



# Global Procurement Partnership Initiative

## Sound public procurement is critical for the efficient and effective use of scarce public resources

The World Bank established in 2016 a multi-donor trust fund for the set-up of a Global Procurement Partnership. Switzerland (SECO) joined the initiative as main donor. The goal of this initiative is to become the main international platform for supporting developing countries to reform their public procurement systems in order to reduce poverty and boost shared prosperity through efficient and effective public tender procedures.

### Rationale

This Global Procurement Partnership Initiative aims to establish a strong global partnership to advance worldwide and country-level procurement reforms. Public procurement represents a large part of public spending (from 7-20% of GDP). A sound procurement system contributes to poverty reduction by ensuring that public money is well spent (lower cost, higher quality). Demand for innovative and sustainable approaches in the field of public procurement, including the design of an efficient diagnostic tool, is increasing significantly worldwide.

### Objective and Scope

The intervention aims at providing support to beneficiaries interested in making their public procurement systems fit for purpose.

Major outputs stemming from the intervention fit into three major categories: 1) global public goods and tools (including assessments and standards), 2) country implementation of reform approaches and 3) knowledge and learning activities to build evidence on value of reforms.

Global standards lead to modern, effective and transparent procurement systems.

The development and use of comprehensive diagnostic and risk assessment tools for procurement systems will encourage countries to identify and enact appropriate reforms in that field..

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Country/region  
Global

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Executing agency  
World Bank

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Partners  
EU, France,  
Netherlands

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Duration  
2017-2021

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Total budget  
USD 12'000'000

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SECO contribution  
CHF 5'000'000



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### Development of country capacities for better procurement systems.

At country level, the intervention will support innovations in response to demand from country stakeholders and will largely be based on country procurement system assessment results.

### Systematized learning on impact of effective procurement reform approaches.

Appropriate channels for sharing knowledge and learning will be put in place in order to disseminate interesting results to wider audience.

## **Strategic priorities**

In order to deal appropriately with on-going public procurement challenges such as inconsistent diagnostic instruments, insufficient institutional, operational and management capacities, lack of technological infrastructure and related capacity paired with suboptimal systematic accountability, transparency and participation, this intervention focuses on the following strategic priorities:

Assessment and Diagnostics. Supporting the use of diagnostic tools as a starting point for reform, including the methodology for assessing procurement systems (MAPS II).

ICT and Data Solutions. Enhancing information structure and data management capacity, stimulating demand for openness and eProcurement solutions, and promoting evidence-based decision making through ICT and data analytics.

Citizen Engagement in Procurement. Improving fairness, effectiveness and integrity of public procurement and contract management through enhanced transparency, accountability and participation of non-state stakeholders.

Professionalization. Developing standardization and strengthening professionalization for the public procurement function.

Private Sector Development. Improving in-country capacities to manage procurement processes that will spur growth and level the playing field for competition marked by integrity and participation of best-performing national and international suppliers.

## **Results so far**

The current implementation period will last five years (2017-2021), spanning two distinct sub-phases. Phase 1 (2017-2019) focused on consolidating procurement assessments and testing methodologies for addressing key procurement system challenges. Phase 2 (2020-2021) is supporting the integration of successful approaches in procurement reform efforts in a wider set of countries.

## **How to get involved**

This initiative follows a demand-oriented approach. The implementing agency, together with involved donors, develop annual work plans in consultation with beneficiaries based on their development strategies.

## **Further information and contact details**

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