UNDP Procurement
Snapshot 2015
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UNDP’s Procurement Services Unit (UNDP/PSU) provides procurement services to UNDP Country Offices and non-UN clients worldwide. PSU has developed proven expertise in the areas of data analysis and sourcing strategy, procurement advisory, supply chain management, procurement training and certification and sustainable procurement. We strive to provide best-in-class procurement services to our clients and ensure best-value-for-money goods and services while adhering to principles of fairness, transparency, and integrity.
Procurement Services

CORPORATE PROCUREMENT SERVICES (VIA NEW YORK HQ)
- Procurement policies and corporate templates
- Centralised procurement services for UNDP HQ
- Vendor sanctions and protests
- Procurement Dashboard
- Procurement delegation requests and capacity assessments
- MPN-Procure and Procurement Helpline

DIRECT PROCUREMENT SUPPORT SERVICES (VIA REGIONAL HUBS)
- Procurement advisory and guidance to >40 COs (approximately $80 MILLION ANNUALLY)
- Procurement services and supply chain management
- Procurement training and certification – specialised procurement training and certification to staff from UN agencies, NGOs and government partners (OVER 2,000 STUDENTS TRAINED across Levels 2-4; all courses are accredited by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, CIPS)
- Spend mapping and reporting
- Specialised categories centralised to Copenhagen – e.g. elections, crisis, solar and health-related procurement support covers a range of commodities and complex bidding processes (e.g. supplying health equipment to Ebola-affected countries)
**PROCUREMENT CLIENTS**

- Transactional support to business units in all five UNDP regional bureaus
- Advisory support upon request to all UNDP business units
- UNDP chairs the HLCM Procurement Network, serving **33 AGENCIES, FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES** in the UN system

**INTEGRATED SUPPORT TEAM IN KUALA LUMPUR (GLOBAL SHARED SERVICES CENTER)**

- Logistics services
- Managing the shipment of goods from the US – Cisco and Polycom LTAs – to UNDP globally
- Shipments of IT hardware
- Management of full payment process

**UNDP Procurement provides procurement advisory and guidance to OVER 40 COs via regional hubs, approximately $80 MILLION ANNUALLY**
IN 2014, UNDP’S PROCUREMENT VOLUME WAS
$2,285,486,950.00


TOTAL AMOUNT UNDP SPENT ON GOODS
$482,329,000

TOTAL AMOUNT UNDP SPENT ON SERVICES
$1,803,158,000
Participants engaged in a tailoring workshop, part of Pilot Projects for Recovery and Reconciliation launched by UNDP in South Sudan
In 2014, UNDP had the highest percentage in the UN system of procurement from developing countries:

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For procurement by organizations of the UN system from developing countries with economies in transition, in 2013 and 2014, see the Annual Statistical Report on UN Procurement: https://www.ungm.org/Areas/Public/Downloads/ASR_2014.pdf
UNDP top ten categories of procurement

TOTAL NUMBER OF ORDERS AND CONTRACTS RAISED IN 2014
108,893

TOTAL NUMBER OF PURCHASE ORDERS RAISED
85,437

TOTAL VALUE OF PURCHASE ORDERS RAISED
$884,717,469.13

TOP TEN CATEGORIES OF PROCUREMENT IN 2014

1. Management and Business Professionals and Administrative Services
2. Engineering and Research and Technology Based Services
3. Transportation and Storage and Mail Services
4. Travel and Food and Lodging and Entertainment Services
5. Education and Training Services
6. Motor Vehicles and Parts, Accessories and Components, including other Transport Equipment
7. Information Technology, Broadcasting andTelecommunications
8. Editorial and Design and Graphic and Fine Art Services
9. Building and Facility Construction and Maintenance Services
10. Public Utilities and Public Sector Related Services

NUMBER OF PURCHASE ORDERS RAISED BY CATEGORY

Transportation and Storage and Mail Services 32,280
Engineering and Research and Technology Based Services 3,179
Management and Business Professionals and Administrative Services 23,392
Travel and Food and Lodging and Entertainment Services 10,494
Education and Training Services 4,009
Motor Vehicles and Parts, Accessories and Components, incl. other Transport Equipment 736
Information Technology, Broadcasting and Telecommunications 3,281
Editorial and Design and Graphic and Fine Art Services 4,502
Building and Facility Construction and Maintenance Services 1,658
Public Utilities and Public Sector Related Services 1,906
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Stories/Anecdotes
UNDP is leading early recovery efforts in Vanuatu following Cyclone Pam – one of the worst natural disasters in Vanuatu’s history, affecting nearly half the country’s population and leaving 75,000 people homeless.

The Early Recovery programme focuses on debris clearance and restoration of livelihoods. Projects are designed to provide shelter, restore community infrastructure and natural resources, and help rebuild communities. To this end, UNDP’s Procurement Services Unit (PSU) has managed a number of critical projects, including:

- Dispatching pre-positioned Solar appliance lamps from the UNHRD warehouse
- Providing 1,000 LAMPS from Giertsen (in partnership with the Norwegian Emergency Preparedness System, NOREPS)
- Delivering 200 FAMILY TENTS from ROFI (also funded by NOREPS).

These projects were made possible through existing partnerships, pre-positioned items and disaster preparedness, as well as Fast Track activation.

PSU’s early recovery activities are designed to prevent the development setbacks caused by natural disasters like cyclone Pam, as well as to bolster resilience to future emergencies through sustainable infrastructure and rebuilding efforts.
The project involves procurement delivery and installation of **FOUR 10X24** rub halls fitted with solar panels, valued at **US$400,000**. These will provide energy to four hospitals in different locations in Somalia, with the installation process expected to take four months. The power systems will be monitored remotely to ensure cost efficient and effective operations.

UNDP was able to accelerate the procurement process by using an existing WFP Long Term Agreement (LTA) with a Norwegian supplier to procure the systems, and by deploying rub halls pre-positioned in the HRD warehouse in Dubai. The contracted firm has mobilized a team of experts to facilitate installation, commissioning and operation in the four sites.

This work supports UNDP’s goal of developing integrated solutions based on renewable and sustainable energy sources. It also strengthens post-conflict operations, complements existing networks of pre-positioned equipment, and improves UN Interagency responses. A strong partnership between UNDP Somalia and the Procurement Services Unit (PSU, Copenhagen) allows both technical and operational issues to be quickly resolved, and demonstrates the real and positive impact of effective coordination.

Using an innovative approach to “build back better” shows how UNDP is linking Early Recovery actions and sustainable development. Similar integrated solutions are being employed in countries such as Lebanon, South Sudan and Pakistan.

At the completion of the project, UNDP and NOREPS will determine where and how this approach can be replicated to meet other needs identified by the field. The goal is to continue to deliver innovative, efficient and sustainable crisis response strategies.
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In January 2015, key Government procurement officials and stakeholders completed the requirements for their Diplomas in Strategic Public Procurement. This internationally-recognized qualification will allow them to lead challenging public procurement reform projects in Guyana, and to help the Guyanese Government achieve its ambitious development and reform goals.

The Procurement Services Unit (PSU/BMS) at UNDP worked with the Guyanese Minister of Finance, Mr. Juan Edghill, in cooperation with the leading standard provider, the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS), and with important financial and logistic support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). With UNDP delivering the procurement capacity development component of this project, key representatives from the Guyanese Ministries of Public Works, Industry, Commerce and Finance, as well as public Water, Power and Light supply institutions have been equipped with the skills and tools they need to follow best practice in public procurement.

Speaking at the latest workshop in Georgetown, Guyana in January, Minister Edghill thanked UNDP for providing staff from the PSO/BOM Training Unit to work with participants:

“The Government of Guyana is grateful to UNDP/PSO and the IADB for providing this state-of-the art procurement programme, which will allow the Government of Guyana to align with best and internationally recognized standards in public procurement. An effective procurement system – in full compliance with the policies, practices and procedures promoted by such leading institutions as CIPS, IADB and UNDP – is the only feasible way forward for a country like Guyana.”

Once the first group of Government staff has completed the full programme, the participants will spearhead public procurement reform in their respective institutions. The Guyanese Government also intends to start new classes, with roles for the first group as trainers and mentors.
In the country’s first nationwide polls since 1990, UNDP supported the Union Election Commission of Myanmar (UEC) in organizing and delivering democratic, peaceful elections. UNDP procured solar lamps and indelible ink to be used on polling day, with funding support from the governments of Japan, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom. The solar lamps provide up to 12 hours of light, enabling ballot papers to be counted after the polls closed, while the use of indelible ink reinforced the integrity of the elections and the confidence of voters in the electoral process. The solar equipment can also be re-purposed and re-used, allowing UNDP and Myanmar to continue to collaborate on sustainable energy solutions. As UNDP Myanmar Country Director Toily Kurbanov explained:

“After a difficult monsoon season, the need for solar lamps is even clearer. These lamps will ensure that the counting can take place as planned across Myanmar regardless of local electricity supply and weather conditions.”

UNDP procured and delivered all goods to their destinations within one month – a total of 65 metric tons and 325 cubic meters of material – under dynamic and changing conditions. Together with the UEC and other partners, UNDP delivered the tools and the environment to help voters feel comfortable, safe and confident in casting their votes.
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