

Government of Botswana
Gaborone, Botswana
www.gov.bw

Industry:

Government

Annual Revenue:

More than \$1.001 billion

Employees:

More than 10,000

Oracle Products & Services:

Oracle Financials
Oracle Public Sector Financials
Oracle Payroll

Implementor

RPC Data
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Government of Botswana Modernizes Accounting and Budgeting with State-of-the-Art Financial Platform

Since its independence in 1966, the African country of Botswana has maintained one of the world's highest economic growth rates. Through fiscal discipline and sound management, Botswana has transformed itself from one of the poorest countries in the world to a middle-income country with a per capita GDP of \$9,500 in 2002. However, the government's financial accounting systems had not kept pace with the country's modernization and growth, having remained largely unchanged over the past three decades. For this reason, and to comply with new accounting standards suitable for the government sector, the government's Ministry of Finance and Development Planning chose to overhaul the government's financial systems with Oracle Applications implemented by Oracle Certified Advantage Partner RPC Data.

Challenges

- Replace the government's legacy chart of accounts and general ledger, which could not handle growing transaction volumes
- Replace obsolete, paper-based systems that made budgeting and approvals lengthy and cumbersome
- Eliminate manual financial accounting processes, which slowed operations and led to poor quality management information
- Make it easier to comply with new government accounting standards
- Resolve issues of inaccurate personnel data in payroll system

Solution

- Implemented Oracle Financials to provide a new state-of-the-art, integrated accounting and budgeting system to 700 users
- Automated budget submissions and budget request approvals with Oracle Workflow
- Improved fiscal management and lowered administrative costs through system integration and automation
- Consolidated payroll for 110,000 civil servants by integrating Oracle Payroll with Oracle Financials
- Eliminated duplicate and inaccurate personnel records by interfacing Oracle Payroll directly to the National Identification system