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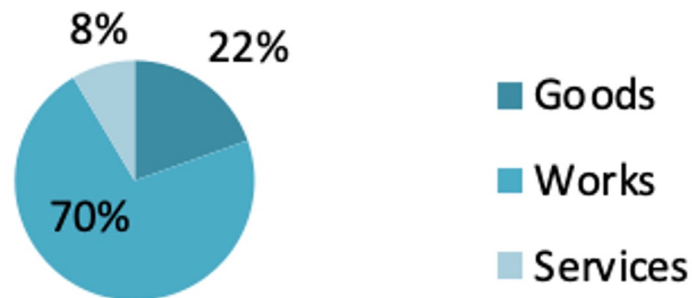
Area: 38,394 km²

**Population
779,900**

Why Public Procurement Matters

Size of Public Procurement :
Government expenditure
accounting for 40.00% on
average from (2016-17 to
2020-2021)
WORK- Nu. 111,153.99 Million

Figure 1.1: Aggregate Procurement Expenditures for 2016-17 to 2020-21



Incorporating Sustainable Elements in the Procurement Process

Status and Gaps in Bhutan

- ❖ The concept of green and sustainable procurement is new to Bhutan's public procurement system
- ❖ Will be incorporating the concept through the current on-going procurement reforms.

Challenges

- ❖ Lack of capacity development (procurement professional)
- ❖ Calculation of the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)/Life cycle cost
- ❖ Drafting technical specifications for goods, works and services
- ❖ Evaluation criteria and awards
- ❖ Quality Inspection and testing etc.
- ❖ Availability of products on the market
- ❖ Most of all, the high initial cost of the product

Way forward

- ❖ Incorporate the concept of green and sustainable in the public procurement system through the current ongoing procurement reforms
- ❖ Develop the capacity of the procurement professional
- ❖ Awareness program

Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) in Bhutan

Objective



24x7

1 Efficiency



Reduce Cost

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Wider competition among bidders



Fair and equal treatment to bidders

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Transparency



Accountability

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Accessibility



Uniformity

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Timeline



June 2017



Phase I

1. e-GP Homepage
2. Registration
3. Tendering
4. Debarment
5. Annual Procurement Plan
6. Reporting
7. Admin
8. e-Learning
9. Procurement Reform (business process re-engineering)



July 2020



Phase II

1. Grievance Redressal/Complaints
2. System Integration
3. Enhancement to Registration
4. Reporting
5. Evaluation



July 2023



Phase III

1. Supply Order
2. Contract Management
3. Reverse Auction
4. System integration
5. Integration to e-Payment and e-invoice
6. Non-consulting services and reporting on community contracting
7. Procurement under development partner financed projects
8. Reporting enhancement

Benefits of e-GP

No multiple copies of bid



Elimination of paper work



No arithmetical error



Complete bid submission



e-GP



No dependence on newspaper

Accessible 24x7



Anonymous



Common documents

Challenges

- Capacity development
- Low IT literacy (Bidders)
- International procurement
- Updating e-GP
- Integration with relevant systems

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