

COVID-19 Intervention Assessment Tool: Rationale and Way Forward


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Responding to COVID-19



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Virtual operation



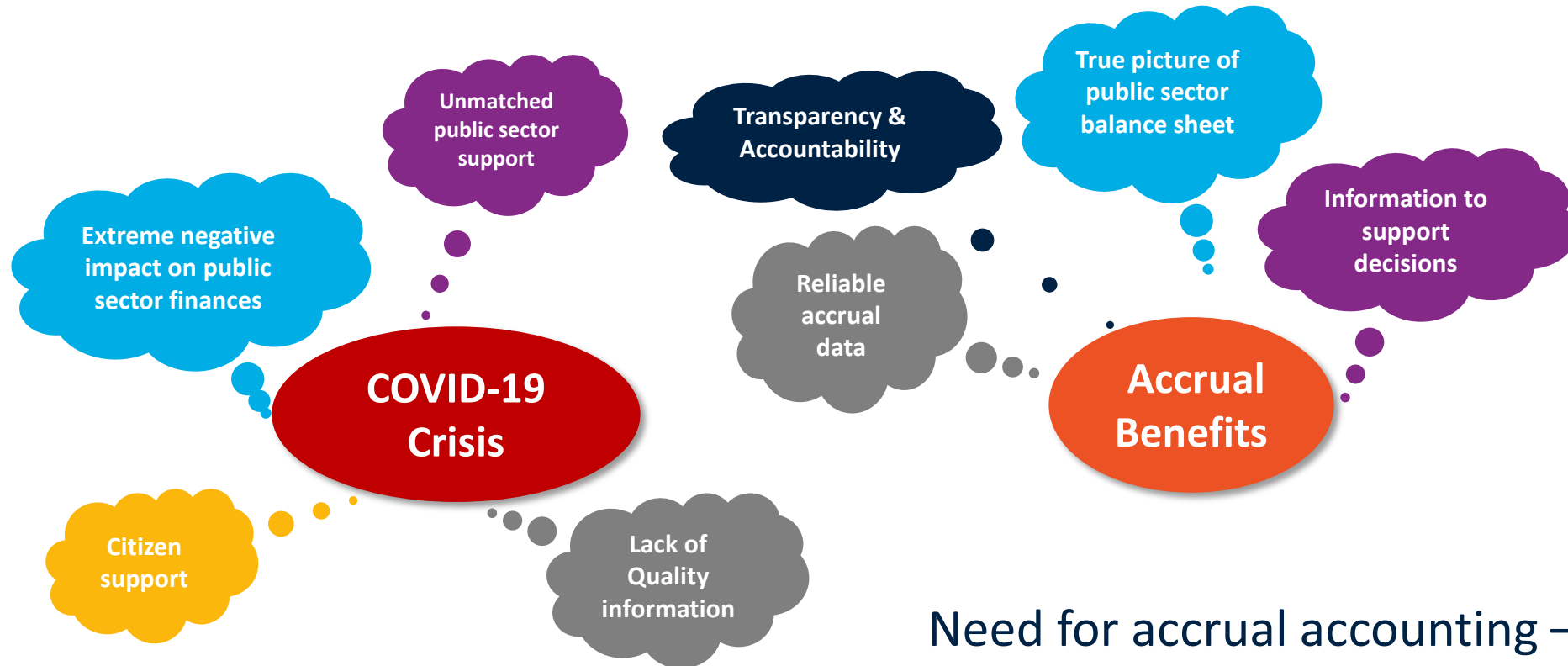
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More time....



Rationale for Accrual



Need for accrual accounting – greater than ever....

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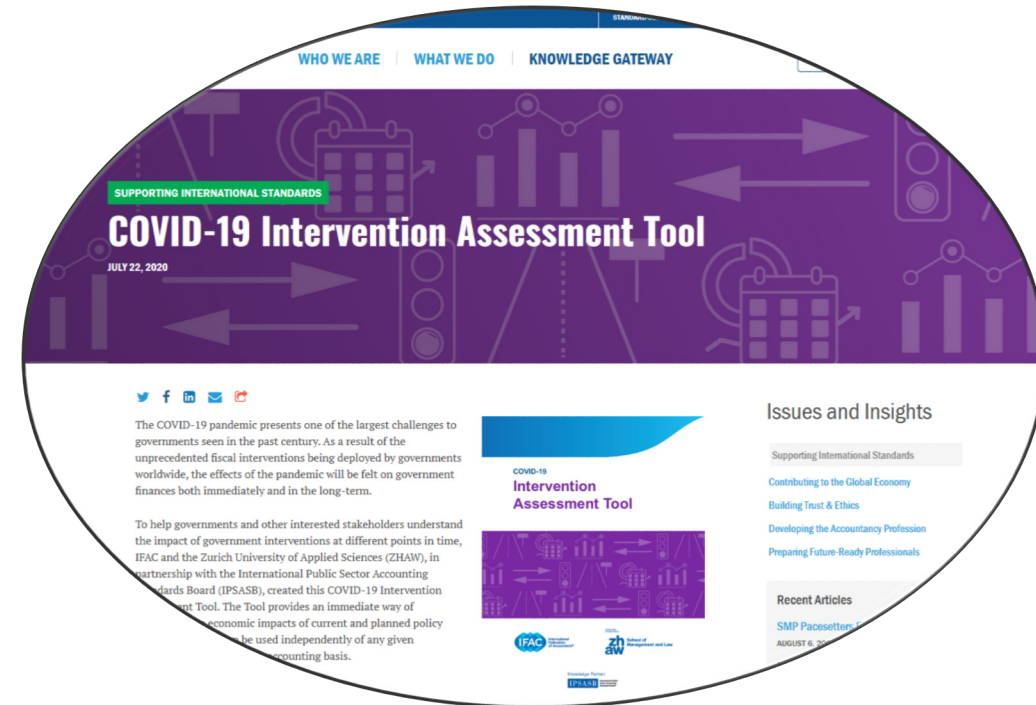
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Pandemic significant economic shock

Government interventions will have a long-term impact

Tool helps governments understand impact of interventions

Importance of public sector balance sheet



COVID-19 Intervention Assessment Tool – Features and Benefits



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Accrual Impact of Government Interventions – Features and Benefits

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Download the Tool's tables as a spreadsheet



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Thank you for your interest in the COVID-19 Interventions Assessment Tool developed by the International Federation of Accountants and the Zurich University of Applied Sciences School of Management and Law with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board as Knowledge Partner.

The Tool provides a process to evaluate the financial impact of current and planned policy initiatives and can be used independently of where a jurisdiction is on the path to accrual accounting. To help government entities evaluate the accrual impact of their interventions, they should follow the assessment process discussed in the [COVID-19 Interventions Assessment Tool](#), which should be read with the [COVID-19 Interventions: Impact Assessment and the Pathway to Accrual](#). Additional information can be accessed on the [IFAC website](#).

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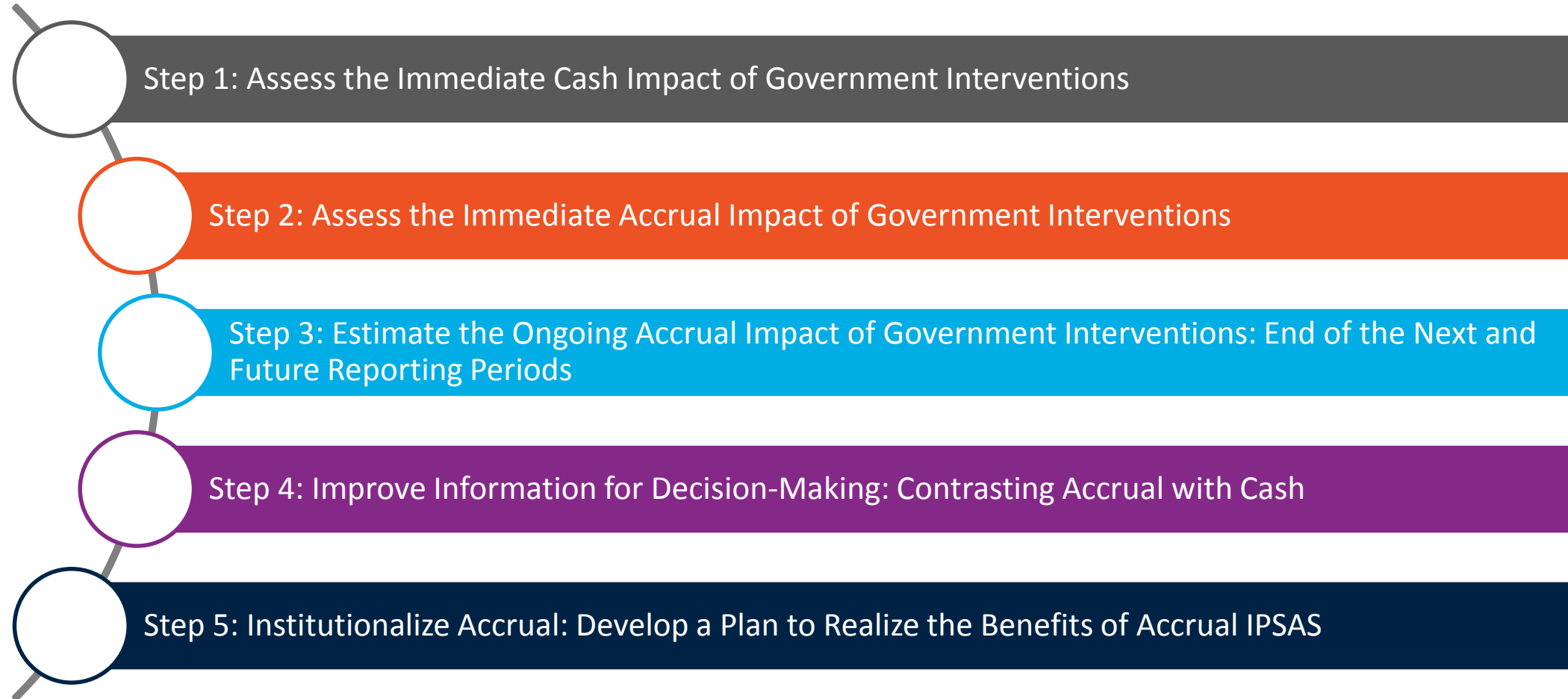
Full Accrual Basis		STEP 2: Assess the Immediate Accrual Impact of Government Interventions—Initial recognition							
Transaction	Transaction details	Balance Sheet				Performance Statement		Disclosure	
		assets		liabilities		net equity	revenue		expenses
		cash	non-cash	debt ¹	non-debt				
<i>Social Benefit payments</i>	Compensation for loss of income / payment out of part-time compensation scheme	↓		(↑)				↑	Characteristics of social benefit schemes, external factors, changes to the scheme
<i>Acquisition of PPE</i>	Acquisition of lab equipment	↓	↑	(↑)		=			Include in asset register: type, quantity, price, date of purchase; start depreciation
<i>Guarantees</i>	Recording of contingent liabilities (guarantees have a likelihood of less than 50% of being called)				(=)	(↓)			Details on how and when guarantees are called; Details and evaluation of contingent liabilities
<i>Financial guarantees</i>	Recording of a financial guarantee granted for a fee payable by the beneficiary	↓				↑			Details on guarantee conditions and depreciation
<i>Tax deferrals</i>	Prolongation of payment date	=	=			=			Note: beneficiaries, conditions, etc.
<i>Loans</i>	Issuance of (government-backed) loans	↓	↑	(↑)		=			Note: conditions, amount(s); Account for provisions & contingent liabilities
<i>Equity injections</i>	Acquisition of company shares as compensation for equity injection	↓	↑	(↑)		=			Note: amounts, control/consolidation, date
<i>Transfers</i>	Financial transfers to sub-national entities as form of budget support or performance obligation	↓		(↑)		=			Note: performance obligation of receiving entity (if applicable)
<i>"Any other transactions relevant for your jurisdiction"</i>	"transaction details"								
¹ Debt increases only, if cash is insufficient for the transaction; see table below "means of financing"									

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Five-Step Assessment Process



Way Forward – Institutionalize Accrual



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Step 5 Institutionalize Accrual: Develop a Plan to Realize the Benefits of Accrual IPSAS

When the cash and accrual impact of COVID-19 interventions have been captured immediately (steps 1 and 2), their ongoing and longer-term impacts have been considered (step 3), and they are efficiently and effectively managed (step 4), governments should develop a plan to realize the full benefits of accrual accounting. As set out in the COVID-19 Interventions: Impact Assessment and the Pathway to Accrual document, there are many pathways to accrual. Governments should consider their readiness to adopt and implement IPSAS. Each government's plan will be unique to its needs. It is important to consider realistic timeframes and develop an implementation plan that works for all parties involved, including users of the information.

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