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➤ Overview of technical assistance

DGDS technical assistance reflects the implementation of our economic research and analysis in macroeconomics, debt, development finance, climate finance, green industrialization and South-South cooperation.

- ▶ 27 projects implemented
- ▶ \$5,000,000 expenditures for DMFAS
- ▶ \$1,370,000 expenditures non-DMFAS
- ▶ All regions
- ▶ LDCs and Middle-income Countries focused
- ▶ 1,187 officers trained, among which 567 women (48%)

➤ Economic cooperation and integration

Coordination for Resilient, Green and Transformative Development: Supporting Selected Asian Belt Road Initiative

- ▶ **Malaysia and Kazakhstan in 2024**
- ▶ Output: Diagnostics on **binding constraints in countries** for resilient, green and transformative development

Sustainable export diversification strategies in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

- ▶ Output: Identification of **product spaces** for the selection and prioritization of **new export products and product groups**

➤ Economic cooperation and integration

Regional Integration and Industrial Policy for Transformational Change and Resilience in Latin America

▶ Objective:

Strengthen the **design of green industrial policy** and improve **coordination** of industrial and trade policy

▶ Initiated in 2024

Countries:

Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Honduras and Mexico

Output:

Studies with policy measures to build green regional value chains in critical minerals, energy matrix transition, and green industrial policy coordination

➤ Macroeconomic and Development Policies

Resources for a Green New Deal: partnerships in Asia During the Covid Era and Beyond

- ▶ **Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Fiji and Asia-Pacific Region in 2024**
- ▶ Enhance capacities to identify, design and implement policies to help finance and implement structural transformation
- ▶ Enhance cooperation between countries and regional financial institutions (especially **development banks**)

Climate finance in sustainable development strategies

- ▶ Objective: Close knowledge gap among **G77 climate negotiators about links between climate, finance, and economic development**
- ▶ Output: Trainings on **New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG)** and estimates of resource needed
- ▶ Technical **expertise to G20 Brazil Presidency** on Global Mobilization against climate change

➤ Assistance to Palestinian people

- ▶ **Objective: Reviving** the economy and pursuing the Sustainable Development Goals
- ▶ Output: **Advisory services** to the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute
- ▶ **Identify relevant methodologies** for assessing the economic impact of the Israeli military operation in Gaza

➤ Debt and Development Finance

Mobilizing external resources in selected SIDS

- ▶ Belize and St Vincent and the Grenadines
- ▶ Cabo Verde and Comoros in 2024
- ▶ Sustainable Development Finance Assessment (SDFA) Framework Mark II
- ▶ **Financing strategy to meet first 4 SDGs plus climate-related**
- ▶ Financial strategy and roadmap on innovative financial instruments: **green bonds and debt-to-climate or nature swaps**

Debt and development initiative

- ▶ Improve development prospects in borrowing countries by **reforming international debt architecture**
- ▶ Research outputs on the **sovereign debt vulnerabilities** and the challenges relating to **credit rating agencies**
- ▶ **First meetings of Non-creditors**



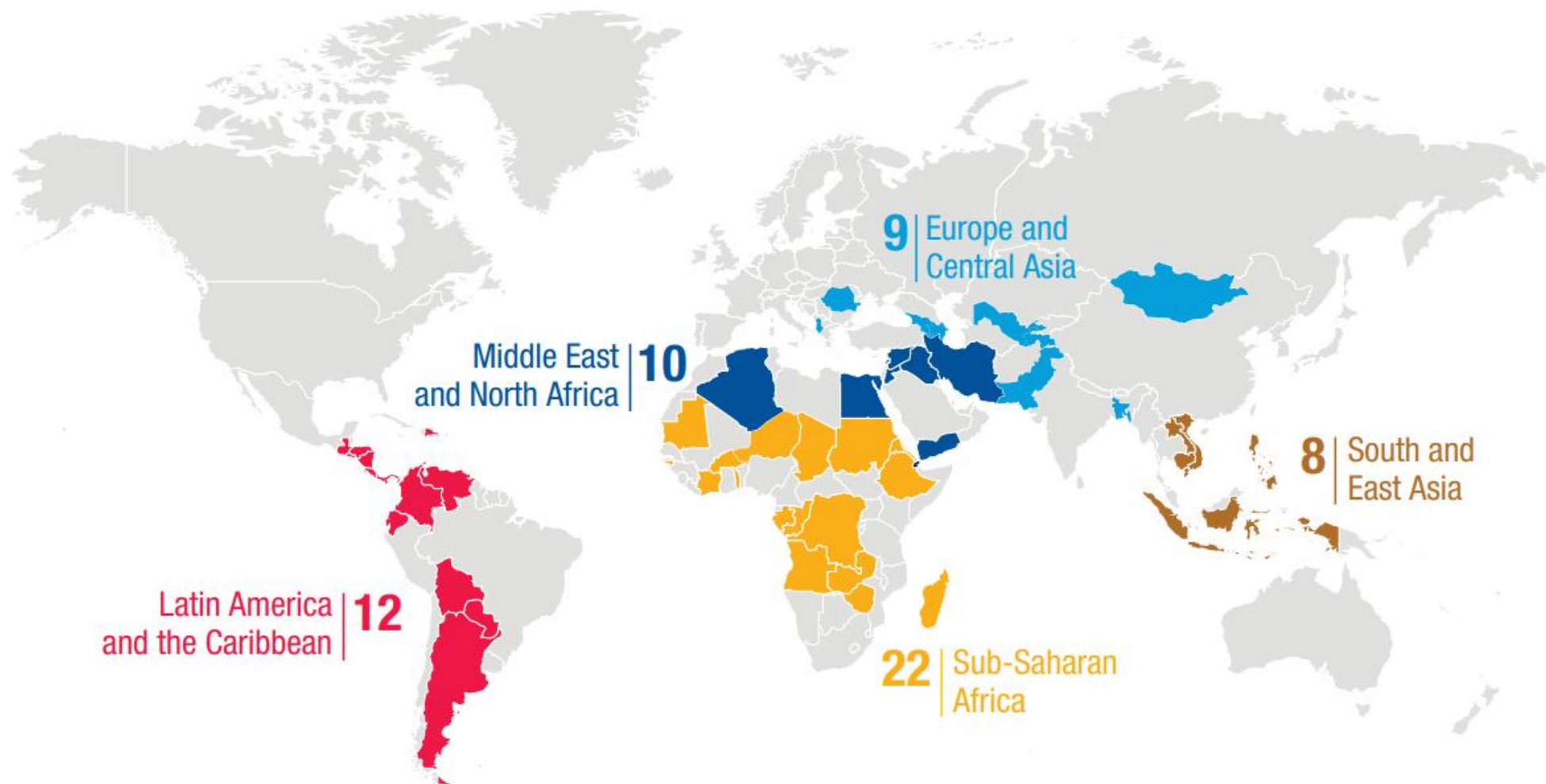
The Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS) Programme

Flagship technical cooperation work of GDS within the Debt and development Finance branch – two thirds of our work

Proven solution for improving management of public liabilities and production of reliable debt data for policy-making purposes

- ▶ 2024 : completion of its 5-year strategic plan
- ▶ First pilot of new DMFAS version 7
- ▶ 2024 Donors European Union, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands and Switzerland
- ▶ Supporting 61 countries in 2024
- ▶ 93 % of countries have comprehensive data on public **external debt**
- ▶ 80 % of DMFAS 6 user report comprehensive **domestic debt**
- ▶ **91 % of DMFAS countries report to World bank**

► 61 DMFAS user countries, 2024



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