

Pilot activities for measuring illicit financial flows (IFFs) in Egypt

Steps, tools and resources

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Planned timeline and activities

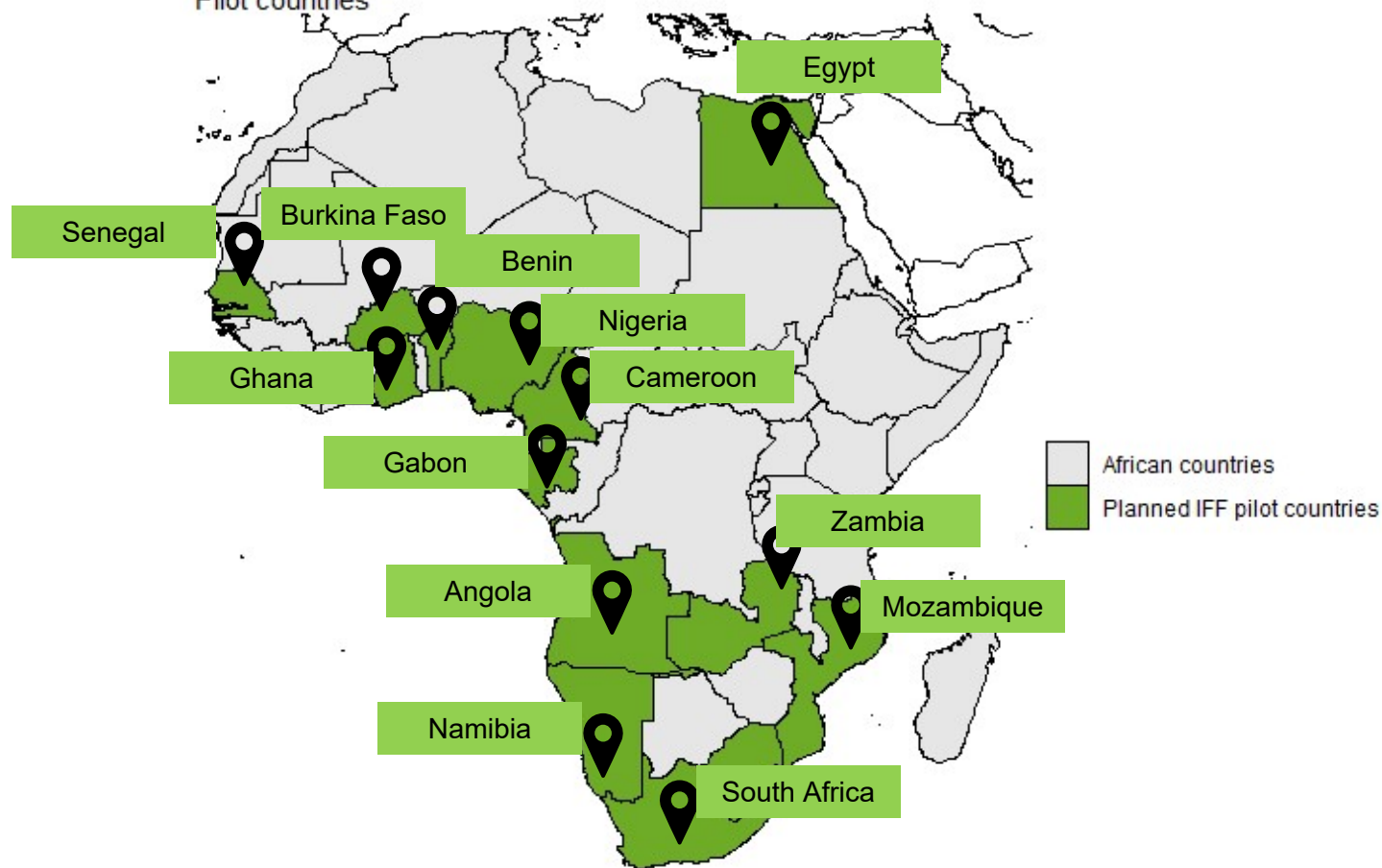
(IFF measurement workplan)



Countries pilot testing methodological guidelines

Pilot activities for measuring illicit financial flows in African countries

Pilot countries

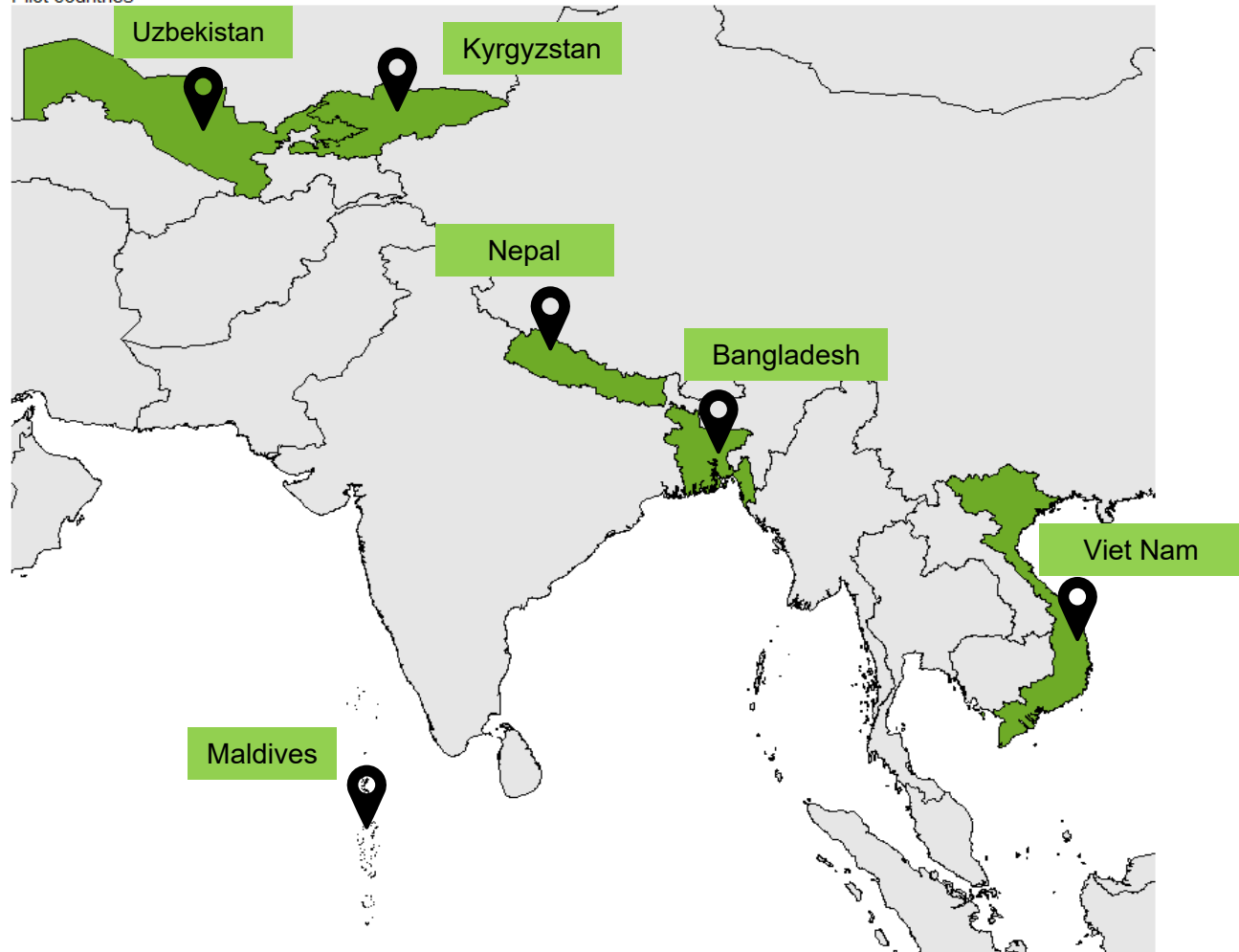


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Countries pilot testing methodological guidelines

Pilot activities for measuring illicit financial flows in Asia-Pacific countries

Pilot countries



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Tools and resources



Resources

- ✓ Conceptual Framework
- ✓ Methodological Guidelines



Tools

- ✓ Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)
- ✓ Mapping of agencies
- ✓ IFFs Risk assessment
- ✓ Model ToR for Technical Working Group
- ✓ Pilot report template
- ✓ Action plan template

Self-assessment questionnaire (SAQ)

- To prepare for the measurement of IFFs
- One per country -> agencies to collaborate
 - I. National framework and agencies
 - II. National practice and priorities
 - III. Availability and quality of specific data
 - IV. National capacity and support needed

Self-assessment questionnaire (SAQ)

I. National framework and agencies

i. Does your country have statistical legislation?

Yes No

If yes, does that legislation allow access to secondary¹/administrative² data for statistical purposes?

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If yes, are there any restrictions?

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ii. In practice does the National Statistical Office (NSO) have access to data held by other government departments/agencies/central bank?

Yes No

If not, what are the barriers?

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iii. Is there a National Statistical System (NSS) in place?

Yes No

If yes, who is the head? Which institutions are involved?

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Are there other formal/informal coordination or liaison mechanisms in place between NSO and other government institutions?

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- iv. Which national institutions cover the prominent illicit financial flows (IFFs)³ types, in terms of regulatory or policy work (work, environment, consumers, etc.), monitoring of operations, financial support?

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- v. Which national institutions collect (or would be assumed to collect) the data relevant for IFFs as part of their administrative or statistical work?

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- vi. Which national institutions produce impact assessments of policy proposals or other analytical studies of IFFs, e.g., macroeconomic research units, unions etc.?

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- vii. Which stakeholders and institutions are affected by IFFs directly or indirectly?

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- viii. Do you have contacts with other agencies who have data and expertise on different IFFs?

Yes No

Please describe current forms of collaboration, e.g., with the National Statistical Office, Customs and Revenue office, Ministry of Finance, Central Bank, Financial Intelligence Unit, Tax authorities and other relevant agencies, also in other areas than IFFs.

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II. National practice and priorities

- i. Based on information available to you, which IFFs are most relevant for your country?
Please mention the most relevant areas only.

- IFFs from aggressive tax avoidance
- IFFs from illegal commercial and tax practices
- IFFs from illegal markets
- IFFs from corruption
- IFFs from exploitation-type activities and financing terrorism

Or more specifically, for example:

- IFFs from tax evasion by individuals
- IFFs from trade misinvoicing
- IFFs from multinational profit shifting
- IFFs from smuggling of migrants
- IFFs from drugs markets
- IFFs from corruption
- Industry-specific IFFs: IFFs from extractive industries
- Other, please describe: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

- ii. Is there a demand for better information on IFFs in your country (e.g., from Non-Governmental Organisations, Civil-Society Organisations, communities, Academia, among others)?

- Yes No

Please describe the situation.

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- iii. Does your office or other national authorities have data that could be useful for measuring IFFs?

- Yes No

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iv. Does your country already have national estimates of IFFs or components of such flows?

Yes No

Please mention also if related estimates have been compiled, such as estimates of the illegal, non-observed or informal economy. What methodology is used to produce them? What are the data sources? What are the main uses for these estimates?

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v. Has your office been involved in the estimation of IFFs, illegal markets, non-observed or informal economy?

Yes Partially No

If yes/partially: What were the main issues and challenges faced, and what solutions were found?

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If no: What issues and challenges might arise in the attempt to measure IFFs, and what solutions might be possible?

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If your country does not currently have estimates of IFFs or would like to improve them or extend them to cover additional components of illicit financial flows,

vi. What are your priorities for national estimates of IFFs?

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vii. Which type(s) of IFFs would you be most interested to measure?

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ix. Which methodology you think is the most appropriate for your country?

Trade misinvoicing by entities

- #1 – Partner Country Method (PCM) + (see UNCTAD, 2021, p. 40)⁴
- #2 – Price Filter Method (PFM) + (see UNCTAD, 2021, p. 53)

Aggressive tax avoidance or profit shifting by MNEs

- #3 – Global distribution of MNEs' profits and corporate taxes (see UNCTAD, 2021, p. 63)
- #4 – MNE vs comparable non-MNE profit shifting (see UNCTAD, 2021, p. 71)

Transfer of wealth to evade taxes by individuals

- #5 – Flows of undeclared offshore assets indicator (see UNCTAD, 2021, p. 79)
- #6 – Flows of offshore financial wealth by country (see UNCTAD, 2021, p. 82)

Other methods to measure IFFs from crime

Other useful methodology, please describe: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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III. Availability and quality of specific data

A) Profit shifting and multinational enterprise groups (National Statistical Office, Tax authority)

- i. Do you collate data and publish structural business statistics, by economic activity (International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) or comparable) and products (Central Product Classification (CPC) or comparable)?

These include, for instance, persons employed, turnover, share of salaries in total costs, share of services in total costs, share of royalties in total costs, EBIT-to-turnover ratio, value added-to-turnover ratio, research and development spending.

Yes No

Which organisation is in charge? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

- ii. Do you receive or access OECD standard Country-by-Country Reporting data?

Yes No

How many multinational enterprise group units are covered? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Which organisation is in charge? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

- iii. Do you collect data and compile Foreign Affiliate Statistics (FATS)?

Yes No

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B) Offshore assets (Tax authority, Customs and Revenue, Ministry of Finance)

- i. Do you receive directly, or collect from public sources, data on Bank of International Settlements and/or Common-Reporting-Standard-able assets held offshore by your tax residents?

Yes No

Which organisation is in charge? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

C) Bank assets (National Statistics Office, Central Bank, financial regulator)

- i. Do you collate and/or publish data and/or share on bank assets - cross-border banking liabilities and their bilateral country level breakdown (as published via the Bank for International Settlements and/or in more detailed form)?

D) Trade and investment (National Statistical Office, Central Bank, Ministry of Trade, Finance, Customs and Revenue)

- i. Do you collate and/or publish data on trade in goods (as reported in United Nations [Comtrade](#) and/or in more detailed form such as transaction-level data)?

E) Crime-related IFFs (National Statistics Office, Central Bank, financial regulator, law enforcement, Police, Justice)

- i. Do you collate and/or publish data on illegal migration, smuggling of migrants, associated fees and expenses?

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IV. National capacity and support needed

- i. Do you have the infrastructure (technology, systems, material, internet connection, etc.) and staff resources to assign expert(s) to measure IFFs in collaboration with other national agencies?
- Yes No
- ii. What kind of support, training and guidance would be needed for your office/country?
- Training courses
- Methodological materials
- Practical guidelines including instructions
- Help with data cleaning
- Linking and analysis
- Other, please describe: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- iii. What are the main obstacles and challenges for compiling IFFs estimates in your country?
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Self-assessment questionnaire (SAQ)

Please provide the contact information for the person, responsible for filling in the questionnaire by section for potential further clarifications. Please add rows, as necessary.

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Launch: today

SAQ

Deadline: **15 Sep**

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