



**Electronic Government
Procurement (e-GP) Current Status,
Opportunities and Challenges**

Presentation Outline

- Background
- Legal Frame work
- e-GP implementation status
- Challenges
- Opportunities

Background

- 2016 -The e-GP was launched and rolled out to six (6) pilot sites/Institutions.
- 2018- The system was rolled out to procuring entities in a Phased approach
- 2021- The New Public Procurement Act enacted which made the system mandatory and the Full roll out commenced

Legal Framework

- Public Procurement in Zambia was governed by the Public Procurement Act No. 12 of 2008 which mandated ZPPA to;

organise and mandate systems for the management of procurement data and statistics and information and for the publication of data on public procurement opportunities , contract award and other information of public interest (Section 6 (2) (m))

- The Usage of the e-GP was not mandatory.

Legal Framework

- The Public Procurement Act No. 12 of 2008 was repealed by the Public Procurement No. 8 of 2020.
- The new enacted Public Procurement Act in Section 16 (1) makes the use of the electronic government procurement system mandatory for all the government funded/ aided Institutions

CURRENT STATUS/IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

- Before a Procuring entity is added to the e-GP, an e-readiness assessment is conducted which checks compliance to the system requirements
- After the Procuring entity has met the requirements, a five (5) days hands on training is scheduled for their members of staff
- The procuring entity is then added to the system for full usage

CURRENT STATUS/IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

- In line with the ZPPA Circular No. 4 of 2017, those PE's that have not been trained are required to register on the system for purposes of publishing annual procurement plans, invitation to bids and other related notices.
- The New Public Procurement Act under Section 113 (7) provides for three (3) years in which all procuring entities should comply with the e-GP and other requirements

CURRENT STATUS/IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

- Currently **273** Procuring Entities have been registered on the e-GP broken down as follows; **139** registered for full usage and **134** in line with the ZPPA Circular No. 4 of 2017
- Currently **33,770** supplier organizations have been registered on the system
- The Authority conducts continuous training for both Procuring Entities and Suppliers
- The system is constantly being improved through the documented suggestions from the users

CHALLENGES

- Internet connectivity challenges in some Procuring Entities
- Power outages being experienced in the country due to climate change challenges
- Trained employees turnovers in the Procuring Entities implementing the system
- High cost of maintaining the system and change requests

Challenges

- Integration challenges with other existing systems
- Lack of self learning materials for the users (e-learning materials)
- The Authority's limited training budget

OPPORTUNITIES

- Reduce the time and cost of doing business for both bidders and PEs
- Realize better value for money spent through increased competition
- Standardize public procurement processes across govt. departments/agencies
- Allow equal opportunity to all bidders
- Bring transparency (good governance)
- Social economic development
- To make it easy for ZPPA to monitor compliance

OPPORTUNITIES

- Reduction in malpractices in Public Procurement
- Reduced face to face interactions between the players in the procurement process which will result reduced exposure to infectious diseases such as Covid

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