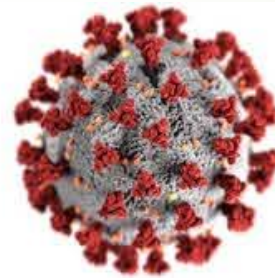


# Public Procurement in Emergency Covid-19:



## The Experience of GABON

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## COVID-19 : CURRENT STATUS

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- **March 2020, the date of the first coronavirus case notification in Gabon**

- **May 23, 2020, the date when the peak was reached with 373 new cases recorded a day for a total of 1931 cases before decreasing as of June.**
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- **From November 29, 2020, the country recorded as of the beginning of the pandemic, 9, 173 cases with 9, 016 cases healed and 59 deaths.**

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# RESPONSE MEASURES

**Adoption by the Government of a national response plan comprising:**

**Declaration of health emergency state all over the country on April 9, 2020**

**Adoption of the act n°003/2020 of May 11, 2020 setting out prevention, control and response measures against health disasters**

**Total lockdown of Grand Libreville (Communes de Libreville, Owendo, Akanda and Ntoum as well as the seaside resort of Pointe Denis on April, 12, 2020 with 57 infected cases including one death**

**Institution of a curfew between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. over the country**



**Traffic ban between Grand Libreville and the inland (except for special authorization)**

**Wearing a mask becoming compulsory in public places everywhere in the country with a fine for the offenders**

**Gathering ban for more than 10 persons**

**Population movement limited to the strict essential one**

**Land borders closure with the first cases in the neighboring countries and later on air and maritime borders closure**

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# **“MODIFICATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SERVICES FUNCTIONING**



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# IMPACTS ON THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS

## **At planning level :**



**Procurement plans approved before the pandemic**

**102 contracts planned for the first 2020 semester**

**25 contracts actually awarded over the 102 planned, for a percentage of 25.5%**

## At the award level :

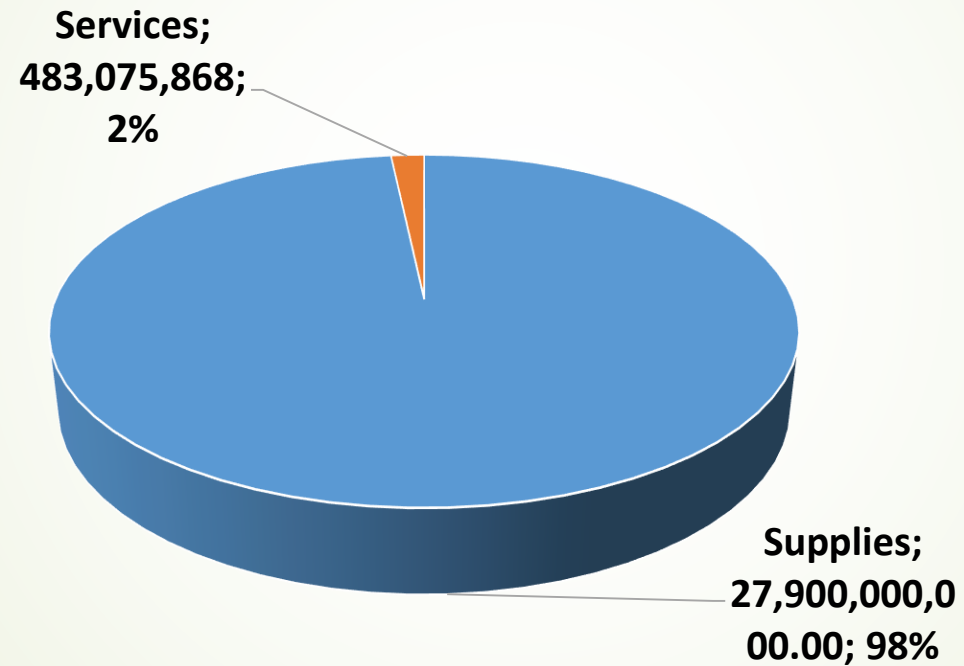
No text derogating to the provisions of the Public Procurement Code (PPC) adopted

In accordance with the PPC, tender remains the award principle (art.56)

However, in consideration of the **imperious emergency** (art.2 CMP), several authorizations to award contracts by direct agreement have been issued.

**Contracts awarded in the response framework to coronavirus are at F CFA 28 billion.**

Breakdown by market type

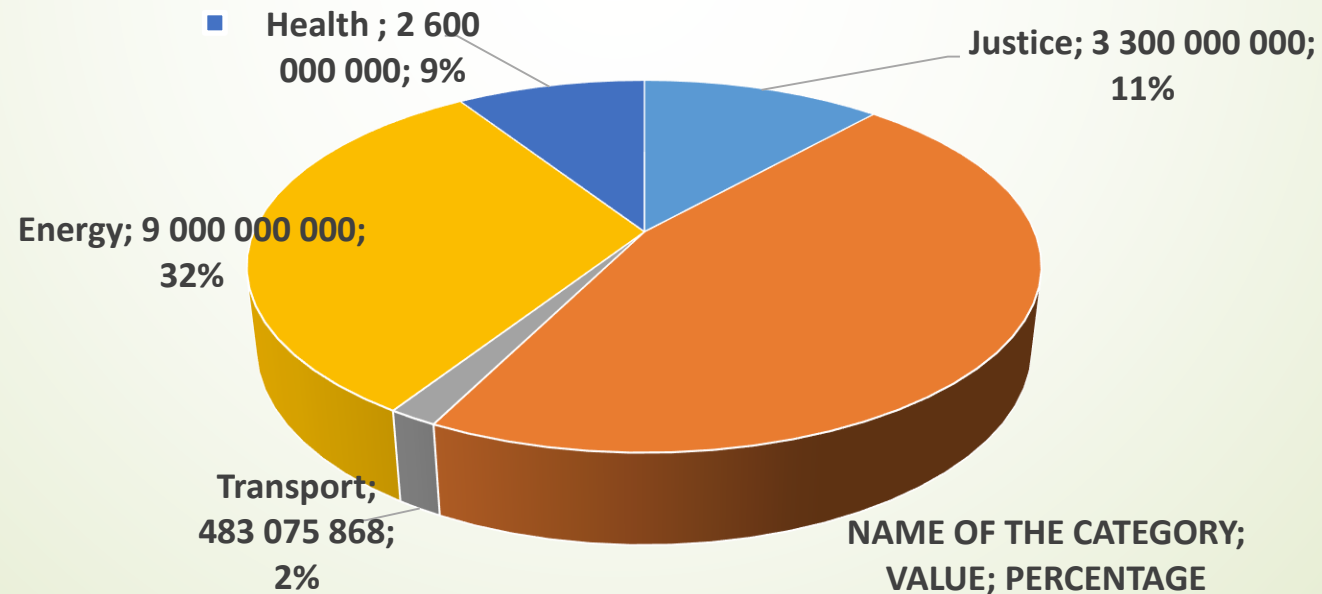





# The sectors concerned:

- ❑ **Justice:** prison feeding;
- ❑ **Defense and security:** troop feeding;
- ❑ **Transports:** free transport;
- ❑ **Energy :** free water and electricity;
- ❑ **Health:** purchase of medical products.

## Breakdown by sector





**Staff reduction of tender evaluation committees only to the members having deliberative voice (for example 5/10 for State contracts)**

**Monitoring of bid opening by videoconference by the tenderers**

**Setting up of mobile teams in charge of the reception of the bids**

**The failure to take into account some assessment criteria of works contracts such as site visit**

**Technical assistance very limited to contracting authorities**

## **At the implementation level:**

**All the contracts awarded in Covid-19 response framework have been implemented.**

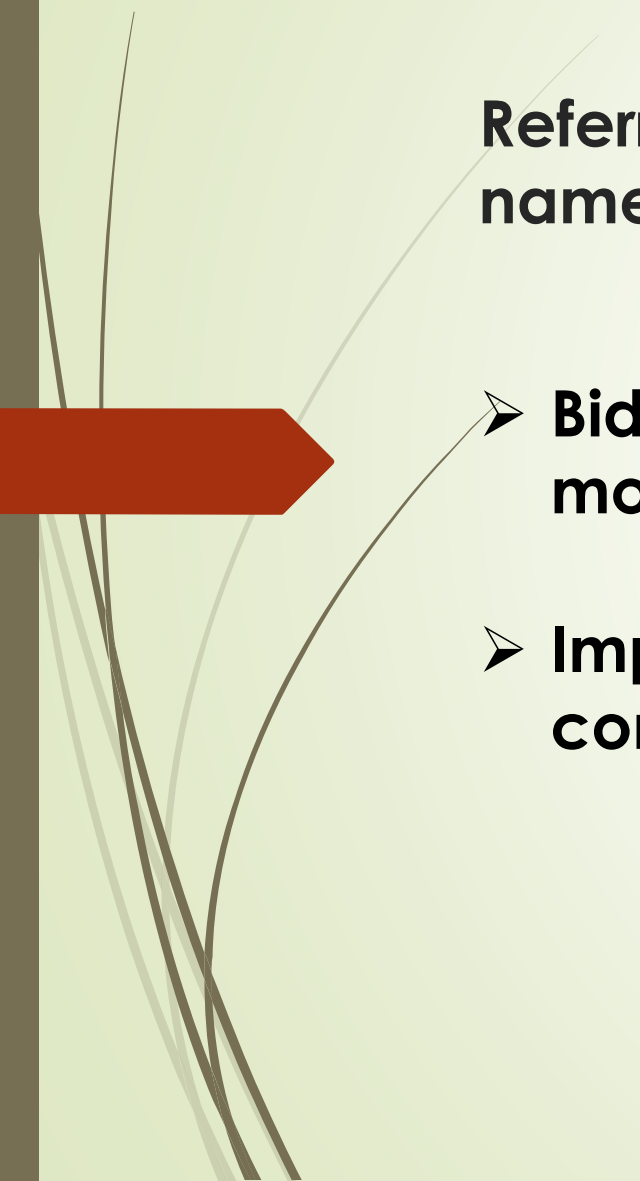
**The supplies and services ordered were delivered though, up to now, we don't have any precision on the level of achievement of every performance.**

**Very few control missions undertaken during that period.**

**Major works stopped because of restrictive measures (the cases of worksites programmed in the back to school frame)**

## **At the level of litigation management:**

**Referral for annulment of the contract award procedure, namely for the following grounds:**

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- **Bid opening dates fixed in total lockdown period when movements were under restrictions ;**
  - **Impossibility to submit tenders because of insufficient communication**

## WHAT ABOUT THE CURRENT PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SITUATION?

- ☐ The partial lockdown led to the normal business resumption all over the country;
- ☐ Direct agreements are less and less solicited;
- ☐ Tenders are in net increase with tender assessment committees in accordance with the provisions of the PPC