



Sustainable Infrastructure Financing Tool (SIFT)

Highlights

SIFT supports governments to increase access to infrastructure finance in order to achieve national development objectives

SIFT has been developed by UNOPS in collaboration with the University of Oxford.

Key features:

- Systematic assessment process
- Comprehensive global datasets
- Interactive visualizations
- Built-in guidance

SIFT approach:

- Assesses the infrastructure financing landscape;
- Evaluates the financing readiness of an infrastructure pipeline;
- Supports the development of a financing strategy.

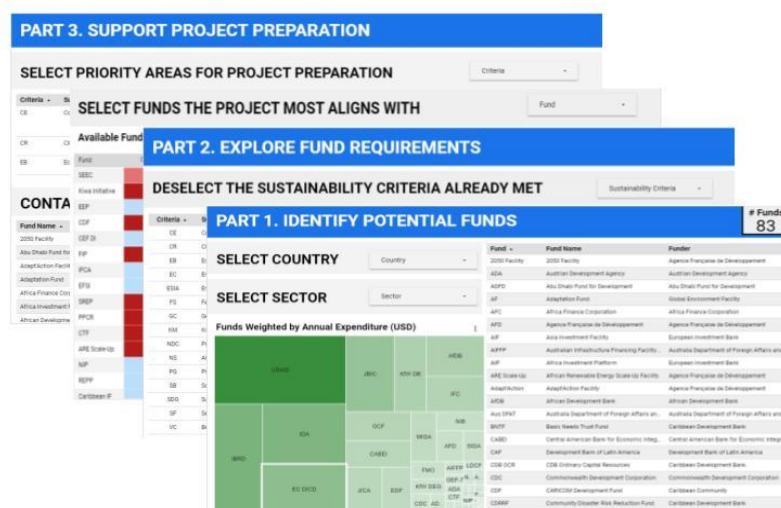
Supporting strategic infrastructure financing

The Sustainable Infrastructure Financing Tool (SIFT) provides an intuitive and structured approach to identifying potential sources of finance and developing an evidence-based strategy for financing a national infrastructure pipeline. SIFT can help bridge the gap between governments and infrastructure financiers to accelerate the implementation of infrastructure projects for **sustainable, resilient and inclusive development**.

SIFT enables decision makers to:

- Understand historical infrastructure financing trends
- Explore the financing landscape for infrastructure, including financiers' geographic and sectoral coverage and financing modalities offered;
- Assess the financing readiness of projects to increase accessibility to a wide range of public and private financiers;
- Exploit new opportunities to build and strengthen relationships with infrastructure financiers;
- Strategically attract financing for infrastructure to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Agreement

Through SIFT, decision makers can ensure infrastructure finance mobilization efforts are **grounded in evidence** and tailored to individual contexts. This is more likely to yield economic, social, environmental and financial benefits in the long term.



Screenshots of interactive visualisations within SIFT.

"SIFT and the associated report is **exemplary** in that it allows the Ministry of Finance to **explore potential financing options in a methodological manner**; underpinned by sustainable financing options.

The benefits of adopting and utilizing such a tool spans across departments, ministries and consequently **has far reaching opportunities** for our island nation."

- Hon. Wayne D. Girard
Minister in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Youth Economy, Saint Lucia

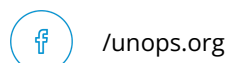


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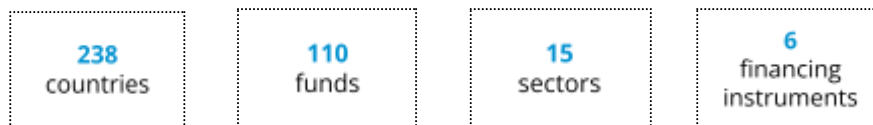
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Targeting strategic infrastructure financing in practice

SIFT datasets help governments to explore and exploit the vast pool of infrastructure funds to strategically expedite present and future infrastructure development.



The global outlook of SIFT enables its application in a diverse range of political and geographical contexts including post-conflict, post-disaster and developing countries.

Saint Lucia: National Infrastructure Financing Strategy

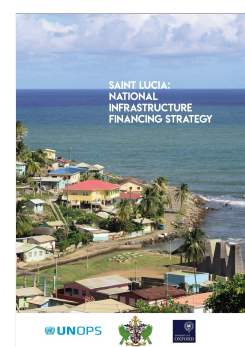


Aim: To support the financing of the prioritised portfolio of projects identified through the National Infrastructure Assessment.

Partners: Ministry of Finance, Infrastructure-related ministries and agencies, and University of Oxford.

Highlights:

- 57% of funds identified by SIFT are currently not accessed by the government.
- Provision of a strategic financing plan to indicate project-specific actions for successful fund engagement.
- Transfer of analytical tools to stakeholders in-country, to ensure legacy and impact.



Ghana: Innovative Financing Strategies for Infrastructure



Aim: To support the Government of Ghana in attracting infrastructure finance to accelerate achievement of the SDGs.

Partners: Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Planning, University of Oxford and UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Highlights:

- Support to the Government of Ghana to prepare for the 2021 SDG Investment fair.
- Preparation of a pipeline of SDG aligned projects with strategic financing options.
- Capacity development in the use of analytical tools to stakeholders in multiple ministries.



Jamaica: Systemic Resilience of Infrastructure



Aim: To build resilience in national infrastructure through the strategic planning and financing of adaptation options.

Partners: Ministry of Finance, University of Oxford and the Coalition for Climate Resilient Infrastructure.

Highlights:

- Development of a platform for risk and resilience assessment of national infrastructure.
- Plan and finance an evidence based portfolio.
- Training and capacity development in the tools to ensure legacy in planning and financing.



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