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It has produced three major global reports: [the first in 2012](#) helped the IMF to change its policies on tracking government social spending; the [second in 2013](#) was a huge step forward in data publication and transparency on government spending; and [the third in 2015](#) had a major impact on focusing discussions in the Addis Ababa FFD conference on progressive taxation and spending to fight poverty and inequality.