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Enhancing Local Governance and Fiscal Sustainability

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Introduction

- **Definition of Public Services**

Services provided by government to its citizens such as health, education, water, sanitation, and policing.

- **Local Finance Overview**

Financial resources managed at local government level to deliver these services.

Importance of Public Services

- Enhances quality of life
- Reduces inequality
- Supports economic development
- Builds public trust in governance

Key Types of Local Public Services

- Education and Early Childhood Care
- Public Health and Sanitation
- Waste Management
- Public Transportation
- Housing and Urban Development
- Safety and Emergency Services

Local Finance – Sources of Revenue

- Own-source revenue:
- Property taxes
- User fees & charges
- Business licenses
- Transfers from higher governments
- Grants
- Revenue-sharing mechanisms
- Borrowing Loans and municipal bonds

Budgeting and Planning

- Annual local government budgets
- Medium-term expenditure frameworks
- Participatory budgeting
- Performance-based budgeting

Challenges in Local Public Finance

- Limited revenue-generating powers
- Dependence on central transfers
- Weak financial management systems
- Corruption and misallocation of resources
- Low capacity in smaller municipalities

Ensuring Accountability

- Transparent budgeting and reporting
- Audits and citizen oversight
- Use of technology for e-governance
- Performance indicators and benchmarking

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