


2021 IFMIS Capacity Building Program

LIBERIA INTEGRATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM: ADVANTAGES AND CHALLENGES



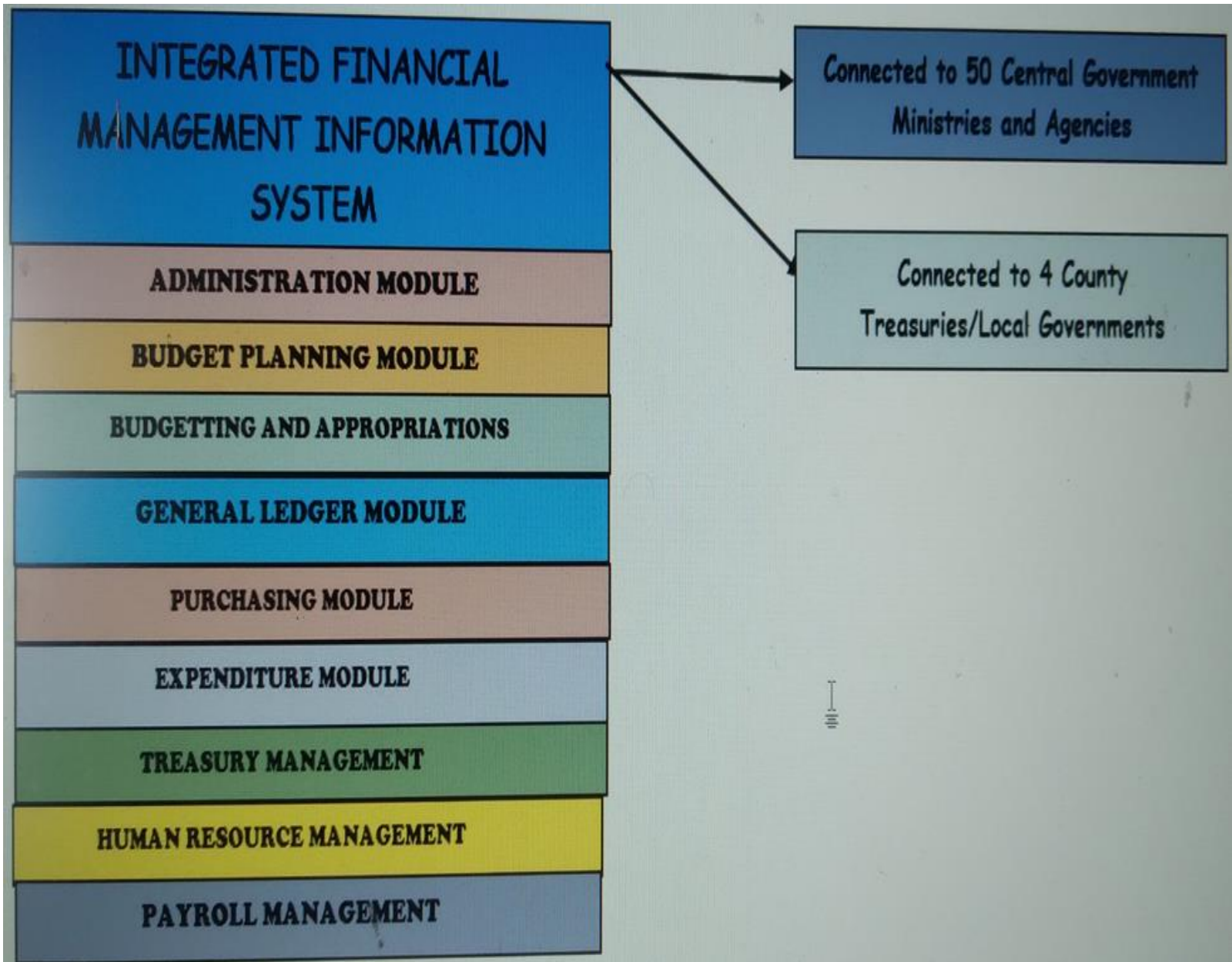
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Country: IFMIS Overview

System name: INTEGRATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (IFMIS)

System modules: Budgeting and Appropriations, Administration, General Ledger, Expenditure, Treasury Management, Purchasing, Human Resource, Payroll Management, Budget Planning(configured but not in use).

Interfaces: No Interfaces currently; Plans are underway to interface with the Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS) of the Revenue Authority and to connect to the T24 Platform of the Central Bank via the Electronic Funds Transfer Platform

Application SW: Commercial package (FreeBalance)

Use of open source: Microsoft Structured Query Language 2016

Scope: Central government and local governments.

of system users: 425 Active Users **# of concurrent users:** 165

of central gov entities connected: 50

of local gov entities connected: 4

Operational since: July 2011

Hosting environment: Main data center (Libtelco Head Office); No Disaster Recovery

Gov service bus & APIs: There are no Gov Service Bus and Application Programming Interfaces

Other platform info: Alternative Temporary Automated Payroll System, Suns System, etc.

Country: IFMIS Results Achieved

Please list several important results achieved:

- ▶ **Control over Government finances**
- ▶ **More accountability**
- ▶ **Makes the work of auditors easier**
- ▶ **Makes Financial reporting easier**
- ▶ **Makes retrieval of financial information for past periods easier**
- ▶ **Detect and prevent fraud**

Country: Selected IFMIS good practice case

Summarize one of the important achievements:

- ▶ **Control Over Government Finances:** When Appropriations are approved by the National Legislature for Government entities, the appropriations are uploaded to the IFMIS and set to 'Not Allow to Exceed". Therefore, the appropriations serve as spending ceilings. From the appropriations, monthly or quarterly allotments are issued to entities by authorized staff of the Budget and Planning Department of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning. The IFMIS ensures that no entity spends more than what was appropriated to it unless a transfer is made from another entity's appropriation to that entity.

Country: IFMIS Challenges

Please list key issues experienced during development or operations:

- ▶ Resistance to change
- ▶ Lack of Legal Framework (Financial Management Act 2009, Restated and Amended 2019)
- ▶ Lack of Proper Budget and Account structures (Chart of Accounts)
- ▶ Lack of adequate Human Resources
- ▶ Lack of sufficient power and adequate IT Infrastructure

Country: IFMIS Modernization Plans & Future Directions

Please list planned /ongoing IFMIS improvements:

- ▶ **Electronic funds transfer**
- ▶ **Interface with Revenue Systems**
- ▶ **Budget Planning Module enhancements**
- ▶ **Donor Financed Project Management Module**
- ▶ **Connection of additional 35 sites and replacement of End of Life Equipment at existing rollout sites**