**Project Summary**

**Project Background**
In 2003, the Government of Senegal carried out a Country Financial Accountability Assessment (CFAA) and a Country Procurement Assessment Report (CPAR). In order to do this, and to provide an analysis of the overall performance of the public finance management system, as well as a baseline study, the Government conducted a PEFA assessment in 2007 for the 2004-2006 period with the cooperation of its development partners. The PEFA assessment has shown that many challenges still lie ahead in the area of public finance management. Following the adoption of the PEFA report, the Government introduced a new public finance reform plan for 2008-2010. The plan includes ongoing remaining activities under the CFAA and CPAR action plans that have not yet been completed. The Government adopted this new budgetary and financial reform plan in July 2008.

In relation to the shortcomings that have been highlighted in the budgetary management system, the Government and its development partners have agreed on the need to update the aforementioned public finance reform plan, to concentrate on priority activities in order to remedy the situation, and to put into place the adjustments and improvements required to consolidate public finance management performance over the long term. This joint agreement follows the conclusions and recommendations of the IMF technical assistance mission for public finance management (GFIP), which identified a set of short-term and medium-term measures to (i) improve the GFIP system, (ii) boost the production and reliability of State budgetary and financial implementation reports, in order to tackle the identified budgetary difficulties. In order to provide the Government with an overall GFIP performance-monitoring framework, it has been deemed necessary to ensure the consistency of the different plans.

**Project Objectives**
The project aimed at bringing about durable improvements to public finance management through (i) greater transparency in public expenditure implementation (ii) exhaustive detailing in budgetary reports of all the financial operations carried out by central and local administrations, (iii) improved effectiveness of internal and external audits.

**Project Activities**
Proposed updates to the Ministry of Economy and Finance's (MEF) budgetary and financial reform plan, on the basis of the conclusions of the IMF report on improving the budgetary system, the Government’s own priorities, notably those within the ISPE framework, and various assessments and reports, in particular the PEFA evaluation.

**Implementation Features**
The mission garnered the opinions and comments of the various development partners, particularly those who are members of the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Committee (CCHS) for budgetary and financial reform (the World Bank, the AfDB, Canada, the Netherlands, France, the AFD, Germany, USAID, the European Commission, etc.). The mission follow-up was carried out by the Project for the Coordination of Budget and Finance Reform (PCRBF), which attempted to take the remarks of the CCHS partner members into account as much as possible when validating reports.

**Services Provided**
- Updating the reform plan, taking into consideration the recommendations of the IMF mission on the improvement of the public finance management system;
- Ranking measures according to their impact, particularly in the area of improving the public finance management system;
- Differentiating between those measures that need financial support and those that the Government can carry out without financing;
- Determining the overall cost of those measures in need of financing, including the cost of ES/PCRBF monitoring;
- Drawing up an overview of all the technical and financial support being executed and partners’ leading future financing proposals, on the basis of identified needs;
- Putting plans into action, in partnership with the relevant services, and defining a deployment plan.