SIX MONTH PROGRESS REPORT OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS
For the Period: December 2005 - May 2006

*This questionnaire on progress made by each Joint Technical Working Group is requested by the Secretariat of the Government-Donor Coordination Committee (GDCC). It should be completed and submitted to the Secretariat of the GDCC before **29 May 2006**. It will be used to prepare a summary progress report for the seventh GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held on 14 June 2006. Please return the completed questionnaire to H.E. Mr. Chhieng Yanara at CDC/CRDB in both soft and hard copies.*

TWG: PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

A. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING TWG'S ACTION PLANS

1. Please list below activities in the Action Plans that were scheduled to be implemented during the last six months (December 2005 to May 2006) and provide an update on implementation status of these activities.

Scheduled Activities	Implementation Status			
	On Schedule	Behind Schedule	If behind schedule, reasons for delay	TWG Recommendations for GDCC Consideration, if any
There are 254 actions planed for the implementation.	217 (85%)	37 (15%)	There are four main reasons for the delay: 1. It is taking longer than expected to coordinate with MEF departments and between MEF and relevant institutions. 2. Certain activities are pending completion of pre-requisite activities. 3. Procurement for services has taken longer time than planed (e.g. in selection of appropriate consultants). 4. Requirement to meet emerging needs for additional technical assistance within the context of a capacity development strategy.	1. To further improve coordination both within MEF's departments and with related institutions, and decision making process. 2. To finalize TA coordination and recruitment strategy. 3. To develop fast track procurement of goods and services in priority activities. 4. To finalize the action plan and time frame of the priority areas (capacity development, streamlining of payment process, revenue forecasting, budget integration, cash management and MBPI administration) need to be completed for the Platform 1, as agreed during the annual review.

2. Are there any other issues affecting the implementation of TWG Action Plan that it would like to submit for GDCC's consideration.

Enhanced coordination among donors, TA providers and Government related to Public Financial Management reforms. Five key areas related to this are as follows: i) Need to ensure that PFM related reforms being considered and/or implemented in line ministries be endorsed by MEF. This is to ensure that the PFMRP is not compromised. Ii) Need to ensure that PFM proposals from Donors that conflict with current Government policy and /or commitments be addressed in the first instance in the DPC and then in the TWG. iii) Need to ensure that work of in-country TA are coordinated in way that ensures the delivery of consistent and non-conflicting advice.

B. PROGRESS ON JOINT MONITORING INDICATORS

3. If there are any Joint Monitoring Indicator(s) agreed at the 8th CG Meeting held in March 2006 that fall within the mandate of *this* TWG, please list the JMIs below and indicate progress that has been made toward achieving the JMI targets.

Joint Monitoring Indicator	What is the current implementation status? What are the constraints that you are experiencing, if any? What recommendations do you have, for GDCC consideration to resolve the identified constraints?
Continue implementing the RGC's PFM Reform Program (complete Stage1/Platform 1 and begin implementing the action plan for Stage 2) and monitor impact through the agreed PFM Performance Management Framework/Indicators.	_The draft of action plan to complete Stage 1/ Platform 1 and for stage 2 were done and are going to be finalized and implemented until the end of 2006. _Following the Annual Review retreat of the PFMRP, revised PFM PI's for 2006 have been drafted. MEF consultation internally and with development partners is ongoing. Discussion with key stakeholders on PI Indicator # 4, related to PFM related indictors for MoH and MoEYS, has commenced. _Revising Consolidated Action Plan (CAP) and developing strategic plan for completing Platform 1 and preparing action plan for Platform 2.

C. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE ACTION PLAN ON HARMONIZATION, ALIGNMENT AND RESULTS

4. What actions have you taken to implement the updated Harmonization, Alignment, and Results Action Plan? What are the constraints that you are experiencing, if any? What recommendations do you have, for GDCC consideration to resolve the identified constraints?

Action Taken	Update
i. Building on established donor coordination arrangements between donors, government and TA providers.	Coordination committees generally functioning well. There remains some room for improvement in donor and TA coordination related to FMIS issues.
ii. Progressed fund pooling arrangements under the PFMRP though the MDTF and the future PFMAP- IDA grant.	SWAp like arrangements established to allow pooling of funds under one special account.
iii. All performance results targets used by development partners are founded on PFMRP performance monitoring framework	Poverty Reduction Support Operation (PRSO), MDTF, and Public Financial Management and Accountability Project (PFMAP) Indictors aligned with PFMRP,
IV. Harmonized procurement and financial management manuals	Training on manual/s delivered
V. Harmonization of and integration of donor project reporting and administration.	Building on work of CDC, Department of Investment and Cooperation (DIC) is mobilizing TA to support development of systems to develop and automate a harmonized approach to donor project reporting and administration.

D. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

5. Has the TWG been able to mobilize the resources to implement its Action Plan for 2006?

☑ yes ☐ no

MEF and the WB successfully negotiated a Public Financial Management and Accountability Project (PFMAP) for $ 14 million.

If no, please answer the following questions:

- What is the total amount of resources the TWG had estimated to implement its Action Plan for 2006? (in USD).....
- What is the minimum additional amount that the TWG needs to implement its Action Plan? (in USD) .....

- Which development partners do you think would be able to provide the required resources? .....

REPORT ENDORSED BY:

TWG CHAIR(S):	_____	_____	_____	LEAD DONOR COORDINATOR(S):	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Signature	Date		Name	Signature	Date