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# São Tomé and Príncipe

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## Program Summary

Sao Tome & Principe's program is focused on improving its performance on the Fiscal Policy indicator. The program will strengthen administration and enforcement in tax and customs, as well as reduce administrative barriers to starting a business.

## Program Highlights

- Advisors began work on Threshold program tasks regarding audit, collection of delinquent taxes, communications and public affairs. Various tools were shared with officials and recommendations were made regarding improvements to be implemented as Treasury's tax team works with Directorate of Taxes officials.
- A plan was developed to analyze the registration process through a multi-phase project to identify registered and unregistered taxpayers. Phase 1 of this project, which includes a review of the current registration system for the determination of baseline data, has begun.
- The review of the Directorate of Taxes information technology has been completed leading to the replacement of the previous system.

### Threshold Status

Status.....Implementation, Year 1

### Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$8.66 million  
Agreement Signed...November 9, 2007

### Country Information

Population.....156,523\*  
GNI Per Capita Income.....\$780\*