



Project Proposal for
Resident Advisor Support
on Public Financial Management
for Central African Republic and Republic of Congo

March 2026

Component: Spending

Module: SM-II: Managing Public Finances



PROJECT SUMMARY

COUNTRY: Central African Republic, Republic of Congo

LEAD DEPARTMENT: FAD

REGION: AFR

PLANNED DATES: FY27-FY28

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ESTIMATED BUDGET \$ 878,328

BUDGET FOR ENDORSEMENT: \$ 878,328

PROJECT AMENDMENTS:	PURPOSE	SC APPROVAL
INITIAL PROJECT PROPOSAL	Seek inclusion of LTX work on module SM II: Managing Public Finances (previously funded under a bilateral arrangement with a current donor of the GPFP for fragile and conflict affected states in sub-Saharan Africa)	March 2026

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ACRONYMS

CD	Capacity development
FAD	IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department
FCS	Fragile and conflict affected states
GPFP	Global Public Finance Partnership
LTX	Long-term resident advisor
PFM	Public financial management

I. PROJECT PURPOSE

Country request and relevance/importance

This project seeks funding from the Global Public Finance Partnership (GPFP) to expand long-term resident advisor (LTX) support to the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo. Financing was previously provided by an earlier capacity development (CD) program with a current donor of the GPFP. This program targeted fragile and conflict-affected states (FCS) in selected countries in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) to help restore and strengthen core public financial management (PFM) functions. Continuation of support to the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo is crucial, to keep the momentum of reforms that have been implemented under the previous CD program, including in the context of support with implementation of reforms under Fund financed arrangements. This reflects both the IMF's prioritization of FCS and the increased demand for CD from FCS in the Africa region. The current LTX position will be retained to facilitate the advancement of reforms in public accounting, cash management, and the implementation of the Treasury Single Account. The LTX will divide his time equally between the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo, continuing to reside in Bangui, Central African Republic. Additionally, the LTX will conduct regular visits to Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, to provide targeted support and ensure effective progress in both countries.

Description of Modules

This proposal provides an overview of the general deliverables and responsibilities assigned to the LTX. For comprehensive and strategic details—including specific objectives, anticipated outcomes, and logical frameworks—please refer to the individual project proposals for the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo.

The estimated budget for this two-year project is \$878,328, and endorsement is requested for the full amount through FY28.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project aims to continue LTX CD support in public accounting and cash management for both the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo. The CD program will focus on further advancing the strategic objectives outlined in Table 1, with targeted efforts to strengthen fiscal transparency, enhance budget management, and provide hands-on support for the implementation of these reforms in both countries. For detailed information regarding the scope and objectives of the managing public finances module, please consult the respective project proposals for the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo.

Table 1. Summary of Objectives covered by the Proposal

Component	Module	Objective
Spending	SM II / Managing Public Finances	- Improve fiscal transparency and reporting - Strengthen budget management

III. ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Delivery Modalities

The LTX will be based the Central African Republic and will split his time equally between Central African Republic and Republic of Congo. CD support in the two countries will comprise of a mix of remote and in-person activities, which the LTX will support. Virtual deliveries will be used to provide efficiencies to in-person support, including pre-engagement meetings and post-follow-up meetings. Government officials will receive hands-on CD support and if necessary and requested by the authorities, the project could at a later stage also allow for peer-to-peer learning events where countries can share experience and build synergies. The following CD activities will be delivered as a package:

- **Short-term expert (STX)** visits coordinated by the resident advisor could be considered at a later stage, to provide specialized assistance in specific areas of public financial management. This will be covered under the individual country programs.
- **Long-term expert (LTX) support.** the resident advisor will provide hands-on support through virtual and in-person sessions to the authorities in the Republic of Congo, and mostly in person for the authorities in the Central African Republic, where he will be based.

- **Peer-to-peer (P2P):** the resident advisor may support P2P engagements at a later stage, if they are needed, for project beneficiaries to exchange their views and experiences undertaking specific reforms, providing opportunities for the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo officers to observe practices adopted by other institutions that have robust arrangements in place in specific areas. This will be covered under the individual country programs.

B. Coordination / Cooperation: Public Financial Management

The LTX will ensure that other development partners active in the Central African Republic and Republic of Congo are informed of IMF's work. For detailed information regarding coordination and cooperation, please consult the respective project proposals for the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo.

IV. RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

Project risks are assessed at the country-level proposals that will be supported through this proposal. For detailed information regarding risk assessment and mitigation, please consult the respective project proposals for the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo.

V. CD DELIVERY PLAN

Table 2. Summary of Indicative CD Delivery

CD Modalities (Remote or Field-based CD)	FY27	FY28	Grand Total
SM II – Managing Public Finances			
LTX duty-station desk work	2	2	4
LTX visits	3	3	6
TOTAL	5	5	10

Note: The LTX will deliver his activity in-person in the Central African Republic as his duty station, and also in person for visits to the Republic of Congo. The rest of his time will be allocated to duty-station desk work in support of both countries.

Table 3. First year workplan

Timing	CD Modality	Proposed Topics of CD
SM II – Managing Public Finances		
Q1/FY27	Field-Based work - FB	Support to public accounting and cash management in the Republic of Congo
Q2/FY27	Field-Based work - FB	Support to public accounting and cash management in the Republic of Congo
Q4/FY27	Field-Based work - FB	Support to public accounting and cash management in the Republic of Congo
Q1-4/FY27	Duty-Station work - DS	Support to public accounting and cash management in the Central African Republic and the Republic of Congo

VI. PROGRAM FINANCIALS

The cost included in the proposal will cover the salary and benefit cost of the LTX plus travel expenses related to in-person CD delivery, independent of the type of activity (HQ-led, joint STX and LTX, or LTX only).

Regional LTX	FY27	FY28	TOTAL (USD)
Direct Delivery			
Salary & benefits	381,021	391,963	772,984
Travel	23,600	24,283	47,883
Subtotal	404,621	416,247	820,867
Trust Fund Management Fee (7%)	28,323	29,137	57,461
TOTAL	432,944	445,384	878,328

Note: The estimated budget for this two-year project is \$878,328, but endorsement is requested for the full amount through FY28. Endorsement for future plans will be requested at a later date as funding for the program is secured and reform plans gain traction.