

### Financing for the **Development Strategy of the Union of Comoros**

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# A brief introduction to the main financing challenges facing the Comoros

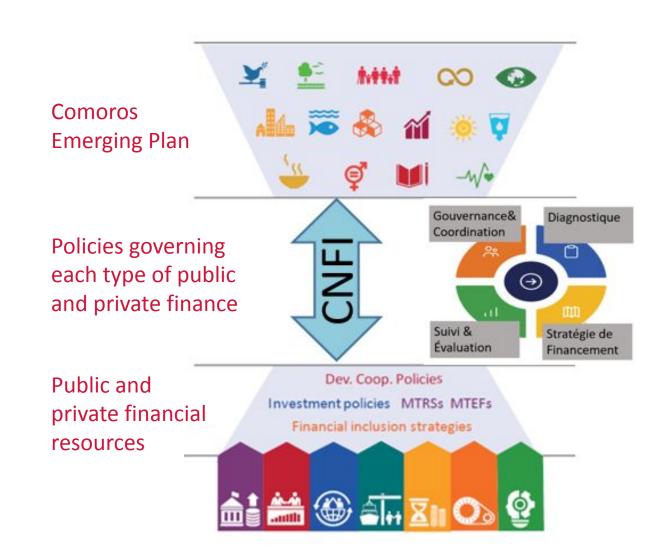
# Key findings of the Development Finance Evaluation (DFA) (2020)

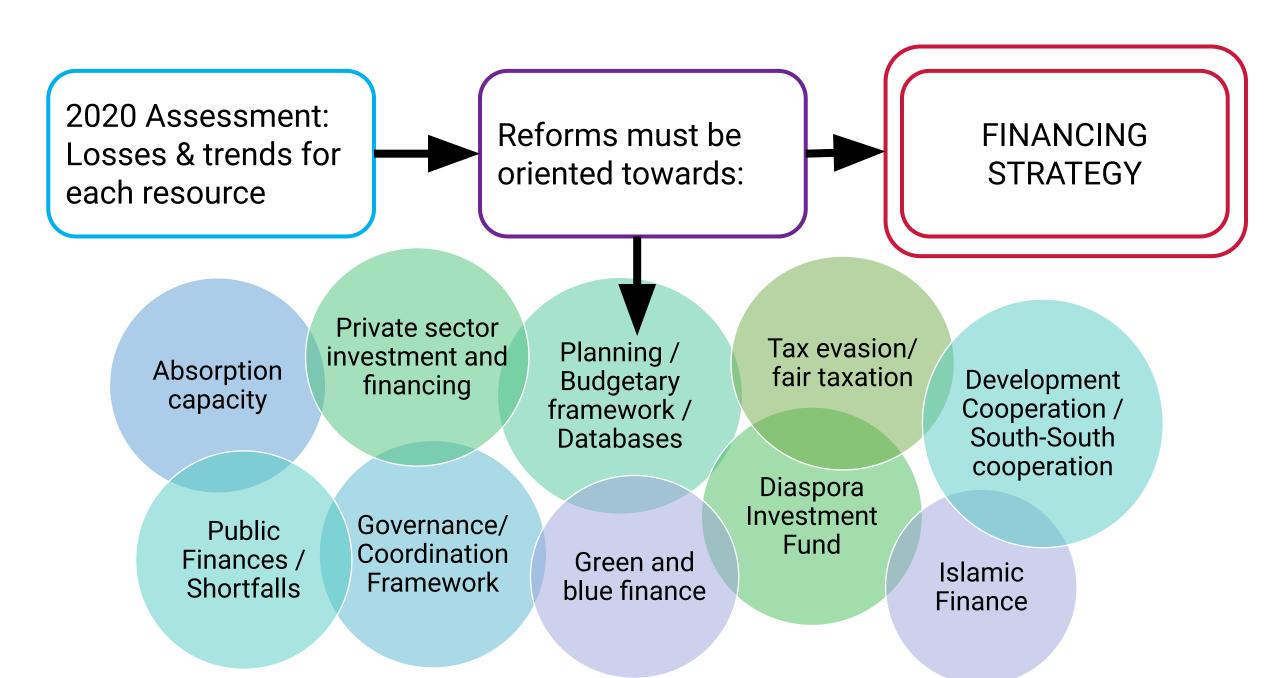
- Deficit of available funding although there are great opportunities to mobilize more
- Lack of a consultation framework despite the structures provided for in the Emerging Comoros Plan
- Complex implementation procedures and low absorption capacity
- Compartmentalization between sectors, funding sources and processes
- Fragmented decisions and/or strategies

# Why the INFF approach was useful for the Comorian government

### Within the CNFI/INFF, the financing strategy:

- Federates the various existing sources of financing around a unified strategy
- 2. Establishes a true development financing ecosystem
- Identifies the measures and reforms needed to optimize the mobilization and alignment of all available resources to achieve sustainable development priorities.





# An overview of the financing strategy

#### Structure of the financing strategy

Financing Strategy of the Union of the Comoros

#### **Introduction / Conceptual Framework**

- Methodology
- Financing needs and objectives of the strategy in relation to the PCE 2030 and its Recovery Plan
- Governance & policy integration of planning & financing
- Systemic issues, coherence and risk mitigation

#### Part I: Mobilizing finance through the CNFI

- Public finance; International cooperation (ODA, South-South cooperation, blue and green finance)
- Private finance (domestic and international)
- Innovative financing (Diaspora transfers; Islamic finance)

#### **Part II: Institutional Architecture of the CNFI**

- Strategic steering framework of the ECP
- Reform process anchored in the BCP
- Tools for planning and monitoring implementation
- Measures to address institutional constraints

### Part I - Mobilization of domestic public funding (Challenges and opportunities)

#### **Domestic revenues:**

- Narrow budget base, impacted by tax evasion, collection difficulties, informality, exemptions, etc;
- Tax burden of 7.8% in 2021 below potential
- Numerous shortfalls whose magnitude remains uncertain (arrears, corporate taxes, property tax, customs duties, exemptions)

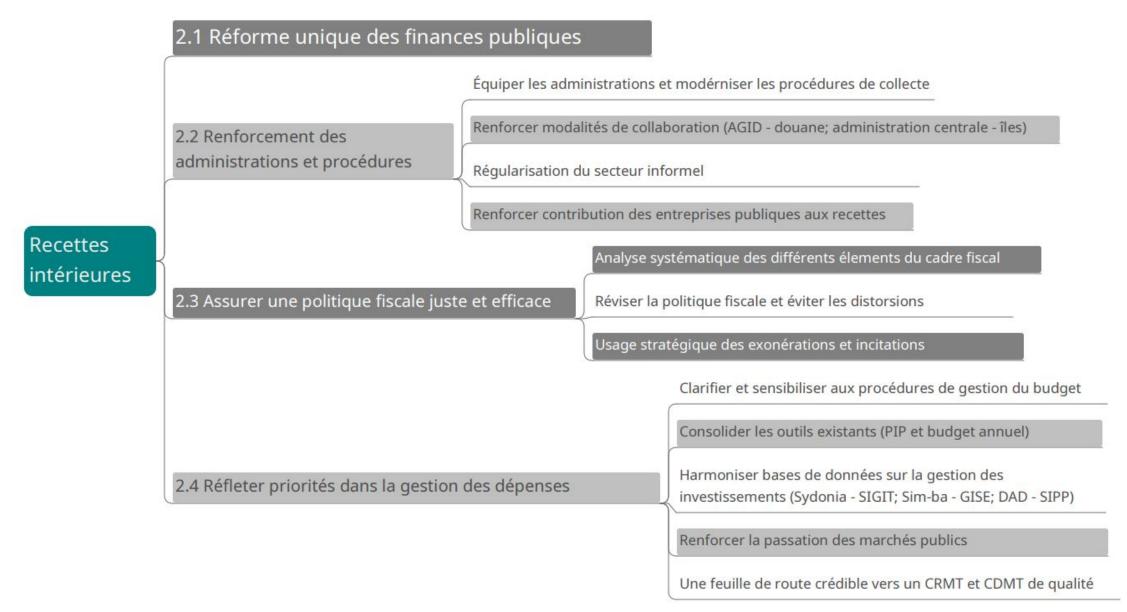
#### **Public debt:**

- Debt ratio (31.3%/GDP) below CFA zone threshold, but domestic revenues and export values too low to ensure debt sustainability for new borrowing;
- Strategic management difficulties (debt strategy, debt management reform plan, National Public Debt Committee, etc.)

#### **International public financing:**

- Important source of investments (LFI 2022: 72% of PIP);
- Fragmented projects, outside national systems
- Low absorption and implementation rates;
- Limited number of TFPs, but additional potential if absorption difficulties are resolved

#### Domestic Revenue - Key Reforms and Policy Actions



#### International cooperation - reforms and strategic actions

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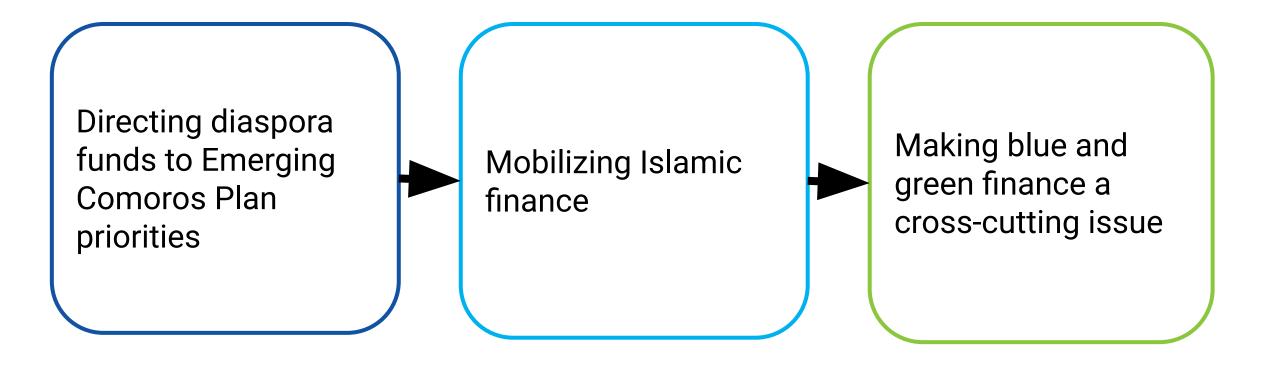
Cadre de coopération structuré Division de travail au sein des GTD 4.1 Appuyer la réforme des finances publiques par une gestion efficace de l'aide Utilisation des systèmes nationaux et achat local Transparence autour des ONGs gestionnaires Suivi ciblé des engagements et taux de décaissement 4.2 Accroître mobilisation, décaissement et Renforcer la programmation et faciliter l'alignement alignement des fonds APD Mobiliser la coopération décentralisée Transparence et suivi systématique des accords de coopération 4.3 Saisir les opportunités de la Coopération Sud Sud et triangulaire Écosystème national de CSS autour du PCE

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#### Private Sector Investment -Strategic Issues and Actions

Comorian private sector Financial **Business** Attracting investment; inclusion / climate, incl **S**uality foreign Domestic Strengthening judicial system investment production & bank financing value chains

## Innovative Financing Policies - Issues and Strategic Actions



#### Thank you for your attention

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**DFA Comores:** 

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