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The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is funding the Financial Services Volunteer Corps (FSVC), to implement a program that supports the Government of the Republic of Angola's (GRA's) efforts in public financial management reform.

This program provides technical assistance to strengthen Angolan public sector capacity in planning, preparation and implementation of more transparent budgets. This Public Financial Management training program was developed collaboratively with the Ministry of Finance and is carried out jointly with the recently created GRA's training school "Escola Nacional de Administração e Políticas Públicas – ENAPP". The program objective is to strengthen public financial management systems in Angola. This is fundamental program that aims to assist Angola build critical capacity in important public institutions and ultimately help the country improve its rankings in various international fiscal transparency indexes. The key target institutions are the Ministry of Finance, the Court of

Accounts, the National Assembly and the civil society group GOSCOP (Grupo de Organizações da Sociedade Civil para o Orçamento Participativo).

ACTIVITIES

- To strengthen the capacity of the legislature to hold government offices accountable for revenue and expenditures
- Strengthening the audit and analytical capacity of the Supreme Audit Institution to act as a budget oversight institution
- Increasing the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) to advocate for budget reform through policy and opinion papers

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 170 officials from the Ministry of Finance, National Assembly and CSO trained on best practices in public financial management including:
 1. Improving CSO-Parliament Collaboration on Budget Policy Analysis.
 2. Training to Members of Parliament and CSOs on Budget Cycle Coordination and Oversight.
 3. Training to Parliament and Ministry of Finance officials on Data Collection and Analysis to Inform Fiscal Decision-Making Process.
 4. Training the Court of Accounts to develop mock audit of education and health indicators.
 5. Adoption of budget advisory techniques.
 6. Strengthen CSOs analytical and advocacy skills.
 7. Parliament and Ministry of Finances in the development of budget indicators.
- Strengthen the capacity of the first-ever CSO budget monitoring watchdog group in Angola, called the “Participatory Budget Coalition of CSOs” or GOSCOP.

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