



The DMFAS Programme

About the DMFAS Programme...

UNCTAD, 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 110 institutions in 72 countries. As the debt situation of developing countries has evolved over the past three 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 6 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 6 is the sixth 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 both external and domestic public debt (loans and debt securities), whether this be short-, medium- or long-term debt. It also can be used for private debt, grants and on-lent loans.

- 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 August 2020, these include Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the European Union.

Support is also provided by beneficiaries through a cost-sharing mechanism and by UNCTAD's regular budget.



Sharing experiences in debt management: the Debt Management Conference

The Conference, organized by UNCTAD 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 November 2019 and included the participation of over 350 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 UNCTAD secretariat.



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How does a country obtain DMFAS technical cooperation from UNCTAD?

At the invitation of a government institution, UNCTAD will conduct a needs assessment of that institution's capacity to manage its country's debt. UNCTAD 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 (August 2020)

Africa	Asia & Middle East	Latin America & the Caribbean	East Europe and CIS
Algeria	Bangladesh	Argentina	Albania
Angola	Cambodia	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Armenia
Burkina Faso	Indonesia	Chile	Azerbaijan
Burundi	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Costa Rica	Georgia
Central African Republic	Iraq	Dominican Republic	Kyrgyzstan
Chad	Jordan	Ecuador	Republic of Moldova
Congo	Lao People's Democratic	El Salvador	Romania
Côte d'Ivoire	Republic	Guatemala	Tajikistan
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Lebanon	Haiti	Uzbekistan
Djibouti	Mongolia	Honduras	
Egypt	Oman	Nicaragua	
Eritrea	Pakistan	Panama	
Ethiopia	Philippines	Paraguay	
Gabon	Syrian Arab Republic	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	
Guinea-Bissau	Viet Nam		
Madagascar			
Mauritania			
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Togo			
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