Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance

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Overview

• The volume of UNDP procurement tripled to approximately $2.5 billion over a three-year period
• It is no longer perceived as a back-office, but rather a mission-critical and strategic function in ensuring development results for the organization.
• Procurement is having a much larger scope than generally acknowledged!

Procurement Trend (USD Mil)
Partial Merger of UNDP/IAPSO

- IAPSO ceased to exist from 1 Jan 2008
- Part of IAPSO’s functions merged into UNOPS
- Remaining part merged to strengthened UNDP PSO (Procurement Support Office)
- Former OLPS split into PSO and LSO
Merged into UNOPS

- UNWEBBUY e-procurement system
- Service for procurement of “common user” items such as vehicles, IT equipment etc
- UNGM web-portal and centralised vendor database serving UN agencies and vendors
Retained with PSO

• Strategic procurement specifically in support of key UNDP Practice Areas:
  - Elections support
  - GFATM
  - Crisis Prevention and Recovery
• High-level Committee on Management (HLCM) Procurement Network Secretariat
• Training
PSO Organisation and Focus

- Policy and Support, New York (NYC)
- Risk Management, Oversight and Quality Assurance (ACP, RCPO and Professionalisation/Training) (NYC), Regional Centers and Copenhagen (CPH)
- Advisory Services (for Practice Areas) (CPH)
- Global Procurement Unit (CPH)
- Government Capacity Building CPH)
- High-level Committee on Management (HLCM) Procurement Network Secretariat (CPH)
Global Procurement Unit

- Supplier sourcing strategies
- Setting up Long Term Agreements (LTAs) for global and regional procurement
- The operational arm in providing direct procurement on behalf of COs that lack capacity or for strategic reasons (for a fee)
- Augmentation of CO procurement capacity
Global Procurement Unit

- Unit of 7 staff
- Staff who speak English, French, Spanish & Bahasa Malaysia
- Organised both as client as well as practice area focus
Special Advisory Team - Election Support

- Supported by two staff
- Acts as an independent advisory body to UNDP Country Offices
- Provides advice and support on strategic planning, budgeting and on-site training
- Seek appropriate integration between program and procurement
- Targeted exploratory, formulation and needs assessment missions
How do we work together?

- Performing market analysis (supply/demand/stakeholders)
- Keeping abreast of technological innovations
- Developing efficient procurement strategies leading to long term agreements (LTA) for the most strategic and essential electoral materials
- Developing tools for procurement management
- Exploring leasing options
- Developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
“The Procurement Gap”

Stages of procurement development

- Compliance with rules
- Transaction efficiency
- Commercial approach
- Purchasing coordination
- Procurement process management
- Supply chain management
- Value chain orientation

PSO drives procurement at all levels, including the highest value added.

Most public sector / UN procurement agencies operate at this level.