DFI is well known for conducting many advocacy, advisory, research and analysis projects on public sector development financing, for international organizations, developing countries, donor governments and CSOs. It has also provided support to more than 30 countries to develop independent capacity to design and implement public sector external and domestic financing strategies since the early 1990s.

Public sector development financing covers a wide range of different financing sources and types. This section of the website looks in turn at external and then domestic financing. On the external side, there are pages analysing issues relating to multilateral non-concessional and concessional finance from international organisations, bilateral non-concessional and concessional finance from other governments (both OECD and Southern), and commercial finance (from banks, capital market bonds, and public-private partnership finance).

**Latest work DFI carried out in this area:**

**23 October - 3 November 2017 - Cameroon and Comoros Development Financing Assessment Missions**

DFI has been contracted by UNDP as lead consultant for two missions to Cameroon and Comoros. The aim of the missions is to help both countries conduct a Development Financing Assessment (DFA) and to develop an Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) to support the financing of their national development goals and the SDGs.
Consultations were held with government policymakers and officials, as well as representatives of parliament, civil society, the private sector and the donor community, in order to help governments identify key types of development financing which could be scaled up to support the SDGs. The missions also explored the key reinforcements which could be made to government policies and systems to ensure more successful mobilisation and utilisation of development financing. For more on DFAs and INFFs, see here.

13 October - The IMF and Social Protection, Washington

DFI chaired a panel discussing the report of the IMF Independent Evaluation Office into the IMF and social protection. Held in the CSO Forum at the BWI Annual Meetings, the event allowed CSOs to hear more about IMF social protection policy, as well as social safeguards (spending floors) in IMF programmes.

Two key issues emerged: the need to include social protection spending in IMF social spending floors (it is often currently excluded) and the need to ensure that IMF spending recommendations are compatible with reaching the SDG aiming for universal social protection floors for all citizens (rather than targeting mechanisms at a small group of the poorest citizens).

13 October - Unpacking Fiscal Risks of Public-Private Partnerships, Washington
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DFI participated in a CSO-organised panel on public-private partnerships (PPPs), based on recent studies by Eurodad and Jubilee Debt Campaign, to discuss with IMF and World Bank officials their roles in helping countries to analyse and reduce fiscal risks of PPPs. DFI presented the conclusions of the OIF Finance Ministers’ network on PPPs as expressed in their communiqué of 12th October, emphasising the potential high costs and risks of PPPs. It highlighted the need for comprehensive preparation in terms of laws and institutional structures to dramatically scale up capacity in developing countries to design, prioritise and implement public investment projects, and to negotiate PPP contracts more successfully, in order to reduce costs and risks.

DFI also emphasised two of the key ministerial recommendations: publishing an ex-ante assessment of the potential costs and risks of each project and maximum consultation with parliament and civil society before signing any major contract.

11 October 2016 - Toolkit on Domestic Financing for Education

Drawing on the skills gained from monitoring government budgets in over 70 countries, Government Spending Watch (GSW) helped develop a toolkit on Domestic Financing for Education produced by the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) in collaboration with ActionAid International (AAI) and Education International (EI).

11 June 2015 - Financing the SDGs: what lessons can we learn from the MDGs?

Read this new blog by GSW on the lessons we can learn from the MDGs’ gaps and shortfalls in key sectors to help inform the current debate on financing the SDGs.

20-22 April 2015 - Monitoring Budgets to Reach the SDGs, Cartagena

DFI chaired and spoke in a panel with Oxfam and Peruvian NGO Ciudadanos al Dia on why monitoring budget revenue, financing and spending will be essential to track progress towards the SDGs. Click here to download the DFI/CaD presentation. This analysis built on the joint DFI-IBP-Oxfam briefing paper prepared in October 2014, as well as Chapter 5 of the GSW 2015 report on how to conduct budget monitoring.