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Transparency and Accountability

- Assumption that increased transparency will allow for better oversight – internal and external
- Better oversight = accountability





Integrity in Public Procurement

UNCAC art 9: transparency, objectivity and competition

- Ensuring transparency and effective civic oversight and enforcement mechanisms are put in place
- Using electronic tools and portals to facilitate and simplify procurement procedures and to provide access to information and promote civic engagement

The trend: increasingly broad use of IT

- A number of States are moving from systems which passively provide information to systems which allow for interaction with users
 - establishing Internet procurement portals with templates of documents
 - fully integrated e-procurement solutions

- Interesting examples:
 - Use of ICT and internet portals to conduct public consultations on future procurement procedures
 - Use of ICT to manage the whole procurement process and to analyse the results of the procurement
 - Use of ICT for procurement fraud detection (identification of conflicts of interests and fraud patterns)

Transparency and Accountability in the Management of Public Finances

- Introducing measures for ensuring transparency and civic oversight of budgetary spending
- The importance of strong and effective systems of auditing public finances
- How to introduce effective risk management systems



Proactive Disclosure of Information

Many countries have established transparency portals to release information on:

- Government contracts
- Procurement contracts of infrastructure, schools, hospitals
- Government spending and audit reports
- Asset and interest disclosure systems

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Acesso rápido

- » Documentos diários de execução da despesa pública
- » Execução mensal da despesa pública por:

Localidade

Estado e Município



Receitas e despesas

- » Orçamento anual da despesa
- » Orçamento anual da



Políticas públicas

- » Áreas de atuação (Funções)
- » Programas de governo



Reporting of Corruption



- Hotlines, website and mobile phone applications for reporting corruption
 - Benefit of having multiple options
 - Success depends on familiarity and trust
- Some allow for anonymous or confidential reporting
- Ex: Papua New Guinea's Min of Finance – Phones against Corruption



Conclusions

- Transparency is not enough in itself to ensure accountability
 - Heavy reliance on citizens and civil society to provide oversight is not always effective
 - Countries have raised awareness and provided training to civil society as to importance of role
 - Need to have trust in the authorities to report corruption
- Where these exist, transparency can be powerful tool!





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