

Better Regulation



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DAI's Better Regulation team works with governments and private sectors throughout the world to break the shackles of excessive regulation.

Our initiatives work to reform counter-productive regulatory regimes. By establishing simpler, more appropriate and sustainable regulatory environments for doing business, DAI empowers the private sector while protecting essential public interests.

DAI has worked at the vanguard of international development for 37 years, uniting technical excellence, cohesive project management, and dedicated customer service to solve our clients' most complex problems. Over the past 10 years, DAI's Better Regulation team has led projects all over the world, reforming regulatory environments and improving business productivity through the application of a technical understanding that is constantly informed and refreshed by hands-on experience in the field.

Areas of Practice

Our four overlapping practice areas cut across the spectrum of Better Regulation and encompass the entire project cycle.

Regulatory Governance

Regulatory regimes must be accountable and appropriate for the local context to which they apply. Working directly with national and regional governments, we establish new regulatory bodies and new systems—including Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIA)—and we support the development of existing institutions. By creating access points within public bodies, we create mechanisms for Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) in the policy-making process.

Business Start-Up and Operation

The processes by which enterprises register and comply with essential regulations should be minimal. DAI is expert in identifying burdensome regulation and has established networks of one-stop

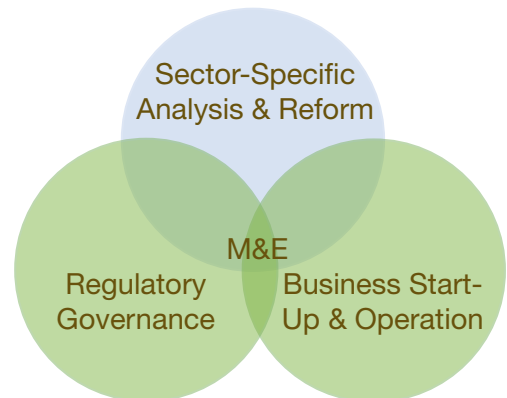
shops that allow businesses to quickly and simply comply with necessary requirements.

Sector-Specific and Value Chain Analysis and Reform

Supporting value chains and strategic sectors is a pillar of economic growth in many regions. DAI reviews and maps the regulatory burdens within value chains, identifying and relieving bottlenecks to empower enterprise.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Understanding the impact of specific regulations is key to improving them. DAI's "stock-and-flow approach" both monitors the existing body of regulations and assesses the impact of pending reforms.



Our Approach

Sensitive to the particular needs of our clients and stakeholders, DAI's unique combination of thought leadership and program management experience is founded on four key principles:

- Appreciation of context
- Pragmatism
- Sustainability
- Innovation

Recent DAI Projects



BIZPRO Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus (2000–2006)

U.S. Agency for International Development

GOAL: Create an environment conducive to entrepreneurial innovation and job creation

- Established a network of one-stop shops for business registration and compliance
- Introduced RIAs into the legislative process
- Completed country competitiveness studies
- Implemented “Regulatory Guillotine™” law

Regulatory Governance ✓ Business Start-Up and Operation ✓

Strengthening the Accountability and Transparency of the Legislative Process in the West Bank and Gaza (2005–2008)

U.S. Agency for International Development

GOAL: Strengthen the capacity of civil society organisations (CSOs) to make the legislative process more accountable and transparent and engage in effective law-making and advocacy

- Deliver RIA training to key Palestinian CSOs and universities
- Support the development of pilot RIAs
- Equip trainees to deliver elementary RIA training and implement RIA in their institutions

Regulatory Governance ✓

Improving the Business Climate in Morocco (2005–2009)

U.S. Agency for International Development

GOAL: Build the institutions necessary to promote the growth of competitive businesses

- Established a system for monitoring the business climate at national and regional levels
- Enhanced regulatory transparency
- Built capacity within commercial courts and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms

Regulatory Governance ✓

Technical Assistance for Policy Reform in Egypt (2005–2009)

U.S. Agency for International Development

GOAL: Improve Egypt’s business environment through regulatory reform

- Generating an accurate and accessible registry of regulations affecting business
- Rapidly reviewing regulations to reduce the burden on small and medium-sized enterprises
- Building public-private consensus to introduce RIA principles in economic governance

Regulatory Governance ✓
