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# ASSESSMENT REPORT ON STRENGTHENING PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND DOMESTIC RESOURCES MOBILIZATION

This Assessment responds to USAID’s request for the Fiscal Accountability and Sustainable Trade (FAST) to conduct a Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) and a Public Finance Management (PFM) assessment.

Its main objective is to help inform the Agency on the current state of the DRM and PFM systems in Burundi and to provide actionable and programmatic recommendations for future interventions with USAID support. USAID considers that efficient, transparent, and quality DRM and PFM systems are vital for a country to deliver adequate public services, achieve economic growth, and reduce poverty.

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## **OBJECTIVES**

The assessment addresses two main questions:

- 1) What is the strategic case for USAID intervention in the DRM space and what are the options for engagement?
- 2) What is the strategic case for USAID intervention in the government budgeting space and what are the options for engagement?

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

PFM reforms are required to achieve USAID goals of improved health and nutrition of Burundians, while enhanced domestic resource mobilization, with a focus on how to mobilize resources rather than merely increasing the tax take, can support an improved business enabling environment and incent more rapid and inclusive economic growth, leading to greater income equality and reduced poverty.

Burundi has a relevant, credible long-term (2018 - 2027) sector strategy for the modernization of the PFM system. The main objective of this strategy is to provide a transparent PFM/DRM system, consistent with international standards that allows an efficient and effective use of public resources and the well-being of citizens.

## **KEY INFORMATION**

Implementation period: April 2022 – October 2022

Budget: \$ 201,186

Implementing partner: Fiscal Accountability and Sustainable Trade (FAST) Burundi