Jordan

Technical Assistance in Fiscal Year 2022

Revenue Administration (February 7-21; June 13-24)

METAC provided assistance to the Income and Sales Tax Department of Jordan to follow up on: (i) the implementation of two key taxpayer segment compliance improvement plans (CIPs) for large taxpayers and free professionals, (ii) other recommendations of earlier missions and TA in the area of large taxpayer compliance management, and (iii) to carry out a risk assessment of the contractors and housing developers' sub-sector. The CIPs for the large taxpayers and the free professionals have been largely implemented. The medical professionals' campaign was approved and has been implemented.

METAC continued its support to Jordan to advance the development of an independent and effective tax dispute resolution process, in the Income and Sales Tax Department. Several initiatives are now in place to help prevent avoidable disputes. Capacity development activities conducted developed an implementation plan to establish Key Performance Indicators which will allow a comprehensive analysis of dispute performance and drivers. An approach to enable automated data collection to support reporting against Key Performance Indicators was also established. Assignment of permanent Income Sales and Tax Department resources to a dedicated functional area responsible for dispute analysis is critical to sustain progress and support ongoing dispute monitoring, analysis, and evaluation.

Statistics (March 13-24; February 20-March 3; October 3-26; May 23-June 3)

Following up on the work done with the DOS of Jordan to compile annual GDP, a METAC activity was conducted to provide guidance to DOS on how to improve the quality of the main data sources used to compile annual national accounts. In particular, the mission addressed issues including sample design, data validation, treatment of non-responses, imputation, and estimation.

A METAC mission assisted the Department of Statistics of Jordan (DOS) with the updating of the PPI. This included the introduction of product-level indices to allow national accounts to conduct double deflation and established a forward work plan. Training was provided on compiling PPIs for the service sector, to allow DOS to begin work to broaden PPI coverage.

As part of the project to assist the Department of Statistics of Jordan develop a compilation system for annual national accounts, this activity followed up on the work done in March 2021 and provided technical assistance to develop a processing system to estimate annual GDP in current and constant prices using a supply-use framework. The work will contribute to the revision of GDP based on the most recent annual primary statistics.

METAC mission assisted the Department of Statistics of Jordan to develop a compilation system for annual national accounts. The mission assisted Department of Statistics of Jordan in progressing towards finalizing 2017 and 2018 current and constant price estimates of GDP and documenting the methodology to produce GDP estimates