Current Status of e-GP Implementation in the Maldives

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Public Procurement Before e-GP & the Rationale for Change
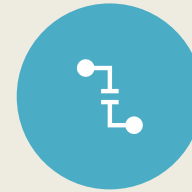
PREDOMINANTLY MANUAL, PAPER-BASED PROCESSES

FRAGMENTED SYSTEMS ACROSS MINISTRIES

LIMITED VISIBILITY AND INCONSISTENT PROCEDURES

DIFFICULTY IN MONITORING, REPORTING, AND COMPLIANCE

E-GP INTRODUCED TO STRENGTHEN TRANSPARENCY, EFFICIENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

What We Aim to Achieve

CONSOLIDATE PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES INTO ONE UNIFIED NATIONAL PLATFORM

AUTOMATE AND STREAMLINE PROCESSES END-TO-END

STANDARDIZE PROCEDURES ACROSS ENTITIES

ENHANCE REPORTING, AUDIT TRAILS, AND DATA VISIBILITY

IMPROVE SUPPLIER ENGAGEMENT AND REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN

ENABLE EVIDENCE-BASED PROCUREMENT DECISIONS

SAP Ariba Selected as the National e-GP System

SAP Ariba

CLOUD-BASED GLOBAL PROCUREMENT PLATFORM

SAP BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM (BTP) SUPPORTS NEEDED CUSTOMIZATIONS

COVERS SUPPLIER REGISTRATION, TENDERING, EVALUATION, AWARDING, CONTRACTING

PO-TO-PAYMENT MANAGED THROUGH INTEGRATION WITH PUBLIC ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

IMPLEMENTATION BEGAN IN JULY 2024

Implementation progress & Challenges Encountered

The project remained stalled in the 'explore phase' for an extended period due to system design challenges and other contributing factors. These issues have now been addressed, and we are currently working with SAP to renew the extension of the implementation contract.

Off the shelf SaaS vs complex government: Complications

Customizations

Internal delays in approvals, documentation, and readiness

Postal system not strong enough to support an online catalogue marketplace

System default control levels not sufficient

Data cleaning and data migration limitations

More Challenges Ahead

Ensuring successful change-management and capacity-building

Updating regulations to align with e-GP processes

Phase 2: Onboarding local councils

Vendor onboarding

Budgetary constraints due to delays

Staff limitations

Outlook

- Project now expected to be completed by mid of 2026.

- Implementing the system remains highest priority.

- Even if full end-to-end digitization is not immediately achievable.

- Once the core processes are digitized, advancing further will be simpler.

THANK YOU!