



# **Open Contracting Data Standard Implementation in Zambia**

# Presentation Outline

- Definition of Open Contracting
- Electronic Government Procurement Roll out
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- OCDS Reports
- Users of the OCDS Reports

# What is Open Contracting

- Open contracting is a growing trend focused on enhanced disclosure and participation in Public Contracting at all stages of the contracting process and all types of contracts (Garza, 2015).

# Electronic Government procurement Roll Out in Zambia

- Zambia Public Procurement Authority commenced the target roll out of the e-GP system in July, 2016
- The usage of the system was not mandatory in the PPA No. 12 of 2008
- In April, 2021 the PPA No. 12 of 2008 was repealed and replaced by the PPA No. 8 of 2022

# Electronic Government procurement Roll Out in Zambia

- The new PPA makes the use of the system mandatory
- Currently, 364 of the 519 Procuring entities are registered on the system. From the 364, 198 have been trained for full usage.
- 4,213 tenders have been floated through the system
- 47,654 suppliers and contractors have been registered on the system

# Electronic Government procurement Roll Out in Zambia

- Suppliers self register on the system while the procuring entities are registered by the Authority
- The Authority is conducting continuous capacity building activities for procuring entities and suppliers

# Open Contracting Data Standard implementation

- The e-GP enables the publication of structured data and documents pertaining to the planning, procurement award and implementation of contracts in accordance with the Public Procurement Act and its Regulations
- 38.1 % of the total PE's have been added for full usage. This is a major limitation as information about all the 519 PE's can not be obtained from the OCDS
- The target roll out for 2022 is 200 PE's. It is hoped that more information will be accessed as more and more PE's are added

# Open Contracting Data Standard implementation

- Zambia Public Procurement Authority (ZPPA) has created a public portal for all Stake holders to access Open Contracting Data.

[www.zppa.org.zm/ocds-data](http://www.zppa.org.zm/ocds-data)



# Reports on the Open Contracting Data

- *The following are some of the reports that can be found on the OCDS*
  - Average number of bids by procuring entity by procurement method
  - Number and percentage of open tenders in relation to the total procuring entity tenders
  - Number and percentage of cancelled tenders by procuring entity

# Reports on the Open Contracting Data

- Average number of days taken to complete a procurement process by procuring entity
- Procurement activities by method by procuring entity
- Award statistics by procuring entity
- Award statistics for a firm (No. of award by suppliers)
- Award statistics by amount by each procuring entity
- Award by spend categories and many other reports

# Users of Open Contracting Data

- The Government,
- Private Sector,
- Civil Society; and
- The General Public

As the sensitisation of the OCDS continues and more and more tenders are floated via the system, it is envisaged that the data contained will be used more by the users listed above

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