Domestic Financing Crucial to Success of SDGs: UN

WASHINGTON - The World Bank (WB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are launching an initiative to help developing countries to reduce risks and promote growth by encouraging sound policies and raising financial flows.

The two institutions believe that many countries have the potential to increase their growth rates by reducing tax rates by at least 2 percentage points. To do this, they are working on reducing tax compliance issues and promoting investment in education and health care.

The WB and IMF are calling on donors to commit more resources to help countries with lower income levels. They also encourage donors to consider providing assistance for countries with higher income levels.

The initiative is intended to be used by countries that are facing significant challenges in their economic development. It is hoped that the initiative will help countries to reduce their poverty rates and increase their access to financial resources.

"We are facing a global crisis and the need for emergency action is urgent," said WB President Jim Yong Kim. "The initiative will support countries in their efforts to reduce poverty and improve living standards by promoting sound policies, raising financial flows, and reducing risks."