

Increase in Global Public Debt by 2030

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According to the latest report of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** on **fiscal policy**, global public debt is expected to reach a record USD 100 trillion.

Key Highlights of the Report:

- Global public debt is expected to reach 93% of global GDP in 2024, and to approach 100% by 2030.
- The IMF introduced a "debt-at-risk" method to better assess uncertainties in debt projections, estimating that global public debt could surge to 115% of GDP by 2026 in a worst-case scenario.
- Fluctuations in government borrowing costs are increasingly driven by global factors.
 - Implying that high debt levels in major countries could raise the volatility of sovereign yields and debt risks in other countries.

Recommendation:

- Countries should use the current period of lower inflation and interest rate cuts to strengthen their financial reserves.
- Countries need to implement fiscal adjustments between 3.0% and 4.5% of GDP to bring global public debt under control.
- IMF came into formal existence in December 1945. It was set up along with the World Bank after
 World War II to assist in the reconstruction of war-ravaged countries.
 - IMF and WB agreed to be set up at a **conference in Bretton Woods in the US**. Hence, they are known as **the Bretton Woods twins**.
- Its primary purpose is to ensure the stability of the international monetary system.
- Major reports of the IMF: Global Financial Stability Report and World Economic Outlook.

Read More: Financial Stability Report, June 2024

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