

Government Resource Planning (GRP) for Open Government

Situation

Government fiscal transparency provides numerous benefits including improved:

- citizen and business trust leading to increased remittances, enhanced internal and foreign investments, improved credit ratings, and reduced migration
- coordination with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), including the use of country systems
- Open Budget Index and Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) assessments

Complication

Fiscal open government can be supported via Financial Management Information Systems¹ (FMIS), however, few governments appear to have this facility, according to recent World Bank data².

Available fiscal information is often provided through structured PDF reports rather than via more useful open data.

¹ Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) FMIS software designed exclusively for PFM, like the [FreeBalance Accountability Suite™](#), is known as Government Resource Planning (GRP)

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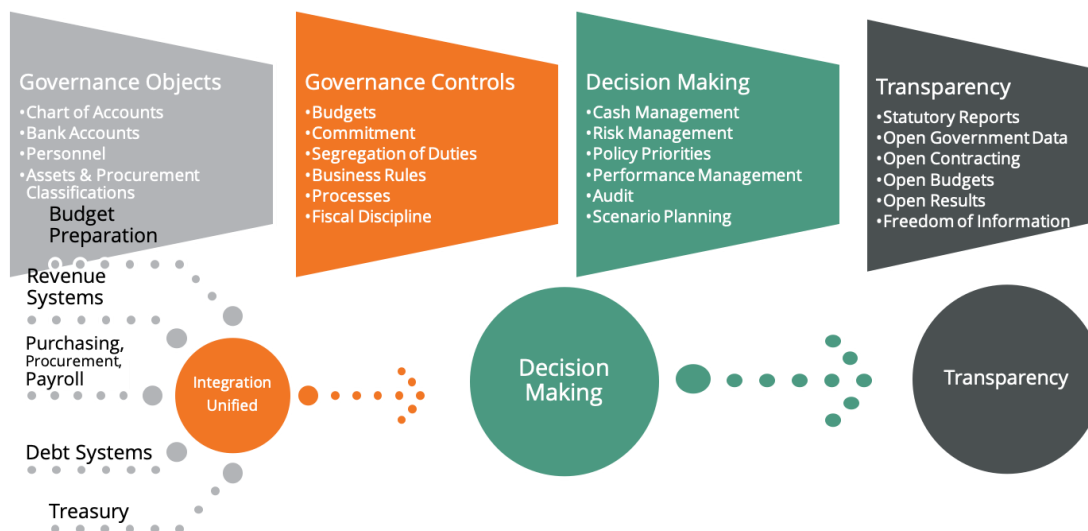
https://datacatalog.worldbank.org/search/dataset/0041421/fmis_and_open_budget_data_global_dataset

Question

How can governments leverage FMIS environments to automate the production of open government fiscal data?

Solution

FreeBalance provides open government [fiscal transparency portals](#) leveraging existing FMIS portfolios. Governments operating the FreeBalance Accountability Suite™ benefit from the unified design to accelerate portal development.



The FreeBalance approach includes:

- data and metadata integration across budget cycles
- interoperable controls for compliance
- data warehousing and data lakes design for decision support and fiscal transparency
- output options including PDF, spreadsheet, and open data formats

Among the Public Financial Management (PFM) transparency domains enabled by FreeBalance are: budget plans, budget actuals, debt, aid, procurement, public investment, asset, recruitment, public service and politician salaries and expenditures. This automates government transparency compliance and reduces Access To Information (ATI) costs.

Appendix: Supporting Material

FreeBalance blog entries

- [Can Transparency Solve the Public Debt Crisis?](#)
- [The FreeBalance Governance Framework](#)