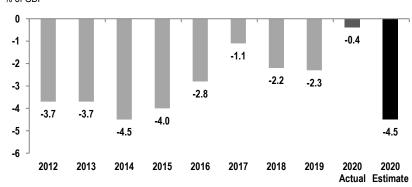
Public finance report – \$104.6 billion deficit in the PSBRs up to April

- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) released its public finance report for April 2020
- Public sector borrowing requirements (Jan-Apr): \$104.6bn deficit (~US\$4.3bn; -0.4% of GDP)
- Public balance (Jan-Apr): \$73.9bn deficit (~US\$3.0bn)
- Primary balance (Jan-Apr): \$137.7bn surplus (~US\$4.8bn; 0.5% of GDP)
- In the period, budget revenues increased 1.5% y/y in real terms, even despite the 41.9% decline in oil-related income
- Expenses edged-up 7.0% y/y in real terms, partly explained by the 27.2% advance in administrative branches. On the contrary, spending by CFE (-20.0%) and ISSSTE (-2.7%) fell the most
- Nevertheless, in the particular dynamic for April we saw a 19.0% contraction in revenues, while spending increased 9.3%
- The Historic Balance of Public Sector Borrowing Requirements stood at \$12.1 trillion (~US\$495.6bn), equivalent to 49.6% of GDP. It should be noted that 58.7% corresponds to domestic debt

PSBRs post a \$104.6 billion deficit in the first four months of 2020. The Ministry of Finance released its public finance report for April, in which we highlight the \$104.6 billion deficit in *Public Sector Borrowing Requirements* (PSBR) –the broadest measure of the public balance¹–, equivalent to 0.4% of GDP. This figure was weaker than the \$80.3 billion surplus observed in the same period of 2019. On the contrary, the "traditional" public balance posted a \$73.9 billion deficit, \$41.2 billion above expectations, explained by lower expenditures. In addition, the primary surplus stood at \$117.7 billion, equivalent to 0.5% of GDP and better relative to the +\$87.9 billion forecasted balance.

Public Sector Borrowing Requirements % of GDP



Source: Ministry of Finance

¹ The PSBRs include the sum of the Public Balance, the financial requirements of the Mexican Bank Savings Protection Institute, financial requirements of deferred investment projects, adjustments to budget records, financial requirements of the National Infrastructure Funds, program of debtors and the expected gain or loss of development banks and development funds.

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Total revenues up 1.5% y/y in real terms. According to the MoF, revenues totaled \$1,869.3 billion, \$19.7 billion lower than projected. Oil-related income came in at \$157.7 billion, representing a 41.9% decrease in real terms relative to the same period of 2019. Moreover, tax revenues amounted to \$1,277.8 billion, overshooting projections by \$22.1 billion. The latter translates into a 5.6% y/y increase in real terms. Inside, income tax collection expanded by 1.1%, while VAT revenues posted a better performance at +16.2%. Excise-tax collection increased 3.6%, partly explained by upward revisions on tariffs of some goods. Revenues from government-controlled entities (IMSS and ISSSTE) increased 3.4%, while those of CFE posted a 1.9% expansion. Finally, non-oil, non-tax revenues surged 72.7%, amounting to \$157.5 billion.

Budget spending up 7.0% y/y. Total spending amounted to \$1,957.4 billion, \$46.8 billion below budget. This is explained by both lower primary spending and financial costs (also known as debt servicing costs). In the yearly comparison, primary spending advanced 7.1%, while financial costs edged-up 6.1%. Within the former, the programmable component increased 7.2%, amounting to \$1,402.3 billion. Main increases within this category were in administrative (+27.2%) and autonomous branches (+15.5%). In the former, we highlight the 401.4% increase in the Ministry of Labor as well as the 94.3% expansion in the Ministry of Welfare. On the flip side, the biggest decline was in the Energy Regulatory Commission (-29.1%). Meanwhile, in the latter we highlight the advance in INEGI, up 155.0% –remembering that the Census was carried out this year– and the 20.8% decrease in the National Human Rights Commission. On the contrary, we highlight the spending contraction in CFE (-20.0%) and ISSSTE (-2.7%). Meanwhile, non-programmable spending excluding debt financial costs grew 6.7%, stemming from the 48.7% rise in ADEFAS, while participations –transfers to states under the federal tax collection agreement—expanded 5.2%.

Public finance: April 2020

\$ billion

	April			January-April		
	2020	2019	% y/y real terms	2020	2019	% y/y real terms
Public Balance	-100.9	62.5		-73.9	38.0	
ex. Pemex and CFE investments	NA	NA	NA	129.6	220.4	-42.9
Balance of entities under indirect budgetary control	-2.1	1.4		6.1	10.4	-43.5
Revenues	406.3	491.0	-19.0	1,869.3	1,786.3	1.5
Oil	22.6	84.4	-73.8	157.7	263.4	-41.9
Non-oil	383.7	406.6	-7.6	1,711.6	1,522.9	9.0
Tax collection	273.1	315.5	-15.3	1,277.8	1,173.5	5.6
Other	38.6	22.9	64.6	157.5	88.5	72.7
Government controlled entities	35.0	35.3	-3.0	143.1	134.2	3.4
CFE	37.1	32.9	10.4	133.1	126.7	1.9
Spending	475.9	426.2	9.3	1,957.4	1,775.3	7.0
Primary spending	423.8	381.8	NA	1,757.6	1,592.6	7.1
Programmable spending	327.3	304.9	5.1	1,402.3	1,269.6	7.2
Non-programmable spending	96.5	76.9	NA	355.3	323.0	6.7
Financial costs	52.1	44.4	15.1	199.8	182.7	6.1
Primary balance	-19.5	110.5		117.7	204.2	-44.1

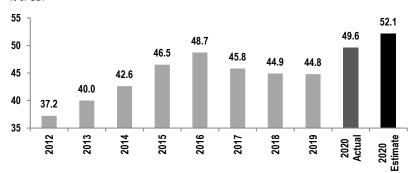
Source: Ministry of Finance



Impact from COVID-19 on public finances in April. The main effects were more clearly seen in revenues, plunging 19.0% y/y in real terms in the month. Inside, oil related income fell 73.8%, resenting the strong decline in export prices, which actually traded in negative territory on April 20th. Nevertheless, tax revenues also sharply fell (-15.3%), affected by the slowdown in economic activity. Meanwhile, spending increased 9.3%, with an important increase in the administrative branches (+16.0%). In particular, we highlight triple digit increases in the Ministry of Economy (197.6%) and the Ministry of Labor (196.1%), which is probably related to measures to fight the effects of COVID-19. In this context, we expect to see similar results, at least in terms of revenues, in May, possibly extending to June, impacted by social distancing measures and still weak oil prices.

The Historic Balance of Public Sector Borrowing Requirements (HBPSBR) stood at \$12.1 trillion (~US\$495.6 billion), equivalent to 49.6% of GDP. Out of these, \$7.1 trillion amount to domestic debt (58.7% of the amount outstanding), with the external component at US\$204.8 billion (\$5.0 trillion; 41.3% of the total). Net public-sector debt amounted to \$12.4 trillion (~US\$506.8 billion). Inside, net domestic debt reached \$7.3 trillion, while net foreign debt climbed to US\$209.0 billion (equivalent to \$5.1 trillion).

Historic Balance of the Public Sector Borrowing Requirements % of GDP



Source: Ministry of Finance; *Note: MoF latest estimates



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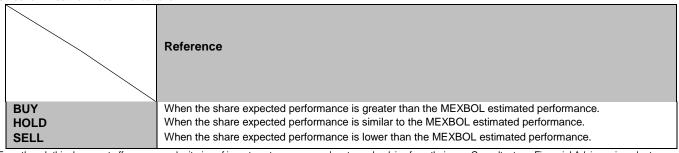
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