

State Budgeting System (SBS)

Overview

Synergy's State Budgeting System (SBS) is a public finance solution which assists governments in budgeting based on their policy and programmatic priorities. SBS enables the collection, analysis and reporting of budget allocation information, facilitates top-down and bottom-up budget planning and execution, and provides an intelligent and user-friendly spreadsheet interface for multi-year budget preparations in accordance with national development plans or Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks (MTEF).

Key Features

Budget Planning

Centralizes and automates the budget planning process in a Web-based environment to support budget negotiations between the Ministry of Finance and line ministries. Customized tools enable the system's authorized users to link of line items and projects to policy priorities across multiple years in accordance with an MTEF or similar policy framework.

The system fully tracks budgetary revisions, such as the supplementary and complementary budgets, and allows a wide range of analyses of gaps and overlaps to ensure well-informed and coherent planning in line with national priorities and development strategies.

Budget Execution

SBS provides a wide-range of critical tools to empower the Government to effectively monitor the budget execution process, including registering allotments, registering new requests, transferring funds. SBS can be integrated with Financial Management Information Systems (FMIS) for exchange of accounting data and payment information.

In addition, SBS is very flexible and takes account of important variables. For example, funds not used are "carried forward" to next year's budget in an automated fashion. The system also allows for defining "drivers" that could impact the budget, such as the price of oil, exchange rates, rate of inflation, etc. SBS is the key mechanism for mid-year budget reviews.

Organizing Budget Processes

SBS includes a Budget Calendar module with automated alerts for planning budget preparation, planning and execution. At every phase, budget calendar defines the permissions corresponding to each user role, as well as executes predefined workflows. Robust user access controls ensure that all users have access to the information they need to complete their work, while securing sensitive budget data.

Analyzing and Presenting Budget Data

SBS' analytical tools make it simple to search and query budget information by budget account, ministry, region, type of expenditure, program, project and activity. Users can create sophisticated and user-friendly reports, charts, and GIS maps to support informed decision-making relevant to budget activity. The system also provides a dynamic interface for presenting under- or over-budgeting, variances between line ministry requests, and ceilings set by the Government.

Synergy SBS at a Glance

Ministry/Expenditure	Expenditure (K)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total	Control		
Ministry 001		3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
10 - Presidents Office		14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	
11 - National Assembly		9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	9,897	
12 - National Assembly Members Salaries		7,556	14,000	69,000	2,000	3,200	70,000	13,311	14,000	40,000														10,000	
13 - Administrative Offices		3,447																							
14 - Government Council		23,141																							
15 - Presidential Protective Services		9,500																							
20 - Ministry of Planning		50,000																							
21 - Ministry of State and Parliament Affairs		140																							
22 - Ministry of Defense		200,917																							
30 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs		22,741																							
Total		1,098,729	17,200	10,537,943	868,428	9,700	10,000	13,311	11,500	70,000	10,000	13,311													

SBS' spreadsheet interface

Project ID	Project Name	Lead Agency	Lead Specialist	Status
0001	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT	Ministry of Finance	Mr. John Doe	Active
0002	MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FINANCE	Ministry of Finance	Mr. Jane Smith	Active
0003	MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FINANCE	Ministry of Finance	Mr. John Doe	Active
0004	QUALITY AND SERVICE DEVELOPMENT	Ministry of Finance	Mr. Jane Smith	Active
0005	MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FINANCE	Ministry of Finance	Mr. John Doe	Active
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List of items and projects



Analyzing and presenting budget data

Account	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
10 - Presidents Office	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147	14,147
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Budget reporting



SBS' dashboard screen