Enhancing Partnerships and Scaled-up Support Update on BUSS, GSAI and PAP-APP



An IDC initiative that mobilizes effective and well-coordinated support to a target group of SAIs in challenging contexts. It empowers them to take forward their own capacity development and reach a new level of sustained capacities and performance.

The GSAI got off to a strong start. A kick-off hybrid event was delivered in Oslo in early March. The eight beneficiary SAIs of Belize, Benin, Dominica, Haiti, Honduras, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan met with technical and interested financial partners. The technical partners who attended included SAI Poland, Costa Rica, Azerbaijan, India, Latvia and France, as well as GIZ and CIPFA. Amongst the financial partners who joined the working sessions were EU delegations, USAID missions, Inter-American Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and World Bank country delegations. In the kick-off event the partners joined country groups and worked in getting a joint understanding of the SAI situation and support needs. This approach of enabling them work together to develop support projects proved effective in practice and created a good traction.



All countries have now agreed a partner set-up for a phase 1 project to start in 2023. For each beneficiary SAI there is peer SAI engaged. The partners are currently working on planning the projects, and consulting financial donors on possible additional funding. The GSAI programme team is advising all partners in the project design process.



A key ambition is to encourage peers to take a lead technical role in the projects and find ways in which donor funding can be managed independently of IDI. Except for the EU funding to the overall GSAI programme, there no agreements is so far on donor support entered for country projects. Several donors show interest, but to date there are no clear amounts committed. This makes it a bit challenging to plan and propose projects beyond what can be funded through the IDI managed funding pool. The GSAI programme team tries to make the SAI Support groups in each country active in clarifying funding options and getting to commitments.

