

FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE AND THE ROLE OF SPECIALIZED INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN UKRAINE'S POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION

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While this research is focused on analyzing the financial governance systems and control mechanisms of specialized intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), their systems in turn focus on Ukraine's post-war recovery. The effectiveness of international financial supervision and compliance enforcement is analyzed in the context of humanitarian crisis, economic disruption, and extensive reconstruction activities within the country. The assessment and evaluation center on the international organizations that control the distribution and utilization of expenditures on Ukraine and have an established working system of integrity and transparency.

The methodology relies on institutional comparative analysis and legal framework review alongside policy evaluation of the international organizations' control and regulatory mechanisms. Attention is drawn to the emerging relevance of specialized sector IGOs in the context of the increased complexity and disintegration of global financial governance. This work offers a profound assessment of the FSAP of the IMF, the AML/CFT supervision of the FATF, the Basel Committee's supervision, and INTOSAI's auditing standards.

Key attention is directed towards the activities of the FAO, ILO, and ECOSOC NGOs in Ukraine regarding monitoring spending for agriculturally assisted social services, vocational education, and humanitarian aid. It has been established that these organizations operate within the bounds of treaty agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and conduct audits, compliance reviews, and sanctions application under international legally accepted procedures.

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Problem Statement

Afghanistan's recovery after the war relies greatly on the foreign aid given to Ukraine. Funding these programs on social reintegration, infrastructure development, and economic growth are the icing on the cake for restoring the Ukraine's business and financial industry. These countries, in which such aid is very urgent for Ukraine and its citizens, have provided funds under deep-seated personal, financial, and systemic strain that urgently required the attention of the central financial institutions and other governing bodies. The other component of inflows, unfortunately, runs the risk of being wasteful due to corruption and misappropriation because of ineffective institutional system structural management lacking sufficient

compositional staffing and harmonization mid and assembly management processes between various units [1; 2].

One additional consideration is the blend of non-governmental organizations funding through international regional and bilateral sponsoring and the Ukrainian aid-permit system. Governance controlling these payments is exceeded because of the vast number of other groups and so has minimal authority over them which gives them a loose internal government control having sub-standard rules and severe lack of logic, therefore responsibility. In addition, Ukraine has hired foreign contract workers without fully understanding the potential and emerging threats of unsolicited financial performance presentation fraud, digital finance fraud, cybercrime, and capital escape that put at risk the purpose of help [3; 4].

The accompanying conditions require the skills set offered by specialized IGOs whose boundaries and depth of jurisdiction permit and are highly-skilled in administering financial transactions. With them, Ukraine requires sustainable supervision, greater coordination, and realignment of governance systems with desired acceptable global benchmarks and standards [1; 5].

State of Research on the Problem

Current scholarship on financial governance in post conflict and transitional contexts have largely centered on national reform processes, anti-corruption policies, and donor aid preconditions. While these issues are important, they ignore the global frameworks and the institutional gaps specific to international governmental organizations. For example, there is little attention in the literature to the strategic role of IMF's macroeconomic programs or the compliance measures undertaken by FATF in national financial systems [2; 6].

Particular attention is placed on the Ukraine case, which focuses on a so-called legalistic view on state building characterized by attention to domestic law making and European integration but does not explore the multi level governance system of international and national governmental organizations. There is virtually no research on how international governmental organizations ensure compliance, how they impose fiscal discipline, or how they aid the consolidation of state power in the context of weak governance. This lack of attention poses a challenge in adequately grasping how international control operates, particularly in the face of political system crises [1; 4].

Moreover, no attempts have been made to construct a comprehensive theory that examines the relations of international governmental organizations and the coordination problems which emerge in one national system. This article fills the gap by providing a comprehensive contextual analysis of the intergovernmental organizational participation in the financial governance of Ukraine [5; 6].

Research Aim and Objectives

This article seeks to explore the involvement of specialized international governmental organizations (IGOs) in ensuring financial accountability and governance in the provision of international aid to Ukraine, as well as aid from Ukraine.

The specific objectives include:

- Determine the primary IGOs that have authority over Ukraine's finances;
- Examine the financial supervision legal, institutional, and procedural systems of the respondents;
- Evaluate the barriers and shortcomings in Ukraine's cooperation with IGOs;
- Develop recommendations for improved attention to compliance and coordination gaps; and
- Assess the role of IGOs in fostering Ukraine's institutional transparency and resilience strengthening efforts.

A study was also conducted on the persistent risks that inter governmental organizations face due to changes in the macro environment:

1. Jurisdictional and Sovereignty Issues: A number of states do not comply with inter governmental systems of financial governance due to fears of losing control of internal nationalistic independent regulatory powers.

2. Enforcement Constraints: Sadly, a few IGOs do not have the means to enforce financial compliance and as a result, depend excessively on voluntary compliance along with the negative reputation consequences.

3. New Financial Threats - There are new issues for an IGO to regulate advanced digital finance, cryptocurrencies, or decentralized finance tools which emerge at an unprecedented speed.

4. Relations Among IGOs - Due to the existence of active jurisdictions and competing regulatory authority among multiple IGOs that supervise the same matters, there are possibilities of financial governance as well as regulatory gaps and overlaps.

Moving forward, intergovernmental organizations need to improve their regulatory frameworks, deepen inter-institutional collaboration, and manage innovative changes in financial risk to ensure that financial supervision works effectively. The global economy will need added enforcement and a cohesive regulatory strategy in order to achieve financial stability and avoid economic downturns.

1. Most of the IGOs have pronounced influence on the financial control and compliance auditing in Ukrainewhich cover the following areas:

2. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) - covers food safety and agricultural investment, including food aid as part of international finance and development assistance.

3. The International Labour Organization (ILO) - covers employment, social assistance, and vocational training financial aid programs in the scope of expenditure responsibility.

4. The Committee of 31 Non-Governmental Organizations under ECOSOC - oversees the accountability of non-governmental organizations spending for humanitarian emergencies, reconstruction, and social issues.

This research is devoted to the financial governance structures of these three IGOs, focusing on the control elements, problems, and efficiencies related to ensuring financial integrity and rational use of resources in Ukraine.

Conclusions

Specialized IGOs are fundamental in guaranteeing the financial accountability of international assistance to Ukraine. With their structured oversight systems which comply with global standards and legal requirements, these organizations increase transparency, mitigate corruption risks, and foster proper use of resources. They provide great institutional knowledge, global customs, and various tools to offset Ukraine's efforts invalids.

As the currently addressed issues will have greater impact if collective action takes place, there is a need for better coordination between the IGOs and also within them as well as with Ukrainian institutions. Avoidance of overlap in regulatory activity, standard harmonization, and better sharing of information are fundamental. In addition, support for long-term capacity building is needed to enable national institutions to fully govern over functional areas.

This is a case of a hybrid governance model with both specialized IGOs and national authorities responsible for ensuring accountability and transparency in the use of international assistance funds. Further research should examine integrated oversight models and broaden the analytical base on the role of IGOs in the management of public finances in the aftermath of conflict.

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