How to Identify, Manage and Prevent Conflict of Interest

Improving Procurement & Contracting Transparency

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Four Core Features

Multi-stakeholder Working

- Government, industry and civil society work together.
- Builds trust and effectively solves complex challenges.

Social Accountability

- Stakeholders use data to exercise accountability.
- Decisions are subject to scrutiny
- Demand for action translated into practical improvements.





Publication & Disclosure

- Data publication by government applying Infrastructure Data Standard or OC4IDS format.
- At least 40 data points disclosed routinely and periodically over whole lifecycle.

Assurance

- Independent third-party review of the information disclosed by government.
- Assurance report identifies concerns.
- Report launched at public event.



Data published on 60,000 infrastructure projects across 18 countries over the last 5 years.



19,000 government, civil society and private sector representatives trained on publishing and using data from infrastructure projects over the last 5 years.



100 sector reforms and project improvements introduced by Government.





CoST Infrastructure Data Standard

Table 1: Project and Contract Data for proactive disclosure

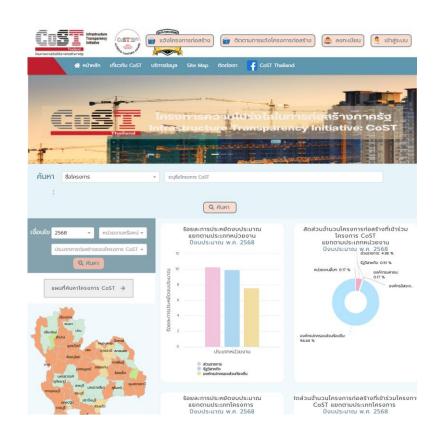
Project phase	Project data	Contract phase	Contract data
Last updated Project Identification	Project reference number Project owner Sector, subsector Project name Project Location Purpose Project description	Products Products Products Con Con Num Cos Con Con Con Con Con Con Con Con Con	Procuring entity Procuring entity contact details Procurement process Contract type Contract status (current) Number of firms tendering Cost estimate Contract administration entity Contract title Contract firm(s) Contract price Contract start date Contract duration
Project Preparation	Project Scope (main output) Environmental impact Land and settlement impact Contact details Funding sources Project Budget Project budget approval date		
Project Completion	Project status (current) Completion cost (projected) Completion date (projected) Scope at completion (projected) Reasons for project changes Reference to audit and evaluation reports	Implementation	Variation to contract price Escalation of contract price Variation to contract duration Variation to contract scope Reasons for price changes Reasons for scope and duration changes

Table 2: Project and Contract Information for disclosure upon request

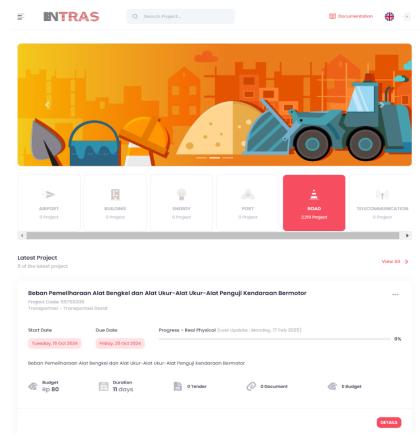
Project information	Contract information	
Identification and Preparation	Procurement	
Multi-year programme & Budget	Contract officials and roles	
Project brief or Feasibility study	Procurement method	
Environmental and social impact assessment	Tender documents	
Resettlement and compensation plan	Tender evaluation results	
Project officials and roles	Project design report	
Financial agreement	Contract	
Procurement plan	Contract agreement and conditions	
Project approval decision	Registration and ownership of firms	
	Specifications and drawings	
Completion	Implementation	
Implementation progress reports	List of variations, changes, amendments	
Budget amendment decision	List of escalation approvals	
Project completion report	Quality assurance reports	
Project evaluation report	Disbursement records or payment certificates	
Technical audit reports	Contract amendments	
Financial audit reports		

Innovation scales up disclosure



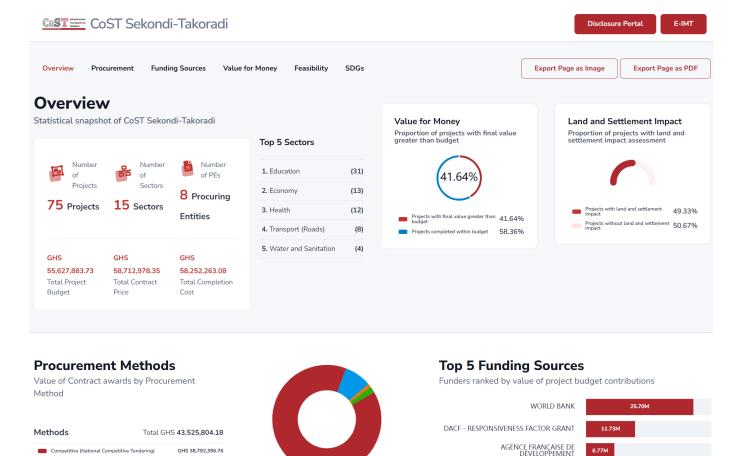


CoST Thailand eGP Disclosure Portal



INTRAS West Lombok





CoST Sekondi-Takoradi Infrastructure Analytical Dashboard (IAD)

The IAD generates statistical and interactive infographic use cases that provide insights on value-formoney considerations, tender management, and contract administration; and quantitatively categorises projects according to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

GHS 3,487,574,82

GHS 775.064.60

2 Stage (National Competitive Tendering)

Competitive (Request For Quotation)

2 Stage (International Competitive Tendering)

5.00M 10.00M 15.00M 20.00M 25.00M

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES COMMON FUND

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Extracts of Assurance Reports



Assurance Report Fiscal Year 2023





Source: 2023 CoST Thailand Assurance Report

How COI is addressed

Multi-stakeholder Working

- Collaboration & joint problem solving across sectors to identify COI.
- Active oversight and provide recommendations to manage and prevent COI.

Social Accountability

- Stakeholders use data for accountability and make recommendations for improvements.
- Recommend corrective actions and monitoring implementation.





Publication & Disclosure

- Identifies COI by revealing relationships, ownership and decision-making processes.
- Manages COI by making data accessible for public scrutiny.
- Prevents COI by deterring hidden interests

Assurance

- Identifies COI through objective analysis and red-flagging of suspicious patterns.
- Prevents COI by establishing a credible oversight mechanism.



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