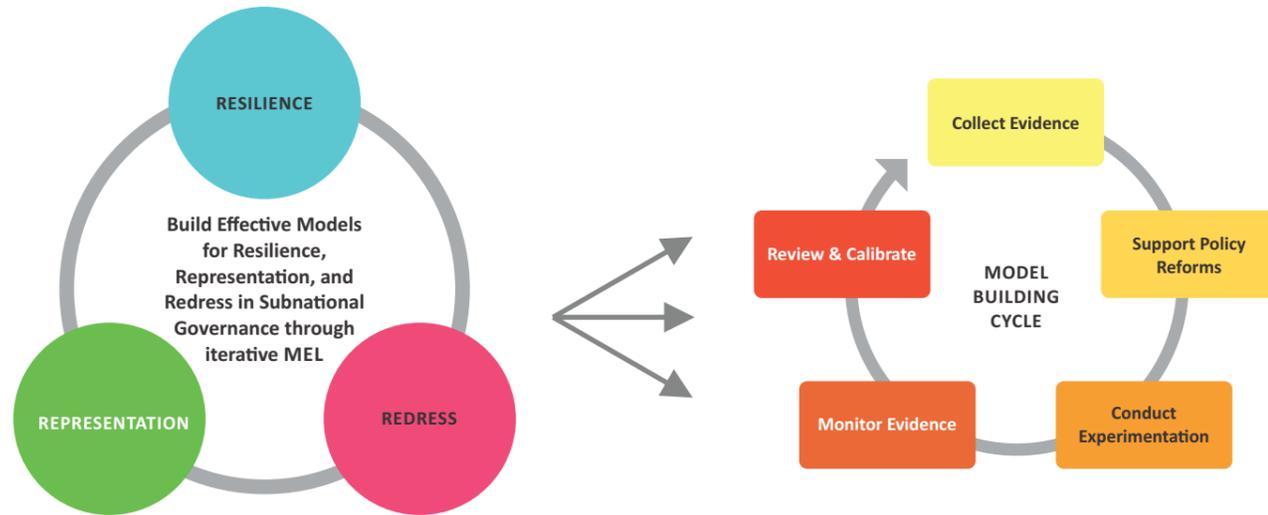


About SNGP

The Asia Foundation's Sri Lanka Subnational Governance Program (SNGP) will be implemented in nine local authorities conceptualized as dynamic economic centers (DECs) to build economic resilience in secondary cities that are emerging centers of economic growth and dynamism. The overarching goal of the program is to improve subnational governance in Sri Lanka through effective institutionalization of tested models for financial resilience, citizen inclusion and representation, and redress to problems. SNGP will operate through a cycle of model building as depicted below:



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The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit international development organization committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Headquartered in San Francisco, The Asia Foundation works through a network of offices in 18 countries in Asia and in Washington, DC. In Sri Lanka, the Foundation's programs seek to improve the policy and regulatory environment for broad-based economic growth and development; to advance local democracy and access to justice; to help communities and individuals recover from trauma and violence; and to promote citizens' participation in the decisions that affect their communities.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

Australia has a strong interest in ensuring Sri Lanka continues its development as a secure, stable and prosperous partner in the Indian Ocean region, underpinned by an effective post-conflict reconciliation process. The Australian Government is providing an estimated \$29.1 million of total ODA to Sri Lanka in 2015-16, including an estimated \$19.9 million in bilateral funding managed by its development assistance arm, DFAT. The Australian aid program in Sri Lanka focuses on three objectives: (a) Expand economic opportunities for the poor; (b) Support government to be more responsive to the needs of the citizens and private sector; and (c) Increased gender equality.

BMT

Budget Management Tool

Key Features

- Android App
- Web Base Access
- Online Monitoring
- Geo- Tagging
- Analytics
- Recommendations
- Reports
- Performance Measurements
- Self - Assessment

Useful for

IMPROVING FINANCIAL CONTROLS

ENHANCING REVENUES

NEED BASED ALLOCATIONS

1. Budget Management Tool (BMT)

2. Electronic Citizen Report Card (eCRC)
3. Revenue Assessment and Compliance Audit (RACA)
4. Spatial Roads and Revenue Management System (SRRMS)
5. Electronic Revenue Management Tool (eRMT)
6. Electronic Infrastructure Assessment Tool (eIAT)
7. Electronic Regulatory Service Assessment Tool (eRSAT)
8. Electronic Disability and Vulnerability Assessment Tool (eDVAT)
9. Electronic Grievance Management Tool (eGMT)
10. Electronic Citizen Budget Allocation Tool (eCBAT)



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What is the Budget Management Tool (BMT)?

BMT is a web based application to help local governments prepare technically correct budgets in a quick and simple manner. By entering information in a pre-defined format, the budget can be prepared in an objective and informed way. This Package consist of four modules, Revenue Management Tool (RMT), Budget Preparation Tool (BPT), Budget Review tool (BRT) and Budget Tracking Tool (BTT).

Why do we need BMT?

The efficiency and effectiveness of local governments depend on how citizens' priorities and needs are identified and addressed. However, before embarking on this need identification exercise, it is critical to understand the existing financial situation of the Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas. The challenge of allocating funds across various heads would follow. This would require maintaining correct financial ratios at correct levels in the process of preparing the budget and also, to track spending trends once the budget is passed and programs being implemented. All these steps are tedious if they are to be done manually. BMT is a solution to simplify this tedious work, save time and provide more information for decision makers.

Who are the beneficiaries of BMT?

Officers of Local Authorities Finance Units and Community Development Units,
Officers of Provincial Local Government Departments

What data is to be collected and how often?

One time entering of historical data from Budgets and Accounts of the past 5 years, followed by entering data monthly.



Budget Management Tool

What is RMT?

The Revenue Management Tool is designed to manage local government's revenue and expenses. RMT will help to understand and demystify key budget indicators, their trends and patterns during the last five years in simple and easy to grasp visuals like graphs and charts. This will help local governments to understand their current financial status and predict future trends and implications. This online module can generate key information and trends with a click of the mouse once basic budget data is entered into a simple format.



Enters historical data from Budgets and Accounts



Generates historical financial status reports and financial trends

What is BPT?

The Budget Preparation Tool is designed to help staff of local government engaged in compiling the budget to avoid the extremely tedious processes. Once budget details of the last five years and the actual details are entered into the BPT, an estimated budget suite can be immediately generated for the council. Any final adjustments to the figures can be made to appropriate heads and the estimations are automatically updated.



Generates Budget Estimations



Facilitates Budget Adjustments



Facilitates Balancing of Budgets

What is BRT?

After preparation of the Budget, it is important to get feedback and guidance of relevant officials such as the Assistant Commissioners of Local Governments (ACLGs) and Commissioners of Local Governments (CLGs). This process is quite cumbersome and time consuming as the analysis of key budget details is not easy. But with this tool both the relevant ACLG and the CLG can share their comments after studying the analysis report automatically generated through the BRT.



Checks important Budget Ratios



Facilitates easy inputting of comments

What is BTT?

The Budget Tracking Tool is specifically designed to help Budget Managers in local governments. Following the drafting and approval of the budget, the next challenge is in managing implementation of the budget, for which a lot of information is needed on the financial status of local governments. BTT will help Budget Managers to get all necessary analysis in quick time and facilitate faster decisions.



Tracks day to day revenue and expenses



Monitors the revenue and expenses against Budget figures