

## **CABRI Webinar**

**Financial management information systems:  
Balancing flexibility and accountability during a crisis**

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## **Webinaire de CABRI**

**Les systèmes de gestion d'information financière :  
Équilibrer flexibilité et responsabilité pendant la crise**

Le 2 juillet 2020

*Information systems in PFM:  
overview and CABRI's work*

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Location: Lockdown level 3

# Information systems in PFM: the what and the why?

- Functional PFM systems depend on accurate and timely information sharing and an efficient accounting system.

*“The attributes you want in accounting software resemble those you’re likely to seek when choosing a spouse. You want a faithful (accurate) helpmate who grows with you (capable of being scaled up)... capable of intimacy (keep confidences)... open to recognizing his or her faults (an audit function). And most important you want the relationship to be long lasting – without the need for expensive and debilitating upgrades.”*


- Both have been revolutionised by financial management information systems (FMIS).
- FMIS: “automated solutions that enable governments to plan, execute and monitor the budget, by assisting in the prioritization, execution and reporting of expenditures... and revenues” (World Bank 2011).

# FMIS challenges in CABRI's member and participant countries

*Over USD 8 billion spent on FMIS projects and FMIS-related ICT solutions; recording, reporting, information sharing and data analysis remain suboptimal:*

- Dependence on simultaneous PFM reforms
- Mismatch between system design & local context
- Integration has presented its own challenges
- Data capability gaps
- Institutional coverage
- Often do not produce accurate and timely reports
- Donor funds remain outside the system

## What the hell is this IFMIS?

 By Lesotho Times — On Jun 11, 2009

OPINION

JUST what is this IFMIS animal that has caused so much pandemonium in our drinking halls? Of late Bacchus has been hearing this acronym a lot even from people who have never seen a blackboard in their lives.

It's now the common alibi that some of my boozing mates use to pass the round.

Every time it's their turn to buy booze they start lamenting endlessly about how the system has delayed their salaries or how their payments have been stuck at the treasury because there are problems with the financial programme.



# Information systems in PFM Policy Dialogue

Case studies, virtual workshops, peer-exchange event and training with budget and accounting officials from 15 countries, on:

- **Data skills** for effective utilisation of FMIS
- Challenges and successes in **integration**
- Considering **alternatives**: the modular approach and transversal systems
- PFM in the age of **digitalisation and big data**
- Extending the **institutional coverage**
- ***FMIS in times of crisis: balancing flexibility and accountability***



**Thank you**