

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN EXTERNAL AID INFLOW AND OUTFLOW TRACKING AND REPORTING SYSTEM (EATRS)

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ABSTRACT

Aid administration in most developing countries is splintered with assistance coming from different sources and of different types been handled by different agencies of government. There is always the consequential problems of costly duplication, sub-optimality in allocating resources and the absence of coherence in the entire process.

Thus, the overall aim of this thesis is to develop an external aid inflow and outflow tracking and reporting system that will address the following issues:

- Improve and speed up the processing of external aid data for better and well informed decision.
- Provide easier access to data on aid and ease of flexibility in processing.
- Envisage a close monitoring of external aided projects to improve the disbursement ratio, and in enhancing the effective use of external aid resources.
- Track unlimited number of funds to support sector programmes and disbursement.
- Make external aid utilization procedures more efficient and facilitate the avoidance of funding grandiose programmes and project with little economic value.
- Provide end-users with timely, accurate and current information used to monitor programme progress.

Our concern on this thesis, was to provide a simple and easy to use application to track the flow of external aid resources, that could be made suitable to similar setup or for most developing and transition countries in improving information availability on external assistance. The governments of aid recipient countries will become aware of the delays which may be occurring in implementing projects and programmes.

In this way, the EATRS can contribute to the capability of the external aid recipients government in increasing the disbursement ratio and hence, in enhancing the effective use of external aid resources.