When to use *Agile*?

*Agile*PEFA is well suited to tracking change in performance over time. Due to the abridged narrative description of PFM systems in an *Agile*PEFA, its contribution in informing the design of new PFM reform programs and interventions is more limited than a standard PEFA.

Circumstances supportive to *Agile*PEFA

The goals of achieving the shorter timeframes are more likely to be realized when:

- all parties are committed to expedited process/ timeframes
- country systems and processes are well documented
- there is readily available data
- institutional arrangements support the condensed agenda [number and complexity of PFM entities, geographic dispersion of counterparts]. Simplified institutional arrangements are more likely to exist in small countries
- strong champions that drive the process.

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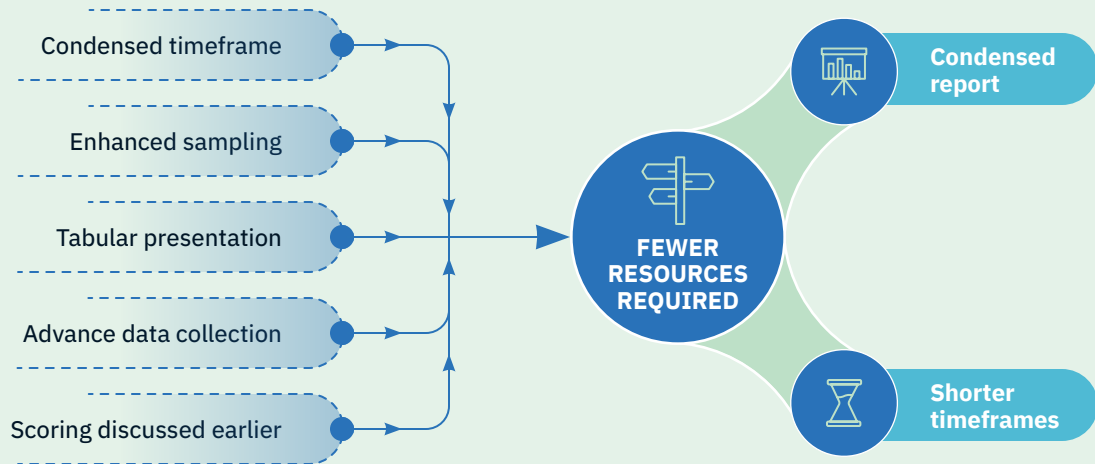Washington DC 20433, USA
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What is *Agile*PEFA?

*Agile*PEFA seeks to make a PEFA assessment shorter and more cost effective. It is not an alternative to the PEFA 2016 framework itself, but rather alternative guidance regarding the conducting of a PEFA, including a shorter timeframe of a PEFA assessment and an abridged format of the report.

*Agile*PEFA seeks shorter timeframes for an assessment

*Agile*PEFA targets shorter timeframes for the overall assessment process by:

- shortening the timeframe for peer review of the concept note
- gathering data and making an initial analysis in advance of main assessment mission
- simplifying sampling of data for some indicators
- presenting scoring (and potentially draft report) at end of assessment mission.

It is intended that an AgilePEFA can be completed within seven months, which is shorter than the timeframes typically observed for a standard PEFA.

The content of the *Agile*PEFA report is similar but shorter

An *Agile*PEFA report should be shorter than a standard PEFA as:

- data to support scoring is mostly presented in tables
- recent and ongoing reform activity is summarized at pillar level (rather than being elaborated for each indicator)
- narrative regarding change in performance since a previous assessment is in the Summary chapter (and annex) rather than under each indicator.

*Agile*PEFA guidance aims to reduce the size of the report to within 85 pages – less than the number of pages typically observed in a standard PEFA report.

An *Agile*PEFA conducted in supportive circumstances can be expected to consume fewer resources of the government and sponsoring entity.