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ABSTRACT: Based on internal data, this paper finds that the capacity development program of the IMF's Statistics Department has prioritized technical assistance and training to fragile and conflict-affected states. These interventions have yielded only slightly weaker results in fragile states than in other states. However, capacity development is constantly needed to make up for the dissipation of progress resulting from insufficient resources that fragile and conflict-affected states allocate to the statistical function, inadequate inter-agency coordination, and the pervasive impact of shocks exogenous to the statistical system. Greater coordination with other capacity development providers and within the IMF can help partially overcome low absorptive capacity in fragile states. Statistical capacity development is more effective when it is tailored to countries' level of fragility.

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Glossary

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AFC	Central Africa Technical Assistance Center
AFE	East Africa Technical Assistance Center
AfDB	African Development Banks
AFR	African Department
AFS	Regional Technical Assistance Center for Southern Africa
AFW	West Africa Technical Assistance Center
AFW2	West Africa II Regional Technical Assistance Center
APD	Asia and Pacific Department
ATI	Africa Training Institute
BFM	Banky Foiben'i Madagasikara
BPM6	Sixth Edition of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual
BRH	Banque de la République d'Haïti
CARTAC	Regional Technical Assistance Center for the Caribbean
CBD	The Central Bank of Djibouti
CBK	Central Bank of Kosovo
CBM	The Central Bank of Myanmar
CCAMTAC	The Caucasus, Central Asia, and Mongolia Regional Capacity Development Center
CCRT	Catastrophe Containment Relief Trust
CD	Capacity Development
CDIS	Coordinated Direct Investment Survey
CDOT	Capacity Development Office in Thailand
CEF	Center of Excellence of Finance
CEF	Middle East Center for Economics and Finance
CEM	Caisse d'Épargne de Madagascar
CES	Country Engagement Strategies
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease 2019
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPIA	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment
D4D Fund	Data for Decisions Fund
DFID	The United Kingdom Department for International Development
DI	Direct Investment
DICA	Directorate of Investment and Company Administration
DSSI	Debt Service Suspension Initiative
ECF	Extended Credit Facility
EDDI2	Enhanced Data Dissemination Initiative 2
e-GDDS	Enhanced General Data Dissemination System
ETS	External Trade Statistics
EU	European Union
FAD	Fiscal Affairs Department

FAS	Financial Access Survey
FCS	Fragile and Conflict-affected States
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FSSF	The Financial Sector Stability Fund
FTZs	Free Trade Zones
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GFSM	Government Finance Statistics Manual
HICP	European Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices
HRL	High-risk Location
IEO	Independent Evaluation Office
JSA	Japan Sub-Account
KAS	The Kosovo Agency of Statistics
LLMIC	Low and Lower-Middle-Income Countries
MCD	Middle East and Central Asia
MCM	Monetary and Capital Markets Department
MEFP	Memorandum of Economic and Financial Policies
METAC	Middle East Regional Technical Assistance Center
MFSM	Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual
MIP	Management Implementation Plan
MOPFI	Ministry of Planning, Finance and Investment
NSDP	National Summary Data Page
ODP	Open Data Platform
PFM	Public Financial Management
PFTAC	Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Center
PPI	Producer Price Index
RBM	Results-based Management
RCDCs	Regional Capacity Development Centers
RCF	Rapid Credit Facilities
RFI	Rapid Financing Instrument
SARTTAC	South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center
SDDS	Special Data dissemination Standard
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SDMX	Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange
SNA	System of National Accounts
SRFs	Standardized Report Forms
STA	Statistics Department
TA	Technical Assistance