



# Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority



## INTEGRITY SURVEY FINDINGS, AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT



- ❖ Public procurement is very vulnerable to corruption.
- ❖ PPDA conducted the fourth procurement integrity survey to measure perceptions of corruption in public procurement.
- ❖ In addition, PPDA conducts procurement or disposal audits to ensure transparency and accountability in public procurement.



- ❖ The overall perception index about the existence of corruption in public procurement was 76.1 percent in this survey (4th integrity survey), up from 71.8 percent in the previous survey (3rd integrity survey).
- ❖ The survey revealed that this corruption is majorly in form of bribery followed by inflation of tender costs.
- ❖ In addition, the low awareness or lack of courage to denounce corrupt behavior and situations is conducive for corruption.



- ❖ **Corruption in Exchange for an Award in Public Procurement:** 20% of respondents reported to have ever paid a bribe. *Out of these 30 percent of suppliers say they have paid a bribe between 10- 20 percent of the contract value.*
- ❖ **Vulnerable stage in Public Procurement:** the majority of MDA's and LGs (54 percent) and suppliers (43 percent) responded that the procurement cycle is most vulnerable at evaluation of bids stage. This followed by contract implementation stage (19 percent).



- ❖ Conflict of interest and corruption in the evaluation process through; familiarity with bidders over time, personal interests such as gifts, no checks and balances among assessing officers
- ❖ Substantial change in contract conditions to allow more time and/or higher prices for the bidder
- ❖ Product substitution or sub-standard work or service not meeting contract specifications
- ❖ Subcontractors and partners chosen in a non-transparent way or not kept accountable



- ❖ Forgery of documents (i.e. completion certificates, income tax clearance, Bid guarantee, Bid security, Powers of Attorney and RoP certificates).
- ❖ Deficient supervision from public officials and/or collusion between contractors and supervising officials
- ❖ Failure to adequately meet contractual obligations: *Contractors fail to adequately meet their contractual obligations such as completion of contracts outside stipulated contractual periods, shoddy works and abandoned works.*



- ❖ **E-Government Procurement:** E-procurement will increase efficiency substantially and reduce interface between providers and public officials.
- ❖ Strengthen monitoring of high value procurements by the high spend entities.
- ❖ Scale-up initiatives that sensitize the public on public procurement to the public through media campaigns, strategic engagements with stakeholders and the use of social media platforms.



- ❖ Collaborate with Civil Society Organisations to support the monitoring of Government Projects and report any irregularities.
- ❖ Conduct trainings and sensitizations for suppliers and citizens to increase their knowledge on the Public Procurement law.





- ❖ Suspending/debarring unethical providers from participating in public procurement or disposal proceedings.
- ❖ Working with professional / regulatory associations to de-register unethical members effectively.
- ❖ Further action against unethical public and private sector is undertaken in collaboration with other enforcement agencies such as CID, DPP and IG



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# Thank You!

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