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OUTLINE

- Country Profile;
- Overview of Procurement System;
- e-GP System Journey;
- Challenges and Opportunities;
- Moving Forward

BHUTAN-PROFILE



Area: 38,394 km²

Population-777,224

**GDP \$ 2.6 billion
per capita-\$ 3920**

Carbon-negative

Gross National Happiness

Constitutional Monarchy

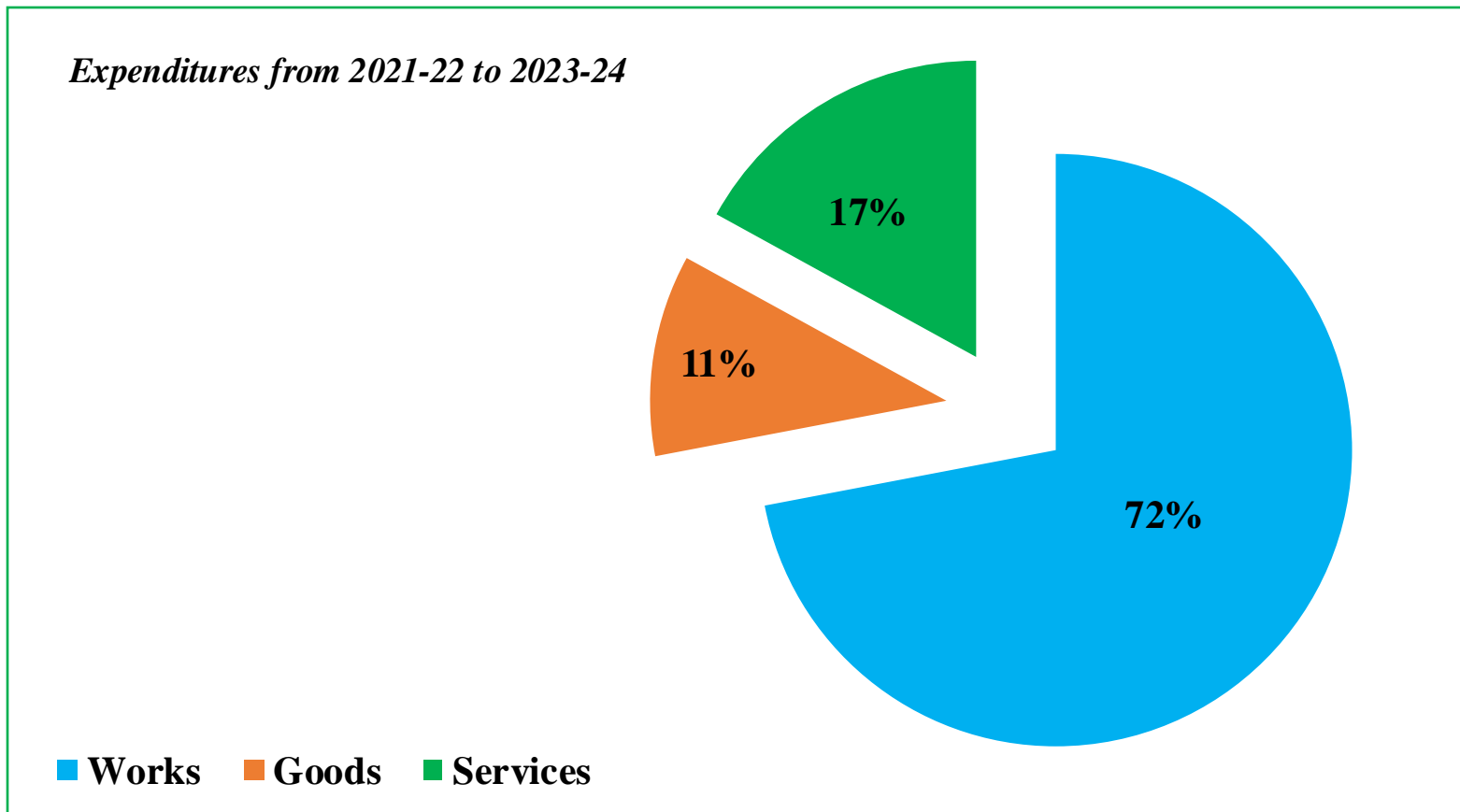
PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

- Public Finance Act-Procurement Rules & Regulations(2023)
- Decentralized Procurement System
- Applies to all levels and types of government agencies
- Procurement Cadre-2006 and 2024
- Competency Based Framework and Code of conduct(2021)

SIZE OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

43% of total government expenditure

13% of Gross Domestic Product



Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP)-Bhutan

E-GP JOURNEY

June 2017

July 2020

July 2023

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)

Phase II

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

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



No dependence on newspaper



Common documents

Anonymous



Accessible 24x7



CHALLENGES

- capacity development and user support services;
- dependence on vendor for change requests and enhancements ;
- integration challenges with other systems;
- lack of technical expertise for system maintenance and challenge ensuring effective cooperation with IT

OPPORTUNITIES

- Monitoring and evaluation of procurement processes;
- Promotion of evidence-based decision making and policy improvements;
- Elevate procurement function to strategic level;
- Leverage the benefits of e-GP system integration with other systems;
- Aligning procurement classification codes with budgeting and accounting codes;

WAY FORWARD

- Drive data driven and evidence-based decision making and policy changes;
- Continuous enhancements and improvements of e-GP system;
- Integration with PFM and other relevant systems;
- Development of e-catalogue for framework contract and direct procurements as part of e-GP system;
- Partnering with private institute to develop platform for continuous capacity development

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