

RECIPIENT COUNTRIES

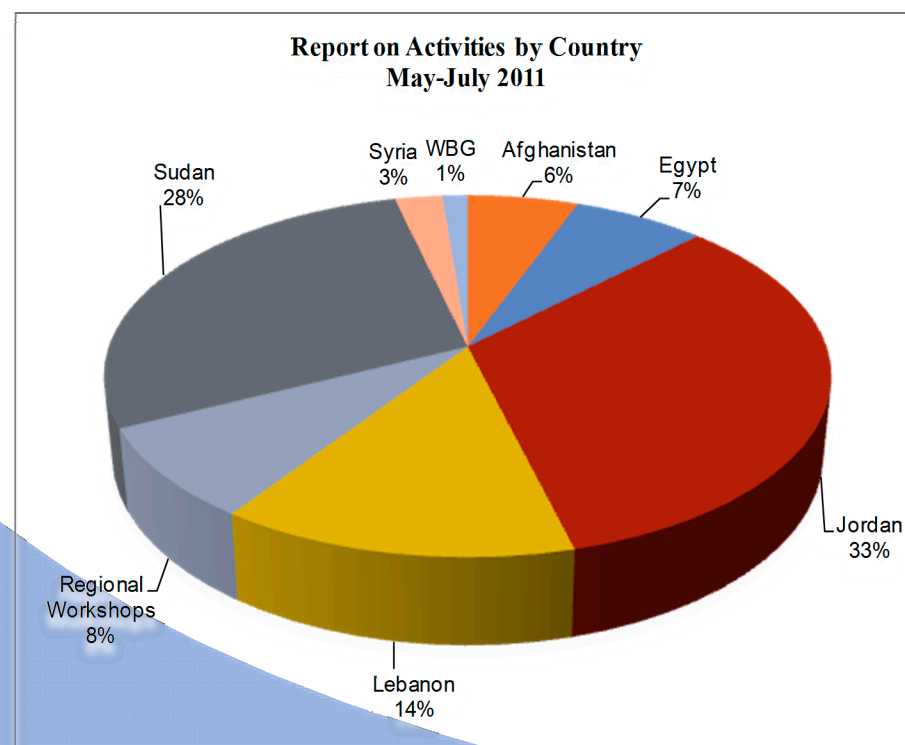
AFGHANISTAN	EGYPT
IRAQ	JORDAN
LEBANON	LIBYA
SUDAN	SYRIA
WBG	YEMEN

TA delivery during the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2012

With the unrest in some METAC countries, Technical Assistance (TA) during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2012 focused on relatively stable countries. Fourteen missions were conducted in five countries (Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Sudan) and two regional workshops: one in Cairo in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Finance (MOF), USAID, EU, ADETEF and OECD, and the other in Amman in cooperation with the IMF Monetary and Capital Markets Department (MCM).

The overall implementation ratio for the quarter was 52 percent and is 13 percent for the entire year. Direct TA activities were the largest in the area of Debt Management (32 percent), followed by Revenue Administration (27 percent) and Statistics (15 percent). The new Banking Supervision Advisor joined METAC in May and carried 15 percent of total delivery. Public Financial Management accounted for 11 percent as the resident expert left METAC at the end of June—his replacement will assume his duties in September.

Jordan received the largest share of TA this quarter (33 percent) followed by Sudan (28 percent) and Lebanon (14 percent). This was in line with our strategy to focus more on those countries during the first part of the year. Syria, traditionally the largest user of METAC's TA, received only 3 percent of TA delivered.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Revenue Administration Missions in Lebanon

Two METAC revenue administration missions will visit the Ministry of Finance of Lebanon in September-October 2011.

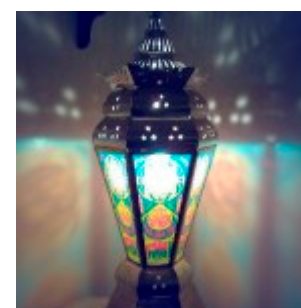
The first mission will take stock of recent developments in customs reform implementation, provide technical advice to the authorities in salient operational areas, assess the technical assistance needs going forward, and identify with the authorities further actions needed to strengthen the capacity of the administration.

The second mission will review the compliance management schemes of the banking sector and organize training sessions to staff in the Large Taxpayers' Office on modern and efficient compliance methods and audit techniques.

Statistics Mission in Jordan

A METAC Short-Term Expert will conduct a two-week mission in Amman starting at the end of September 2011 on components of National Accounts statistics.

The main objectives will be to review the Supply and Use/Input-Output tables prepared by the staff of the Department of Statistics for a past year and to further train staff of the National Accounts Division on updating the tables going forward and using the indicators derived from them. An essential source for the data underlying Gross Domestic Product, these balances provide a single framework showing the relationship between components of value added, industry inputs and outputs, and product supply and demand.



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