

#### ICT in Financial Management

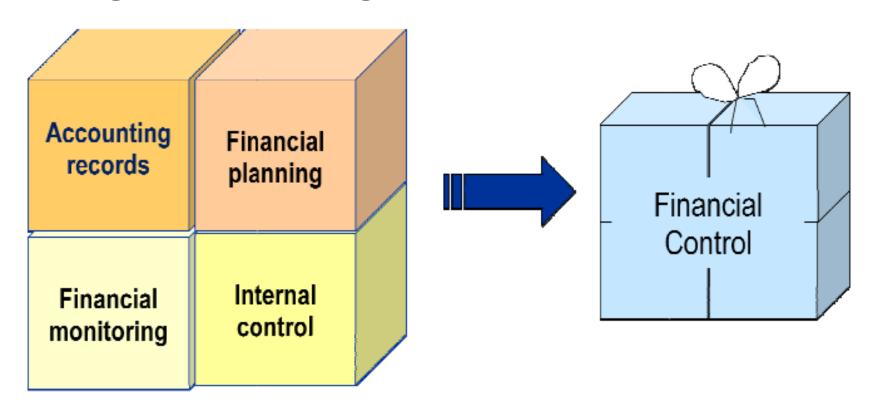
Topic: The Building Block (ICT/FM)

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# 4 Building Blocks of Financial CPAK Management Uphold Public Interest

#### **Getting the Basics Right**



### **Key Points (1)**



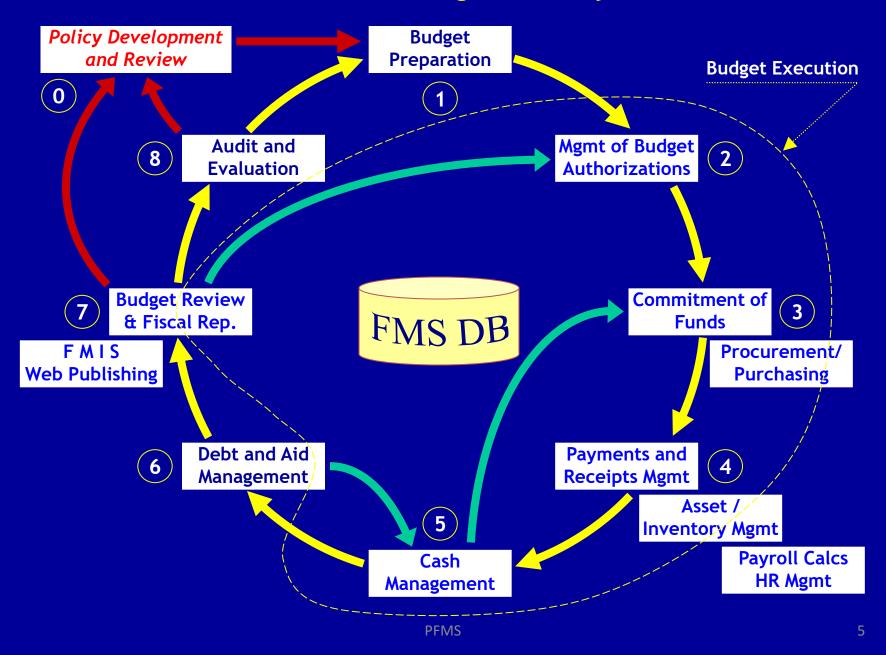
- Financial management is the process of planning, organizing, controlling and monitoring the financial resources of an organization to achieve its objectives
  - It is essential for an organization to meet its financial objectives
- 4 key components of financial management are:
  - Managing scarce resources
  - Managing risk
  - Managing strategically
  - Managing by objectives: 'Plan-Do-Review'

### **Key Points (2)**



- The 7 principles of financial management include: consistency, accountability, transparency, viability, integrity, stewardship and accounting standards
  - Use of these principles is good practice for building strong systems
- The 4 building blocks of financial management include: accounting records, financial monitoring, financial planning and internal controls

#### Financial Management Cycle



## Core Treasury System includes the following components:



Budget Execution and Monitoring Accounting (general ledger, management of payments and receipts)

Cash Management Financial Reporting

Purchasing / Commitment

Asset / Inventory <u>Ma</u>nagement Operational support for Spending Units

### ICT - Components



### Network Connections

Network Equipment

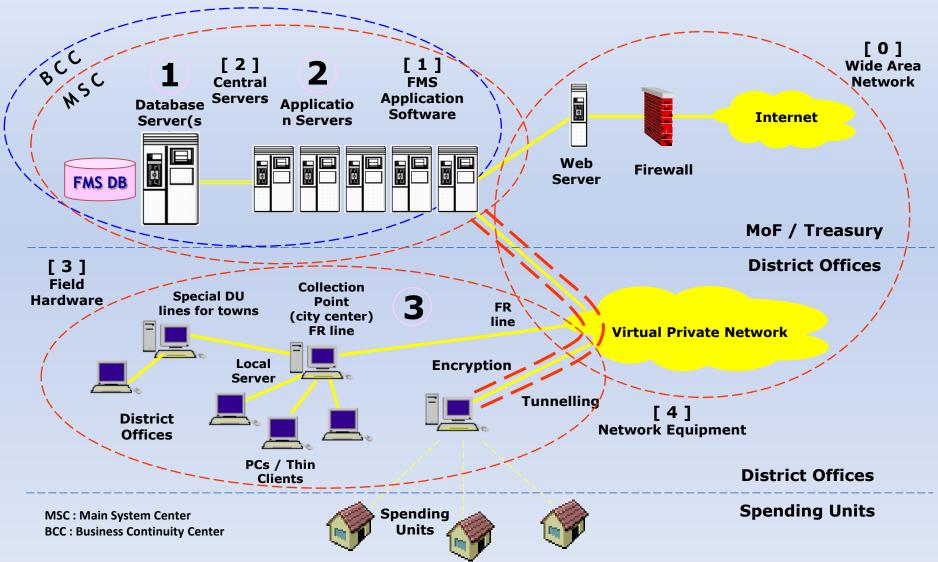
Standard Field Hardware

Application Software

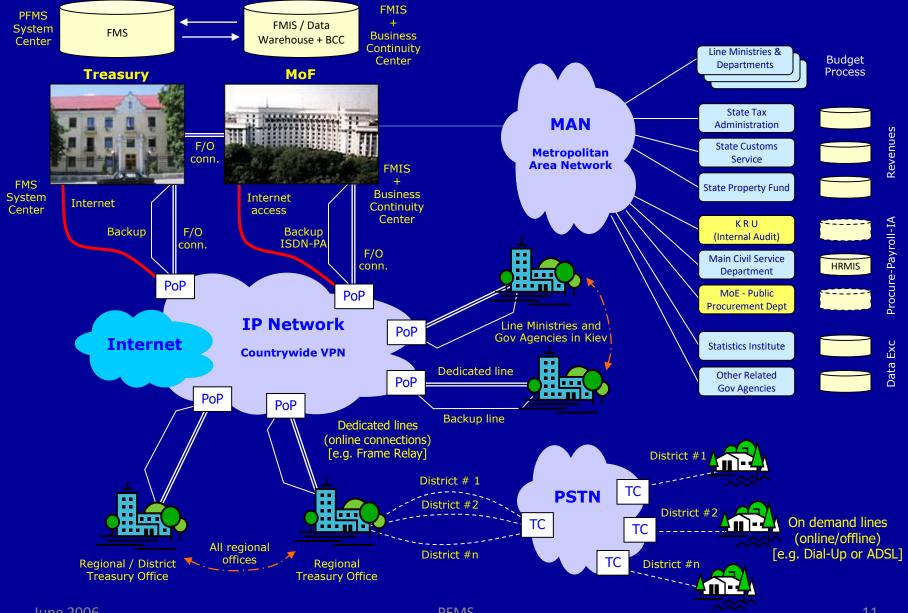
**Central Servers** 

#### **Technology Architecture**

#### 3-Tier Web-Based



#### Typical FMS Network Infrastructure



### ICT Roadmap



- Governance, Direction & ICT Strategy
  - Reduce Costs, Link to business
  - Outward focus, Service Quality, Integrated Del
- Organization
  - ICT Organization Consolidation
  - Service Organization
- Architectural Direction
  - Enterprise Architecture
  - Service Oriented Architecture

### ICT Roadmap



- Application Dev & Management
  - Shared Standardized Process's & Tools
  - Centres of Excellence
- Infrastructure & Network
  - VPN, SAN, Server Consolidation
  - Virtual, Hosted Apps, Standards Based

### Recommendation



Development of modern integrated FMS according to the best practices is a **complex task**, which should be designed as **a separate project**.

Implementation of such would require:

- commitment and management support
- coordination and user involvement
- institutional capacity and technical skills
- project management and technical support units