FIRST QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS
For the Period: December 2004- February 2005

This quarterly progress report from each Joint Technical Working Group is requested by the Secretariat of the Government-Donor Coordination Committee (GDCC) before 25 February 2005. It will be used to prepare a briefing note for the Second GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held on 7 March 2005. Please return the completed questionnaire to H.E. Chhieng Yanara at CDC in both soft and hard copy.

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG): Public Financial Management Working Group (PFMWG)

1. Did the TWG prepare its Terms of Reference? Yes ☑ No ☐

2. Did the TWG prepare an Action Plan? Yes ☑ No ☐ (if No, please continue to question 9)
   If Yes: When was the Action Plan approved by the TWG? (date / month / year) 08 / November / 2004

3. Since the 7th CG Meeting held in December 2004 how many times has the TWG met? One

4. Is the scheduling of activities in the Action Plan done by month/quarter? Yes ☑ No ☐
   If No, please go to Q8, but first please identify the methodology that is planned to be employed by the TWG to monitor and report on progress made: quarter

5. Please list below activities in the Action Plan that were scheduled to be implemented during the last quarter (December 2004 and February 2005).

As identified in the Public Financial Management Reform Program document (Public Financial Management Reform Program: *Strengthening Governance through Enhanced Public Financial Management,* Ministry of Economy and Finance, December 2004), there are 27 activities identified as necessary to complete platform one and encompassing work for later platform plus some institutional, capacity and motivational measures. Within this 27 activities, there are 254 actions were scheduled to be implemented during the first stage (15 to 20 months). However, actions scheduled to be implemented as of February 2005 are as follows:

- Activities identified as necessary to complete platform one: 1.1, 1.7 and 1.9, 2.4, 3.1 to 3.3 and 3.5 to 3.36, 4.1 and 4.3, 5.3, 6.1 and 6.2, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.17, 8.1 and 8.6, 9.1 and 9.6, 10.1 and 10.2, 11.1, 12.1, 13.1 and 13.2;
- Encompassing work for later platform: 20.1, 21.1, 21.2 and 21.10, 22.1, 23.1, 24.1, 25.1, 27.1, 27.4, 27.9, 28.1, 29.1;
- Institutional, capacity, and motivational measures: 30.1, 30.2, 30.5, 30.11, and 30.12, 31.1, 31.3, 31.6, 31.7, 31.8, and 31.11, 33.1, 33.2, 33.4, 33.5, 33.6, 33.7, 33.8, 33.9, 33.10, and 33.11.

6. Which of the activities listed in question 5 are being implemented as scheduled?

Activity (please use the same number as shown in Q5)	**Comments, if any**
1.1	on-going
3.5 to 3.36	on-going
5.3	on-going
6.1	on-going
7.2 and 7.3	completed
8.1 and 8.6	on-going
9.1	on-going
9.6	completed
10.1	on-going
12.1	on-going
13.1 and 13.2	on-going
20.1	on-going
21.1 and 21.2	on-going
22.1	completed
23.1	on-going
24.1	on-going
27.1	completed
27.4, 27.9	on-going
28.1	on-going
30.2, 30.5, 30.11, 30.12	on-going
31.1, 31.3	on-going
31.6, 31.7, 31.8 and 31.11	completed
33.1, 33.9, 33.10	on-going
33.2, 33.4, 33.6, 33.7, 33.11	completed

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7. Please list the activities that are behind schedule, reasons for delay, and the TWG's recommendations for solving the problems.

Activity (please use the same number as shown in Q5)	**Reasons for Delay**	**TWG's Recommendation**
1.7 and 1.9	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
2.4	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
3.1, 3.2, and 3.3	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
4.1	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
6.2	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
8.6	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
10.2	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
11.1	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
13.2	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
21.2	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
21.10	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
25.1	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
28.1	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
29.1	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA
33.8	Technical assistance not yet place	Accelerate procurement of TA

** Some actions have already undertaken under the Budget Management Committee leadership.*

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If you answered "No" to Q4 then please complete Q8 below, otherwise please go to Q9.

8. Please list below activities in the Action Plan that have been implemented during the last quarter (December 2004-February 2005).

Activity	Comments, if any

9. Is (are) there any Joint Monitoring Indicator(s) agreed at the 7th CG Meeting held in December 2004 that fall within the mandate of ***this*** TWG? Yes ☑ No ☐ (please go to Q11)

If Yes, please list the indicators below:

Implement the RGC's PFM reform agenda: first 12 months of platform 1

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10. What progress has been made toward achieving the targets of the Joint Monitoring Indicator(s) listed in Q9 above?

Joint Monitoring Indicator	Progress	Constraints	Recommendation
Implement the RGC's PFM reform agenda: first 12 months of platform 1	Out of 94 activities planned, 14 activities completed, 60 activities are on going, and 20 are waiting for TA.	(1) Full internalization of reform requirements has been slower than expected, resulting in some delays; (ii) Reaching consensus on the BMPI has been slower than hoped; (iii) Operationalizing key features of coordinated TA more complex and taking more time than expected.	Donors and government need to be more pro-active (including by providing additional resources to the Reform Committee Secretariat) and decisive in program implementation. Once key decisions on the MBPI are finally made, and the multi-donor trust is up and running, implementation momentum should accelerate.

11. Please list below activities in the Action Plan that are planned for the next quarter (March 2005-May 2005).

i. ***Continue to implement platform/stage one of the RGC's PFM reform program***

ii. .....

iii. .....

iv. .....

v. .....

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