The experience of the PEFA assessment for San Juan Province-Argentina

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Outline

- Background.
- Main challenges.
- New Guidance for SNG PEFA assessments.
- PEFA process and main outcomes.
- Next steps.
Background

- Argentina PEFA assessment of the national government.
- Previous San Juan Province PEFA assessment outdated.
Background – Cont.
Main challenges

- COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.
- Counterparts' engagement.
- PEFA methodology understanding.
- New Guidance for SNG PEFA assessments.
New Guidance for SNG PEFA assessments

- Which of the SNG guidances should the Team apply?
- Decision to apply the new SNG guideline at Concept Note.
- Full endorsement by the PEFA Secretariat:
  ✓ Training workshop.
  ✓ New Guidance version translated into Spanish.
  ✓ PEFA virtual Open House event.
New Guidance for San Juan PEFA

TWO NEW INDICATORS
HLG-2: Fiscal rule & monitoring of fiscal position (NU)
PI-9bis: Public consultation

NEW DIMENSIONS ADDED TO EXISTING INDICATORS
HLG-1: Outturn of transfers from HLG
PI-19: Revenue administration

MERGED & REDESIGNED
MERGED PI-14-15-16
NEW PI-14: Medium-term budget strategy

ADJUSTMENTS
PI-8: Performance information for SD
PI-10: Fiscal risk reporting
PI-12: Public asset management
PI-14: Medium term budget strategy
PI-19: Revenue Administration
PI-20: Accounting for revenue
PI-29: Annual Financial reports
PI-30: External Audit

Additional optional module: Service delivery (NU)
PEFA process and main outcomes

- PEFA assessment process 100% remote.
- Strong coordination required.
- Flexibility of the Assessors’ Team.
- Virtual field mission longer than usual.
- Internal enhancement review.
- Draft report already reviewed by peer-reviewers, PEFA Secretariat and the Government of San Juan (GSJ).
Comments provided by the GSJ on the Draft Report were received last week and are under review by the Assessors' Team.
## Main Outcomes

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<td>• Establishment of the stakeholder oversight team</td>
<td>Team confirmation</td>
<td>May 2020</td>
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<td>• Review concept note by peer reviewers</td>
<td>Concept note</td>
<td>June 2020</td>
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<td>• Initial review of available information</td>
<td>Initial data reviewed</td>
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<td>• Concept Note Review Meeting</td>
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<td>• Coordination with government and stakeholders</td>
<td>Agreed work schedule</td>
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<td>• Training material preparation</td>
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<td><strong>Field work</strong></td>
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<td>• PEFA launch and methodology training</td>
<td>Workshop delivery</td>
<td>September 8-10, 2020</td>
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<td>• Initial data request</td>
<td>Data request issued to responsible units</td>
<td>September 10, 2020</td>
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<td>• Data collection and interviews</td>
<td>All necessary data obtained</td>
<td>September 15-November 20, 2020</td>
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<td>• Presentation of preliminary findings to the authorities</td>
<td>Presentation initial findings</td>
<td>December 2020</td>
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<td>• Preparation of draft report by assessment team</td>
<td>Draft report for internal quality enhancement review</td>
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<td><strong>Post-field work</strong></td>
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<td>• PEFA Secretariat and Oversight Team review the draft report</td>
<td>Comments recorded and considered</td>
<td>February/March 2020</td>
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<td>• Review of comments and further drafting of report</td>
<td>Revised draft report</td>
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<td>• PEFA Secretariat reviews the revised draft report</td>
<td>Final draft reviewed and PEFA Check issued</td>
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<td><strong>Planned post-PEFA assessment activity</strong></td>
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<td>• PFM reform dialogue based on PEFA assessment findings</td>
<td>Briefing on the relevance of PEFA to government policy priorities</td>
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Next Steps

- PEFA Check.
- PEFA Final Report delivery to the GSJ.
- Broader policy dialogue with the province on PFM reforms will be explored.
Thank You