

E-GP Kenya: Early Benefits

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Introduction

- E-GP Kenya is an end-to-end electronic government procurement system. Covers all procurement process as stipulated in the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2025 and the attendant Regulation 2020.
- Central system used by all public procuring entities in both National and County Governments
- Several directives on the mandatory use of e-GP system have been issued.
- Public entities continue to comply with these directives.

Introduction

- Public Procurement Leakage: Manual procurement processes failed (estimated loss of billions annually through inflated contracts, ghost projects, etc.).
- The Constitutional of Kenya, 2010 (Article 227): Need for a procurement system that is transparent, fair, competitive, and cost-effective.
- The e-GP system is a strategic government vision designed to achieve several benefits. Early foreseen benefits include;
 - Enhance Inclusivity: Specifically, by reforming procurement access and participation.
 - Combat Corruption: Through increased transparency and accountability in bidding processes.
 - Enhance Compliance with legal framework

Tools for integrity and inclusivity

- Online publication of all tenders, including restricted tenders
- Item master – based on UNSPSC but localized for ease of use
- Mapping of projects through GIS
- Compliance with 30% reservation during procurement plan
- Adoption of modern technologies
- Inclusion of oversight agencies

Online Publication

- Mandatory online publication of procurement plans, tender notices, and contract awards.
 - Facilitates external scrutiny by civil society, media, and the public (Open Contracting - OCDS)
 - Transparency as a deterrent to fraud.
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Developing Kenya's Localized Item Coding Framework

Derived from UNSPSC core structure.

Added local differentiators (e.g., GSM, voltage, packaging size).

Introduced extra two digit suffix system (e.g., *4410170101* for 80 GSM A4 paper, *4410170102* for 100 GSM A4 paper).

Extended to cover works and specialized services.

Necessary for price analysis especially for common/standard items

Oversight & Audit Trail

- End-to-End Digitization (e-requisition to e-payment).
- An unalterable digital log for every transaction.
- Views for oversight and investigative agencies

Empowering Special Groups

Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO)

- Statutory requirement to reserve 30% of procurement for Special Groups (women, youth, persons with disabilities).
- About 75% to 80% of Kenya's population is under the age of 35.
- Statutory requirement to reserve 20% of procurement for county resident
- Procurement plans must meet this requirement before final approval and publication
- Integration with AGPO registration database
- Tender notices categorization



Streamline Compliance

- Development inline with the existing legal framework
- Use of Template Library and standard tender document
- Integration with other government system – company registry, Tax system, contractor's database, Financial Institutions

Modern Technologies

- Item master powered by AI
- Search item on item master
- Identification of Supplier for restricted/limited tenders
- Mapping of Projects using GIS (Directive from Regulatory Authority)



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