

### What is PEFA

The Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) program provides a framework for assessing and reporting on the strengths and weaknesses of public financial management (PFM) using quantitative indicators to measure performance.



PEFA is designed to provide a snapshot of PFM performance at specific points in time using a methodology that can be used in successive assessments, giving a summary of changes over time.

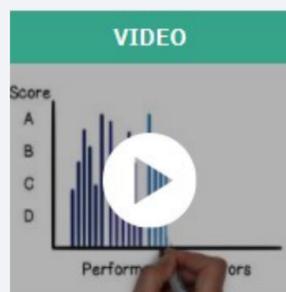
Information about PEFA is available on the [PEFA Website](#).

### Partners

PEFA is a partnership program that was initiated in 2001 by seven international development partners: The European Commission, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and the governments of France, Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

In 2019, the Ministries of Finance of the Slovak Republic and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg became new partners of the program.

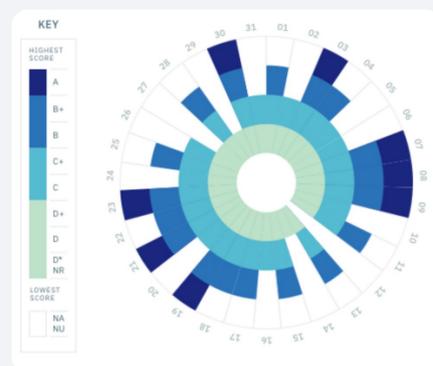
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### PEFA Framework

- [PEFA Framework](#) is a methodology used to develop reports that provide an overview of the PFM system and evidence-based measurements.
- It provides an assessment of the implications for overall system performance and desirable public financial management outcomes.
- It provides a foundation for reform planning, dialogue on strategy and priorities, and progress monitoring.



The pandemic had urged to respond to new PFM demands and speed the process of reaching new countries to apply the PEFA Framework and PEFA new products to help countries take relevant measures for sustainable recovery.

### PEFA Handbooks

Four Handbooks have been developed to guide the users in the assessment process on

- Planning, Managing, and Using PEFA
- PEFA Assessment FieldGuide
- Preparing the PEFA Report
- Using PEFA to Support PFM Improvement.

All the Handbooks could be accessed [here](#) and the available Mobile Versions [here](#).



### Landscape

- 154 Countries with assessment
- 600+ Assessments worldwide
- 65% Publicly Available Assessments
- 1000+ Officials Trained Annually

All PEFA assessments and the public reports could be accessed [here](#).

### New Products

[PEFA Climate](#) is a new supplementary tool assessing climate-responsive PFM. PEFA Climate Assessments are ongoing or under preparation in Southern Europe, Eastern Africa, Middle East, and Latin America. The first finalized [PEFA Samoa Climate Report](#) is published.

[Agile PEFA](#) could help governments to assess their PFM systems quicker during COVID. The Agile approach is currently applied in Sudan, Cook Islands, and Mongolia.

PEFA at Subnational Level supports the improvement of PFM at the subnational level. The revised [PEFA 2021 Guidance for Subnational Governments](#) includes a supplementary module on service delivery. The eight SN Assessments in China, Argentina-San Juan and [Burkina Faso-Ouagadougou](#) are the first assessments using the revised guidance.

PEFA Gender highlights relevant gender-responsive PFM practices in line with key stages of the budget cycle. A Brochure – What you Need to Know gives an overview of the [GRPFM Framework](#). Eight countries applied the PEFA GRPFM Two reports are published ([Tonga](#) and [Norway](#))

New developments include also the launch of the Global PFM Report, the Stocktaking of PFM Diagnostic Tools, the new round of annual PEFA Research competition, and a PEFA e-learning course.

### Ten Steps



### Information Pool

PEFA Data is widely used by researchers to track the PFM performance over time.

The [Global Report](#) provides an overview of the methodology used for assessing PFM performance, highlights key trends in PFM of the budget cycle, and presents ideas to influence future research on PFM.

### Assessments in China

The first PEFA assessment in China applied the new 2021 Subnational PEFA Framework in 8 counties of the Hunan Province: Chaling County, Guidong County, Liling City, Liuyang City, Pingjiang County, Rucheng County, Yizhang County, and Youxian County.

The China Hunan Province Subnational PEFA Assessments were conducted in November 2019 –November 2020 with the objective to deepen the PFM reforms by improving fiscal systems and management capacity of county governments in order to eventually support the governments to implement government’s rural revitalization program.

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