

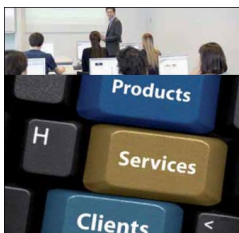
The DMFAS Programme

About the DMFAS Programme...

UN Trade and Development, through its Debt Management Financial Analysis System (DMFAS) Programme, is firmly established as a leading provider of debt management expertise. Embracing international and domestic finance, governance and information technology, the Programme aims to help governments build their capacity to manage debt effectively.

Long experience in helping countries to strengthen their debt management capacity

The Programme has been successful in helping governments improve their capacity to manage debt since the early 1980s. It has so far supported 117 institutions in 76 countries. As the debt situation of developing countries has evolved over the past four decades, the DMFAS Programme has adapted its technical assistance to countries' changing debt management needs.



A set of proven solutions for improving debt management capacity

The DMFAS Programme offers countries a set of proven solutions for improving their capacity to

handle the management of public liabilities and the production of reliable debt data for policymaking purposes. This includes its specialized debt management software – the DMFAS software – which greatly facilitates the work of the debt office, as well as advisory services and training activities in debt management.

Solutions provided by the DMFAS Programme include:

- **The provision of a specialized debt management and financial analysis software (the DMFAS software)**, which is designed to

meet the operational, statistical and analytical needs of debt managers and bodies involved in elaborating public debt strategies. This includes training in the use of the software.



The DMFAS software

The Programme's core product is its Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS), which can be used for the purposes of recording, monitoring and analysing debt information. [DMFAS 7](#) is the seventh release of the software since 1982. Developed using the latest technology it offers many new features. Usually installed in a country's finance ministry and/or central bank, the DMFAS software supports the management of an expanded scope of public debt instruments, whether this be short-, medium- or long-term debt. It also can be used for private debt, grants, on-lent loans and contingent liabilities.

- **Advisory services**, including needs assessments and advice on technical, administrative, legal and institutional debt management issues. This includes assistance in software installation and maintenance.

- **Training in debt management skills**, through the Programme's modules in debt data validation, statistics and debt analysis.

The products and services offered by the DMFAS Programme are continuously updated

in line with countries' new requirements and in accordance with best practices in debt management.



Providing technical assistance through the implementation of country projects

Channeling of the Programme's technical assistance to countries is mostly carried out through the implementation of country projects, which are managed by project managers. Where possible, the DMFAS software and its related services are provided in any of the following five languages: Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

DMFAS country projects encompass a wide range of products, including:

- Installation of the DMFAS software and training in its use;
- Assistance in database creation, data validation, statistical reporting, and support for debt analysis;
- Development of appropriate legal, administrative, technical and organizational environments in support of debt management;
- Linking the debt database to different information systems, or to an integrated financial management information system (IFMIS);
- Organization of country participation in national and regional workshops, as well as study tours and international meetings.

Funding of the DMFAS Programme

The Programme is largely funded thanks to the generous support of bilateral donors. As of July 2024, these include France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the European Union.

Support is also provided by beneficiaries through a cost-sharing mechanism and by UN Trade and Development regular budget.

Sharing experiences in debt management: the Debt Management Conference



The Conference, organized by UN Trade and Development every two years, provides a regular forum for the sharing of experiences and exchange of views

between governments, international organizations, academia, the private financial sector, and civil society on current issues in debt management. It brings together senior national and international debt managers and experts from around the world to discuss some of the most pertinent topics in both external and domestic debt, debt management and public finance today. The last such Conference took place in December 2022 and included the participation of over 400 delegates from the capitals of some 110 countries.



A forum for stakeholders: the DMFAS Advisory Group

The activities and funding of the DMFAS Programme are reviewed every two years at the DMFAS Advisory Group meeting (established at the end of 2000). The Group is composed of representatives from countries receiving DMFAS technical assistance, donors, international and regional organizations involved in debt management issues, as well as the UN Trade and Development secretariat.



How does a country obtain DMFAS technical cooperation?

At the invitation of a government institution, UN Trade and Development will conduct a needs assessment of that institution's capacity to manage its country's debt. UN Trade and Development and the government will then work together on defining those areas of debt management that would be improved with support by the DMFAS Programme. All defined activities will be outlined in a technical cooperation project document and submitted to potential funding agencies. Project implementation will start on approval of the document by all parties.

DMFAS countries (July 2024)

Latin America and the Caribbean	Sub-Saharan Africa	Middle East and North Africa	Europe and Central Asia
Argentina Bolivia (Plurinational State of) Costa Rica Dominican Republic Ecuador El Salvador Guatemala Honduras Nicaragua Panama Paraguay Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. Of)	Angola Burkina Faso Burundi Central African Republic Chad Congo Côte d'Ivoire Democratic Republic of the Congo Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Ethiopia Gabon Guinea Guinea-Bissau Madagascar Mauritania Niger Rwanda Sudan Togo Uganda Zambia Zimbabwe	Algeria Djibouti Egypt Iran (Islamic Republic of) Iraq Jordan Lebanon Syrian Arab Republic Yemen State of Palestine	Albania Armenia Azerbaijan Georgia Kyrgyz Republic Republic of Moldova Romania Tajikistan Uzbekistan
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			Bangladesh Cambodia Indonesia Lao People's Democratic Republic Mongolia Pakistan Philippines Viet Nam



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