



Stepping up domestic revenue mobilisation

France

Gross disbursements – \$21.87 million

Commitments – \$12.40 million

Most important recipients (including top 3 individual countries, where relevant):

- Disbursements – Niger: \$11.22 million; developing

countries unspecified: \$0.98 million; Madagascar \$0.04 million

- Commitments – Niger: \$16.81 million; developing countries unspecified: \$4.85 million; Madagascar \$0.04 million

Doubling support to DRM in partner countries

France's expenditure on assistance related to domestic revenue mobilisation was reported as USD 12.4 million in 2019, representing a more than a doubling of assistance in comparison to 2015.

France's support for DRM consists mainly of small-scale bilateral technical cooperation projects, which were implemented in 19 countries in 2019. There was one large scale bilateral project in 2019, which was implemented in Niger and focussed on supporting reforms implemented by the Ministry of Finance aimed at increasing DRM.

In 2020, France adopted a new DRM strategy and investment plan, through which they expect a significant rise of French support to DRM until 2023.

The new inter-ministerial strategy dedicates funding towards increasing domestic resources of priority low-income countries and steps up France's involvement in promoting effective and coordinated multilateral response in addressing transnational DRM challenges. The strategic investment plan supports the following three objectives:

- Define and support the implementation of fair, efficient and economically attractive tax policies in developing countries;
- Support the modernisation of tax administrations and ensure effective tax collection;
- Optimise France's cooperation instruments and those of its partners.

Policy coherence for development

France's commitment to promote policy coherence is demonstrated by:

- A strong commitment to strengthen international tax cooperation through their membership to the OECD Global Forum; their implementation of exchange of information, both automatically and on request, with an extensive network of countries; and their contributions to capacity building programmes implemented by the Global Forum in Africa;

- Their efforts to fight illicit financial flows and increase tax transparency through their membership of the FATF and OECD, and participation in negotiations related to corruption, tax fraud, financial crimes and tax transparency;
- France's commitment to "greening" taxation in middle income countries.

Outlook

Since 2015, France has more than doubled its support to DRM assistance, with commitments increasing by 276% and disbursements by 118% between 2015 and 2019. This trend is likely to continue through 2020 given France's adoption of a new DRM strategy in 2020, suggesting that France is on track to reach ATI Commitment 1 and double its expenditure on tax-related assistance by 2020.