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.**

There are currently three studies completed and an annual rapid budget analysis. The studies are:

- 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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Please do not hesitate to contact the PER Secretariat if you have any questions or comments.
PER Technical Meetings

It is an exciting time for the Public Expenditure Review process. In the next couple of months, there will be technical discussions of four of the 2014 PER studies: pensions, contingent liabilities, non-tax revenues and arrears.

These meetings will be a forum for key stakeholders to discuss and influence the draft studies which have been prepared. The studies will then be updated and finalized for presentation at the Annual National Policy Dialogue. If you would like to participate in the technical meetings, please contact the PER Secretariat and they will send you a draft version of the study you are interested in for your review in advance of the meeting.

Public Investment Management Manual Technical Meeting

The draft Public Investment Management Manual was discussed at a technical meeting on 9th July 2014 in the afternoon. Dr. Jehovaness Aikaeli, the lead consultant on the study presented a detailed outline of the manual. The key purpose of the manual is to guide government officials who prepare and develop project proposals for financing at the central and local government levels. The manual will serve as a capacity strengthening tool and reference for government officials on standard procedures and methods for project appraisal. In addition to the verbal comments collected during the meeting, written comments were invited. The consultants are now working on finalising the manual. It will be presented at the planners meeting in October.

Contingent Liabilities Inception Meeting

The contingent liabilities inception meeting took place on 9th July 2014 in the morning. Dr. Sanga Sangarabalan presented the proposed methodology for the study which aims to establish the magnitude of contingent liabilities becoming actual liabilities and the associated fiscal risks.

The consultants stressed that the study’s biggest task is to determine the stock of contingent liabilities. A selected list of Public Authorities and Other Bodies (PAOBs) will be visited to collect the necessary data required for determining the stock of contingent liabilities. The consultants will also conduct an analysis of debt sustainability with a particular attention focused on assessing whether the threshold ratios are met. The study will be discussed at a technical meeting on 4th November, 2014. Please contact the PER Secretariat if you would like to comment on the initial draft.

Arrears Inception Meeting

The arrears inception meeting took place on 24th April, 2014. Mr. Guy Anderson presented the proposed methodology for the study. The arrears study aims to find solutions to avoid accumulation of payment arrears in order to improve the credibility of budget execution. It will establish the level and sources of payment arrears, identify challenges facing the Government in ensuring timely payment, identify the impact of accumulated arrears, propose options to reduce arrears and make recommendations to prevent the reoccurrence of payment arrears.

The draft study will be discussed at a technical meeting on 4 November, 2014 at 1400 at the Ministry of Finance. Please contact the PER Secretariat if you would like to comment on the initial draft and attend the technical meeting.

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