

| Fiscal Transparency Innovation Fund Program Evaluation – DevTech Systems, Inc.   |   |
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| <b>Contract Information</b>  |   |
| <b>1. Name of Contracting Entity:</b><br>U.S. Department of State<br>Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs (EB)  | <b>3. Contract Type:</b> Time and Materials   |
|  | <b>4. Contract Value (TEC):</b> \$193,015.00  |
|  | <b>5. Period of Performance:</b> September 30, 2016 - April 15, 2017.   |
|  | <b>6. Primary locations of work:</b>  |
| <b>2. Contract Number:</b> SAQMMA16F5009   | <b>7. Skills/Expertise Required:</b> <i>Program Evaluation, Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis, Field Survey Administration, Reviews and Assessment.</i> |
| <b>8. Detailed Description of Work/Services:</b><br><p>The purpose of the Fiscal Transparency Innovation Fund Program Evaluation was to provide information to support the EB/ Office of Monetary Affairs (OMA) in developing mechanisms to select, monitor, and measure the effect of FTIF projects. DevTech provided a mid-course evaluation service of three types of FTIF fiscal transparency projects that covers Madagascar and Malawi. The DevTech evaluation underscored the importance of the specific FTIF projects indicators and milestones in Madagascar and Malawi, and the central role these played in the evaluation of the FTIF fiscal transparency projects. DevTech M&amp;E assessment mechanism (and the resulting management and analytical tools) focused on the specific FTIF projects in Malawi and Madagascar, and their indicators and milestones, leveraging where necessary third party international transparency indicators, such as OBI and others, to create globally available, efficiently collected and scalable standardized indicators to complement country-specific monitoring of fiscal transparency. DevTech assembled a team of experienced professionals, representing nearly 40 years of combined experience. This included nearly 15 years of International Monetary Fund, World Bank and international development bank experience in fiscal policy and public financial management, and over forty years of public financial management and economics consulting. DevTech employed a mixed-method three-stage approach to the evaluation, based on social science and industry best practice. The team drew on multiple information sources, which included quantitative and qualitative data from documents and KIIs, as well as others such as FGDs, surveys, or direct observation. The methodology and evaluation framework provided for a coordinated and systematic review of data drawn primarily from a desk study/literature review and a series of semi-structured interviews with stakeholders both in the target countries, and in the wider fiscal transparency community. The evaluation team completed field work in Malawi and Madagascar respectively, and presented a draft report in March 2017.</p> <p>The DevTech Evaluation Team found that the Fiscal Transparency Innovation Fund (FTIF) projects have had a positive impact in both of the beneficiary countries. The following was found through desk review and fieldwork activities in Malawi and Madagascar<sup>1</sup> (interviews and</p> |   |

<sup>1</sup> Held from January 21 to February 4 with one week of visit in each country.

focus groups, involving a total of 43 key informed stakeholders, including government professionals, development partners, and civil society organizations):

1. The review of secondary and primary evidence collected for this evaluation strongly confirmed the relevance of the Specific Objectives identified for the FTIF intervention in Malawi and Madagascar, in addressing the specific deficiencies of the assisted government.
2. Available secondary and primary evidence also confirms positive advancements towards achieving the specific results set for the FTIF intervention in Malawi and Madagascar.
3. Collected evidence suggests positive results, so far, in raising the overall understanding and awareness of fiscal transparency (FT) issues by supported stakeholders.
4. Strong alignment with existing initiatives by supported governments and Developing Partners, as well as a great sense of ownership and willingness to pursue the reforms supported by the FTIF in the two countries, suggests potentially strong long-term impact of achieved results.

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