



G-20 Data Gaps: Recommendation 15 Government Finance Statistics

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DGI-1 Recommendation 17: GFS

- ***The IMF to promote timely and cross-country standardized and comparable government finance data based on the accepted international standard, the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001 (GFSM 2001).***
- GFS data are crucial for understanding the fiscal impact on economic developments in an economy
- IMF staff reports have largely adopted a standardized presentation of fiscal data following the *GFSM 2001*
- In addition, the fiscal data presented in the IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO) now follows the *GFSM 2001* format
- The *GFSM 2014* was published in March 2015 updating the GFSM 2001 and taking into account the 2008 SNA, BPM6 and Public Sector Debt Statistics: A Guide for Compilers and Users
 - Implementation of the *GFSM 2014* is supported by the establishment of the GFSAC

Progress in Implementation

- **Progress to date:**
 - **Ten G-20 economies disseminate quarterly general government operations**
 - AUS, CAN, DEU, FRA, ITA, RUS, UK, USA, ZAF and Euro Area
 - Eight of these disseminate **quarterly general government financial balance sheets**
 - RUS and ZAF are under development
- **Reporting gaps still exist in all other G-20 economies**
 - **Three G-20 economies do not disseminate general government data** under the *GFSM* framework (ARG, MEX, SAU)



One of the recommendations where progress is slow. Common challenges:

- (i) GFS in many countries is not, institutionally, well established
- (ii) fiscal data reporting by local government and other subsectors often not timely
- (iii) authorities are reluctant to use statistical techniques to fill data gaps

Proposed Recommendation II.15: GFS

- ***The G-20 economies to disseminate quarterly general government data consistent with the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 (GFSM 2014). The IMF to monitor the regular reporting and dissemination of timely, comparable and high quality government finance data.***
- **WHY:** This recommendation intends to ensure adoption of *GFSM 2014* and dissemination of quarterly general government data by the G-20 economies consistent with the IAG-agreed template.
 - Provision of quarterly general government operations data is also prescribed for the adherents of SDDS Plus
- This recommendation is strengthening the collection of data already covered by DGI-1:
 - *The IMF to promote timely and cross-country standardized and comparable government finance data based on the accepted international standard, the GFSM 2014.*
 - ❖ *DGI-1 encouraged coverage of consolidated general government; DGI Phase II requires general government*

Recommendation II.15: GFS Template

(July 2013, IAG)

■ Government Operations

REVENUE

Taxes

- Taxes on income, profits, and capital gains
- Taxes on payroll and workforce
- Taxes on property
- Taxes on goods and services
- Taxes on international trade and transactions
- Other taxes
- Memorandum items:
 - Direct taxes (111+ 1131+1132+1136)*
 - Indirect taxes 112+ 1134+114+115+116)*
 - Capital taxes (1133+1135)*

- Social contributions

- Grants

- Other revenue

- Property Income

EXPENDITURE (2+31)

EXPENSE

- Compensation of employees
- Use of goods and services
- Consumption of fixed capital (if available)
- Interest
- Subsidies
- Grants
- Social benefits
- Other expense

NET ACQUISITION OF NONFINANCIAL ASSETS

- Fixed assets

Gross operating balance (1-2+23)

Net operating balance (1-2, optional)

Net lending (+) / net borrowing (-) (1-2-31) **"Deficit"**

■ Government Balance Sheet

Nonfinancial assets (if available)

Financial assets

Liabilities

Total by Instrument

- SDRs

- Currency and deposits

- Debt securities

- Loans

- Equity and investment fund shares

- Insurance, pension and standardized guarantee schemes

- Financial derivatives and employee stock options

- Other accounts payable

Net financial worth (62-63, if available)

"Debt"

- Gross debt (6301+6302+6303+6304+6306+6308) ³

- Net Debt (Gross debt - Financial assets corresponding to Debt instruments)

- Other regional/national debt concepts e.g. WAEMU, Maastricht debt (aka EDP Debt,⁴ equivalent to 6302+6303+6304 at face value)

Thank you