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Background:

- Governments are vast entities and use up quite large amounts of resources.
  - New technology can improve running of government
  - Enhanced cooperation within departments and across
Background: (Cont…)

- Improved efficiency and effectiveness will cut costs of:
  - stationery
  - printing
  - mailing
Background: (Cont…)

- Governments today need to run differently from the bygone days:
  - Need for collaboration between departments
  - Information sharing can facilitate a one stop centre (window)
  - Compliance by citizens will improve
Background: (Cont…)

- e-government
  - use of IT
  - internet plays key role
  - reduces time and effort
- e-business plan for government
  - Government to Government
  - Government to Business
  - Government to Citizen
‘The Tanzanian experience’

- Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS)
  - Part of the Public Service Reform Program
  - Initially introduced in 1996
  - Demonstration of need to abide by good governance principles
‘The Tanzanian experience’ (Cont...) 

- Decision to automate Accounting Activities  
  - 1998/1999 ten pilot MDAs were automated  
  - 1999/2000 all MDAs on board  
  - payments centrally processed
‘The Tanzanian experience’ (Cont…)

• Central Payment Office
  
  - Electronic Instructions for payment
  
  - One bank account for all ministries
  
  - Bank account by category of payment
  
  - Reconciliation of accounts by CPO
‘The Tanzanian experience’ (Cont…)

- Connectivity
  - Radio link used to connect MDAs
  - WAN applying the VPN technology for Subtreasuries
  - There are 21 Subtreasuries
‘The Tanzanian experience’ (Cont...)  

- Sub-Treasuries to cater for up-country stations
  - Mini CPO
  - Not yet connected to main server
  - Stand alone mode (backup tapes remitted monthly)
‘The Tanzanian experience’ (Cont…)

- Consolidation of Financial Information for entire government
  - Backup tapes
  - Download to integrate with main system
  - Customized reports
‘The Tanzanian experience’ (Cont…)  

Benefits:  

- Easy and quick retrieval of information  
- Reduction bank a/cs costs  
- Easy communication within and across Ministries/Departments  
- Decision making capability enhanced
‘The Tanzanian experience’ (Cont…)  

• Sustainability of the system  
  - Training  
  - Keeping abreast of new technology  
  - Upgrading
‘The Tanzanian experience’ (Cont…)

- Others
  - National Website in place
  - Information about MDAs available
  - Searchable website
  - Interface CSDRMS to the IFMS
The way forward:

- increase modules (Assets+Procurement modules)
- link with Revenue Authority
- Interface CSDRMS with IFMS
- Security measures fortified
Thank You