax Exemptions
The report examines the tax exemptions provided in Tanzania and analyses the effectiveness and efficiency of the exemptions issued over the last decade. Empirical evidence shows that offering tax exemptions to corporations has no significant impact on attracting investments. The study therefore draws on international best practice to make suggestions to minimize unnecessary losses of revenue as a result of the application of tax exemptions and proposes reforms to increase tax revenue.

The full report, policy brief and presentation can be found on the DPG and MoF websites:
http://www.tzdpg.or.tz/index.php?id=1229 and www.mof.go.tz

Many of the recommendations for reducing tax exemptions have been adopted in the recent budget speech. The MoF announced a crack down on tax exemptions as part of implementation of the study findings. Steps will also be taken to improve transparency by publishing quarterly those who benefit from tax exemptions.

NAIVS
The study on the National Agriculture Input Voucher Scheme assessed the performance of the agricultural National Inputs Voucher Scheme (NAIVS) and looked at how the program contributed to increased production, productivity and profitability of the Tanzanian farming/agriculture and the sustainability of these investments. The report concludes that NAIVS offers a positive rate of return if this reduces the purchases of expensive imported grain, especially maize. NAIVS offers little or no return based on domestic farm gate prices for grain surplus households. NAIVS has contributed to some degree to improving the adoption of improved seed and fertilizer, based on continuing purchases after graduation. The report also highlighted a number of implementation challenges including delays in printing and distributing vouchers, delays in delivery of inputs, delays in payment of suppliers and misallocation of about 1% of vouchers. The action plan for implementation of the study findings has been developed for action by the Government. The presentation and draft report can be found at:
http://www.tzdpg.or.tz/index.php?id=1229 and www.mof.go.tz

Ongoing Studies
The ongoing studies include a number focused on fiscal risk such as arrears, pensions and contingent liabilities. There are also studies on PPPs in the transport sector, non-tax revenues, tax incentives and the development of a public expenditure manual. The terms of reference can be found on the DPG and MoF websites.

The pensions, contingent liabilities, tax incentives, non-tax revenue and Public Investment Operational Manual studies and rapid budget analysis will be discussed at the Annual Meeting towards the end of the year. If you have a particular interest in any of these studies, please contact the PER Secretariat so you can be included in technical discussions.

PER Manual
The PER manual sets out the key ‘rules of the game’ for the PER. Please see the following link for more details:
PER Manual