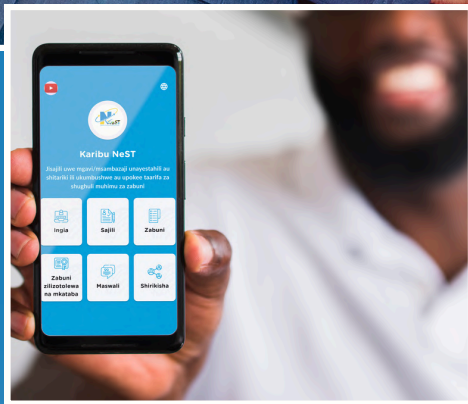




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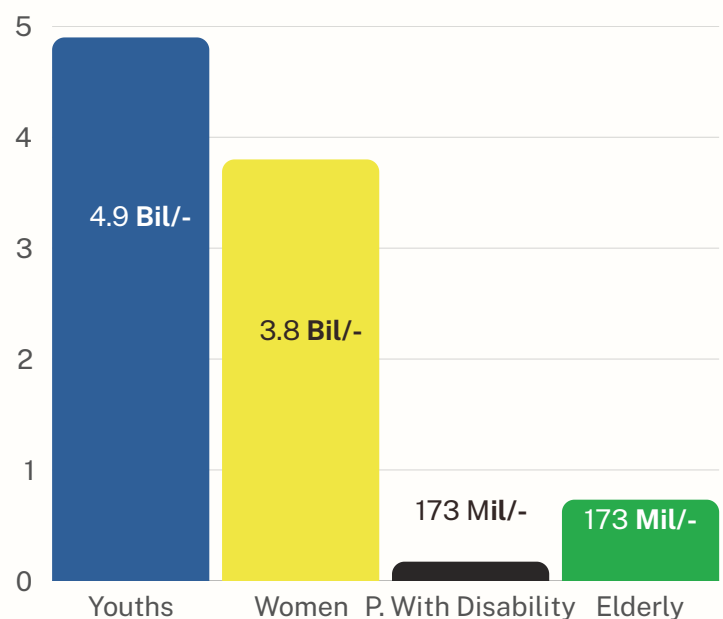
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FROM PPRA DIRECTOR GENERAL

Dear Esteemed Reader, It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the March 2025 edition of the Tanzania Procurement Journal. This edition brings to the forefront a wealth of positive developments and achievements in the public procurement sector, showcasing remarkable strides made under the visionary leadership of Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan. In particular, the enactment of the Public Procurement Act, 2023, and the establishment of the National e- Procurement System of Tanzania (NeST) are monumental steps towards transforming how procurement is conducted in our country.



I am glad to inform you that since its launch in July 2023, NeST has delivered impactful results, with contracts worth over 14.9 trillion Shillings awarded to tenderers through it. This digital transformation has not only streamlined processes but has also created unprecedented opportunities for special groups, including women, youth, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Remarkably, over 15 billion Shillings worth of contracts have been awarded to these groups, opening doors for greater inclusivity and empowerment.

This edition of the Tanzania Procurement Journal covers several key events in the public procurement sector, offering insight into ongoing developments that are of significant public interest. We have also included a range of educative articles designed to raise awareness and guide stakeholders on how best to utilize the various opportunities created by the public procurement reforms.

In our continued effort to make our services more accessible, we have opened six offices, namely Mwanza (for Lake Zone), Arusha (for Northern Zone), Mtwara (for Southern Zone) Mbeya (Southern Highlands Zone), and Tabora (for Central Zone). This development ensures that the Authority's services are now closer to the public, enhancing accessibility and responsiveness to the needs of wananchi.

As it steadily embraces the advancement and utilization of technology, the government has digitalized public procurement systems to ensure efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency in all our processes. I invite you to read through this edition and be part of the progress shaping Tanzania's procurement landscape.

It is becoming evident that there is ample room for all stakeholders to harness the full potential of our nation's procurement opportunities and celebrate the revolution brought about by the Sixth Phase Government.

Warm regards,
Dennis K. Simba



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FROM THE EDITOR

We have to embrace integrity to acknowledge efficiency of NeST

“The best law is the one written within you, and the best system is the one embedded within you. If a system is not within you, you will misuse the system that was designed for you” – President Samia Suluhu Hassan

Before delving into the substance of this column in the inaugural bumper TPJ, it is a great privilege to acknowledge significant inputs of two people: President Samia Suluhu Hassan, who elegantly stringed together the above words and Finance Minister Mwigulu Nchemba, who spread them far and wide by citing them at the occasion of receiving PPRA’s Annual Performance Report for 2023/24.

It is delightful to use the quotation, which instructively sums up integrity as the basis of righteousness in all endeavours in public life - but more so in public procurement, thereby enabling the media and procurement forums to grasp and address issues of how and why embezzlement of public monies persists.

It is thus a good thing to spread President Samia’s message wide and far – like Minister Mwigulu, who brought it to light in order to give weight to his scathing remarks against public procurement practitioners who have become adept at creating flimsy excuses to explain why they are not using NeST, while in fact, their aim is to facilitate an illicit financial gain for themselves.

The need for these excuses, which impede Government plans for bringing about development to wananchi, is quite baffling and must be reflected upon. For example: If it is not to further illicit selfish gains, how can an officer be opposed to a system built to bring about efficiency and productivity in his work? Furthermore, in the context, how can he seek to obstruct the Government in its endeavour to improve the lives of many people – including the officer himself, his relatives and friends?

These are morality issues that deserve to be alive in discourses at public procurement forums, like the 16th EAPF Conference in Arusha, which Mwigulu used to urge public procurement stakeholders to “embrace and internalize systems and laws” of the country.

It is undoubtedly apparent that the core of Mwigulu’s remarks to the stakeholders, who had discussed use of digital systems, was a desire to see them use all means at their disposal, including personal morality and man-made systems like NeST, to further Government efforts towards development for wananchi.

To be especially noted are the relevance and elegance of President Samia’s words: As it is always easy to blame everyone else except us, we have unpatriotic officials blaming ‘difficulties with technology’ - instead of their greed for money that has led to their loss of integrity which is an innate value bestowed to all of us by Creator!

What to do? We have to change. However, while everybody wants change for the better - it is natural, we prefer change without wanting to change ourselves! So, we >>> **cont. page iv**

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encounter conflict when we want an efficient system without having to change our habits. In other words, you cannot love NeST for its efficiency while hating it for stopping you from getting rich!



It is simple:

The best law is divine law; the best system is the moral code; Caution: NeST is a man-made system - you can destroy if you are not morally upright.

Conclusion:

Of course, it is also human to be afraid of the new because it is unknown. But to be afraid of NeST because of selfish needs, it is tragic for the nation. If we want to build a better life for ourselves and others, first we have to bring change within us and allow the moral code to guide our ways.

President Samia happy 30% of tenders going to special groups



President Samia Suluhu Hassan has said she is happy that Government institutions are complying with a requirement that they set aside and offer up to 30 percent worth of their procurement budget to special groups in the society.

President Samia said this during the climax of celebrations that marked the International Women's Day, at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium, in the city of Arusha on 8 March 2025.

She said this move became possible following the enactment of the Public Procurement Act, 2023, which stipulate that Government institutions set aside and provide 30 percent worth of procurement to special groups including those of women.

"I am very happy... only the other day when I was receiving the Works Sector Report they told me that 30 of their works contracts had been won by women contractors," said President Samia and directed that other sectors emulate the move.

It is understood by stakeholders that the Public Procurement Act 2023 stipulates that tender opportunities in Government institutions, including the 30 percent of procurement budget be set aside and be offered to special groups through NeST.

Wananchi can set up groups of 5 to 20 people, get them registered in their respective district councils and then in NeST in order to compete for Government tenders.

Just recently, Director General of PPRA, Mr. Dennis Simba, said that NeST, which became operational on July 1, 2023 is a tangible product of President Samia's commendable efforts which had led to the enactment of the Public Procurement Act 2023, and revealed that by February 2025 special groups had already secured 15 billion shillings worth of Government contracts.

Furthermore, he revealed that 66 women groups won 146 contracts worth 5.6 billion shillings, with the remainder going to other groups.

Vice President directs use of NeST to curb embezzlement of public funds

Vice President Dr. Philip Mpango, has directed the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) to ensure that all public procurement processes are conducted through the electronic system, NeST, to curb corruption and misuse of public funds.

Dr. Mpango issued the directive on February 11, 2025, during a visit to the PPRA booth before opening the Fifth E-Government Authority (eGA) Conference at the Arusha International Conference Centre in Arusha.

Speaking following a briefing on NeST by PPRA Director General, Mr. Dennis Simba, the Vice President expressed his belief that robust electronic systems could curtail the corruption of certain individuals he compared to termites. resilient



"After reviewing the [audit] reports from PPRA...I'm not very pleased. I believe that robust online systems will help us control the termites that are damaging public procurement," he said, adding: "You know...the majority of public funds, nearly 80%, is spent on procurement; so, I expect PPRA to help us reduce or completely eliminate these problems," said the Vice President.

"I think you IT experts at PPRA should take, for example, last year's audit report and show me what major issues were identified and then how the system is helping us address them," Dr. Mpango added.

In response, Mr. Simba informed the Vice President that the Authority has already started implementing measures to address these concerns by introducing ICT-based safeguards within the system in order to protect public funds and reducing audit queries.

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“Within NeST, we have set up checkpoints that prevent fraudsters from bypassing controls [and if they do, they can be identified]. For example, we have already blocked contracts being issued without being signed by the tender board and also now the evaluation committee report must be signed by the relevant members,” said Mr. Simba and mentioned raising public awareness and providing education to stakeholders as ongoing efforts, including using online platforms, to make known the system through which contracts worth approximately 14 trillion Tanzanian shillings have been processed.

The Vice President commended PPRA for the progress made in regulating the nation’s public procurement system and presented the Authority with a trophy for being one of the major sponsors of the three-day conference.

Mwigulu: Tanzania ready to help African countries towards public e-Procurement

The Minister of Finance, Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, has revealed Tanzania’s readiness to collaborate with East African Community (EAC) countries and others to ensure they make progress together in achieving public e-procurement.

This came to light in Arusha when Dr. Nchemba was delivering a speech to close the 16th East African Public Procurement Conference, on behalf of Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa.

Dr. Nchemba said as Tanzania advanced in delivering development to its people with a focus on digital systems, it would also seek to ensure it kept pace with fellow EAC and Southern African Development Community (SADC) member countries.

“We have a high level of hospitality and we wish to move forward together with these digital systems. Since Tanzania is part of the EAC and SADC, we act as a link. We are ready to assist because we want to move forward together with these digital systems,” said Dr. Nchemba.

Furthermore, he called upon governments in Africa to ensure that their procurement laws enshrine protection for use of products, companies, and people within the continent.

“Following this meeting, let us promote patriotism. In our procurement laws, let us use items made outside Africa only when the continent does not produce any. Let us take pride in using our own products, even construction materials,” he said.

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Dr. Nchemba also made references to the country's Public Procurement Act of 2023 which requires all public institutions to use the national electronic procurement system (NeST), cautioning that such systems should enhance efficiency and aid attainment of value for money - not hinder delivery of development to the people.

He went on to urge procurement stakeholders to embrace and internalize laws and systems by quoting President Samia to drive the message home thus: "The best law is the one written within you, and the best system is the one embedded within you. If a system is not within you, you will greatly misuse the system that was designed for you."

The conference, which took place in Arusha under theme "Digital Utilization for Sustainable Public Procurement," was organized by PPRA and attracted 1,000 participants from eight East African countries and others.

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PPRA's Manasseh fields Clouds FM questions on public procurement, NeST

The manager in-charge of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's Southern Zonal Offices, Finias Manasseh, fielded a range of questions on the Authority and procurement at an impromptu Clouds FM radio event which took place at the PPRA Pavilion in the Mtwara-Mikindani municipality on October 23, 2024, TPJ can report.

Manasseh, who had been manning the pavilion during the Malkia wa Nguvu – Mtwara campaign, was attending to visitors including the Mtwara District Commissioner, Abdallah Mwaipaya, who was suddenly given courtesy of being a temporary radio presenter with a brief to interview the PPRA man live on matters of public procurement.



Apparently, Manasseh, who is used to answering questions on the subject, was at his best facing an array of well-crafted questions from Mwaipaya, a former radio presenter, who knew that it is the way of asking that gets the right answers, and so both made the event quite informative on public procurement-related issues including the role of PPRA in the country's public procurement system, transparency, fairness and malpractices in public procurement.

Some listeners of Clouds FM Leo Tena programme which aired the event, told TPJ that Manasseh's answers went a long way in bridging their awareness gap on the role of PPRA in advancing the country's development objectives – especially on how the National e-procurement System of Tanzania (NeST) enables the Government to curtail fraudulent bidders' ways of quoting prices that are far too high compared to market prices.

According to them, the way of questioning probably prompted Manasseh to find better ways of explaining to the public pertinent features of NeST that address bothersome queries relating to fairness and how the Public Procurement Act of 2023 directs PPRA to set price limits and action against malpractitioners in the country's public procurement system. >>> **Continued on Page 6**

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Manasseh also used the opportunity to explain how NeST facilitates transparency, efficiency and productivity in public procurement, details which may have brought a realization to listeners that probably PPRA always had answers to most questions only if they were presented in a certain way to be understood well.



Did you know?

- ✓ NeST helps curb fraudulent bidding practices.
- ✓ PPRA enforces transparency in procurement.
- ✓ The 2023 Public Procurement Act sets price limits to prevent overpricing.

PPRA implores procurement and supply professionals to be proficient, innovative

The Director General of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), Mr. Dennis Simba, has highlighted the primacy of the procurement and supply profession in the implementation of strategically significant projects in the country and implored them to keep seeking ways of increasing proficiency and innovation in their relevant endeavours.

Addressing participants at the 4th Annual Meeting of the Association of Procurement and Supply Professionals (APSP), at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) in Arusha, on december 14, 2024, Mr. Simba commended APSP for its efforts towards improving the profession, “as their lack of proficiency undermines attainment of value for money objectives in public projects and so has no place in the public procurement sector.”



Furthermore, Mr. Simba urged the professionals to embrace technology such as NeST, which ensures transparency and fairness in the country’s public procurement.

Mr. Simba told the meeting that PPRA was pledging 25 million shillings to help APSP meet the cost of acquiring a plot of land in the city of Dodoma and expressed a hope that they would all work hard towards construction of their offices.

The Chairman of APSP, Mr. Emmanuel Urembo, noted with gratitude the recognition PPRA gives their group and pledged its unwavering support in improving the country’s public procurement sector.

The meeting, with theme “Profession, Value and Capacity Building”, drew 150 participants who deliberated on various issues related to improving the attainment of value for money in the procurement and supply chain for national development. >>> **Continued on Page 8**

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"There is no more room for 'connection' in public procurement; NeST ensures that each step is handled with transparency and according to the law,"

he said, adding that severe action awaits those who contravene the law.



Key Highlights from the Event

- ✓ **Commitment to Excellence:** Mr. Simba commended APSP for its efforts in improving procurement standards and emphasized that lack of proficiency hinders value-for-money objectives in public procurement.
- ✓ **Investment in Capacity Building:** PPRA has allocated 2.5 Million Tanzanian shillings to support APSP's initiatives, ensuring professionals receive proper training and certification.
- ✓ **Embracing Technology:** The adoption of NeST ensures transparency, fairness, and accountability in procurement transactions, minimizing risks and enhancing decision-making.

The event, themed “Profession, Value, and Capacity Building,” attracted over 150 participants who discussed ways to strengthen procurement practices for national development. PPRA reaffirmed its commitment to enforcing procurement laws, with strict action against those who contravene regulations.

PPRA offers training on NeST to people with physical disabilities

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has offered tailor-made training on how to register and bid for public tenders on the national public e-procurement system, or NeST, to people with physical disabilities, TPJ has learnt.

The training, which was flagged off in Dodoma City today, November 15, 2024 by the Director of Prime Minister's Office - Disability Department, Mr Rashid Maftah, is a capacity building endeavour to enable people with physical disabilities benefit from tender opportunities set aside for them as per the Public Procurement Act of 2023.

In his opening speech, Mr Maftah called upon participants to accord the exercise its due recognition, as it will enable them grapple with all they need to understand clearly the many opportunities set aside for them in public tenders and how to bid correctly, using the only designated platform for the task – NeST.

“[Also you will understand] well how to use NeST which is the sole means of accessing public tender information on and bidding per the law,” he said and insisted that there is no other way of doing so outside NeST.

“This training will enable you to access tender opportunities and to tender for government tenders – an opportunity for employment for yourselves and you to employ others thereby helping to banish poverty amongst the wananchi,” said Maftah.

Deputy Director General of PPRA Salmin Malole, on his part, highlighted results of the Government's major reforms in the public procurement sector in the past three years, including NeST and the Public Procurement Act of 2023 and its regulations of 2024.

“All these have broadened the scope of opportunities for the wananchi and have facilitated transparency and fairness ,” Malole said and made it known that the training was a continuation of the PPRA programme that aims to advance the capacity of public procurement stakeholders through 2024/2025.

“While the Government has indeed created preference for the wananchi, the one for special groups, namely the youth, women, the elderly and people with physical disabilities, should be noted keenly,”he said adding that these groups have 30percent of public procurement budget set aside - it being evidence of a Government promise well kept.

“All what the wananchi need to access public tender opportunities is to form groups of five to twenty people,” he said.

However, according to the director of one non-governmental organization that deals with issues affecting people with physical disabilities, Michael Salali, these people still face a myriad of challenges, including those related to the people with physical disabilities act of 2009.

NeST wins Best Innovative Public Procurement System Project Award at AAPAM

Tanzania's National Electronic Public Procurement System (NeST) has won an award for Best Innovative Public Procurement System Project in Africa following a rigorous competition during the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) meeting, in Kampala Uganda.

The award, which was presented to the Director-General of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), Mr. Dennis Simba, under the auspices of the African Union (AU) on November 28, 2024, in Kampala, Uganda, was a result of NeST emerging in the top five out of 69 entries.

Speaking to reporters after receiving the award, Mr. Dennis Simba, whose authority manages the system, stated that the award was a significant honour for Tanzania, as public procurement is one of the largest areas of public spending across Africa.



"This is a great honour for us, as we competed against 69 participants, and made it into the top five," he said, noting that NeST was the public procurement system in the competition, which marked a major achievement for both Tanzania and system itself.

Mr. Simba went on: "Special recognition must go to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, who facilitated the introduction of the Public Procurement Law of 2023 and the development of NeST, which has now been acknowledged as being the best in Africa."

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Mr. Simba further stated that, since NeST was solely developed by Tanzanian experts, PPRA was ready to collaborate with other African countries to ensure availability of the technology that contributes to transformative changes in public procurement across the continent.

"I would like to thank the Ministry of Finance for facilitating the NeST project and for their close supervision at every step to ensure that the vision of President Samia is implemented," he said adding that the building of NeST had been made possible through collaboration between PPRA and the e-Government Authority (eGA), that provided experts and guidance.

Meanwhile, Kenya's healthcare delivery system, won the Overall Award and Uganda was presented with a Special Award as the host the AAPAM Conference, which brought together participants from various African countries.



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Value of awarded tenders in trillion shillings, processed through NeST by February 2025

HUMOUR



But, Judge, I didn't get anything!

An offshore safety inspector found much of the Government's equipment to be in need of repairs to meet safety standards. He then referred the business to his brother-in-law's repair shop.

The rig operators smelled a rat and called the Police. They discovered that, in return for each referral, the brother-in law was treating the inspector to an evening with a lady of dubious morals.

The case was brought to trial. In his defense, the inspector claimed that he had not received a 'thing of value' in return for the referral. The judge didn't buy it and neither did his wife.

Mwigulu: NeST usage inevitable



The Minister of Finance, Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, has urged public institutions in the country to embrace totally deployment and use of the National e-Procurement System of Tanzania (NeST) in their procurement, declaring that there are no alternatives to using the system, TPJ can report.

He made these remarks in September Dar es Salaam after he received the Annual Performance Evaluation Report of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA).

Dr. Nchemba stated that NeST, which began operations in July 2023, has enhanced transparency and accountability in public procurement, thereby improving the internal control systems of procuring entities in line with the directives of President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan that the Ministry of Finance oversee government spending, particularly in project implementation.

“I acknowledge that challenges may arise, but alternative measures must lead us to embrace system usage which, in some areas, is criticized simply to justify personal interests,” he said.

“Those who oppose the system often associate it with every problem they face for their own benefit... We will address fundamental challenges, but we must embrace the systems fully as there are no alternatives,” stated Dr. Nchemba.

He urged PPRA to continue training stakeholders to ensure that a lack of understanding of NeST does not hinder the progress of wananchi and called on the Authority to take legal action against those who deliberately refuse to use the system. >>> **Continued on Page 14**

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In another development, the finance minister directed PPRA to monitor compliance with regulations that require procuring entities to allocate 30% of their procurement budgets for special groups, namely women, the elderly, youth, and people with physical disabilities.

“Implement measurable approaches to ensure these opportunities can be quantified as these groups are quite capable of contributing positively to our nation’s development so we must not judge them superficially,” Dr. Nchemba added.

He underscored the importance of preferential opportunities provided by the public procurement law for local products, individuals, and companies, in strengthening the domestic economy and enhancing taxpayer capabilities.

Earlier, the Chairperson of PPRA Board of Directors, Dr. Leonada Mwagike, noted that among other activities in the 2023/24 Financial Year, the Authority had empowered various stakeholders regarding NeST and the Public Procurement Act of 2023 by training a total of 8,904 participants from 2,020 procuring entities.



Did you know?

- ✓ **30% Procurement Allocation** – The Public Procurement Act 2023 mandates that 30% of procurement budgets go to special groups, including women, youth, the elderly, and people with disabilities.
- ✓ **Strengthening the Local Economy** – The law also prioritizes local products, individuals, and companies to boost economic growth and empower taxpayers.
- ✓ **Capacity Building** – PPRA has trained 8,904 participants from 2,020 procuring entities to enhance compliance with procurement regulations and the NeST system.

*“We must not judge these groups superficially—they are capable of contributing to our nation’s development.” – **Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, Finance Minister.***

DC Mtwara calls upon wananchi to seize public tender opportunities

The District Commissioner of Mtwara, Abdallah Mwaipaya, has called upon wananchi to seize opportunities presented by public tenders in order to benefit from procurement activities that take more than 70 percent of Government budget, TPJ has learnt.

Mr. Mwaipaja issued that call during the official opening of PPRA South Zone Offices at PSSSF – Sokoine, in Mtwara Municipality, February 28, 2025.

In addition, the district commissioner said it would be a good thing if many wananchi decided to form companies or groups of five to twenty people necessary to facilitate their participation in the many projects the Government is implementing in Mtwara Region.

However, Mr Mwaipaja also highlighted the essential next step, namely registering with NeST, the national e-procurement system which is currently the only path towards participation in public tenders and pointed out that should they meet any challenges on the way, they should seek advice and clarification from PPRA - now easily reached following the opening of their zonal offices.

The district commissioner also urged public servants to comply with legal requirements by utilizing the NeST system for public procurement activities, while avoiding justifications for non-compliance.

He also highlighted that the adoption of digital systems is essential in enhancing efficiency, accountability, and transparency, thus mitigating the potential for financial mismanagement in public procurement processes.

“Her Excellency the President has called for system interoperability. The NeST system, which last year won the prestigious award for the Best Innovative Public Procurement System in Africa, is now integrated with 20 other systems. I commend the PPRA for these efforts, and it is imperative that we continue to use this system to access opportunities and ensure real value for money, particularly in development projects that benefit our citizens,” Mwaipaya stated.

The inauguration of the PPRA Southern Zonal Offices was accompanied by a seminar for over 50 journalists from the Mtwara region, which was officially opened by the district commissioner.

Manasseh: NeST only ‘connection’ in winning public tenders

The Manager of PPRA Southern Zone, Mw. Finias Manasseh, has called on wananchi to wholeheartedly seize opportunities presented by public tenders without fearing that their tenders would be tempered with by fraudulent and corrupt public officers as NeST has eliminated all illegal paths to winning in public procurement processes,

Manasseh issued the rallying call on February 28, 2025 at PSSSF – Sokoine, Mtwara Municipality, during a seminar which he said was especially prepared to further understanding of journalists on public procurement issues and to aid their efforts in advancing public’s understanding of public procurement with ease.

Mr. Manasseh also noted that, at present, NeST is the exclusive platform for Government tenders, which allows citizens to participate in public procurement processes from any location, with complete transparency, fairness, and without the need for direct interaction with Government officials.

Manasseh highlighted the place of NeST in efforts to meet the national economic goals by saying: “In public procurement, there is no place for personal dealings as the only ‘connection’ in public tenders is NeST,” and went on to advise the journalists to deliver the correct message to the wananchi on the matter by highlighting the fact that indeed they can take part in tender processes wherever they might be, through the transparent system, which is fair, without any need for a face-to-face encounter with anybody.

He paid tribute to the Government, on behalf of PPRA Management, for enabling the opening of the Sothern Zone Offices and for ensuring that the public procurement law provides special opportunities for all wananchi.



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“The only ‘connection’ in public tenders is NeST!” – Mr. Finias Manasseh, PPRA Southern Zone Manager.

KUTOKA KWA MKURUGENZI MKUU WA PPRA

Mpendwa Msomaji, Napenda kukukaribisha kusoma chapisho la Tanzania Procurement Journal, toleo la Machi 2025, kuhusu sekta ya ununuzi wa umma nchini. Toleo hili linagusa maendeleo na mafanikio mengi yaliyoshuhudiwa na hatua kubwa zinazoendelea kufikiwa chini ya uongozi thabiti wa Mheshimiwa Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan. Maendeleo hayo ni pamoja na kutungwa kwa sheria mpya, Sheria ya Ununuzi wa Umma ya Mwaka 2023, na kuanzishwa kwa Mfumo wa Usimamizi wa Ununuziumma Kielektroniki – NeST.



Ninayo furaha kukueleza kuwa, tangu kuanzishwa kwa NeST, Julai 1, 2023, matokeo makubwa ya kiuchumi na kijamii yamepatikana, kwani mikataba yenye thamani ya zaidi ya Shilingi Trilioni 14.9 imetolewa kwa wazabuni kupitia mfumo huo. Mabadiliko haya pia yamegusa maisha ya watanzania wote, kwa kutoa fursa za zabuni za upendeleo kwa ajili ya makundi maalum (wanawake, wazee, vijana na watu wenye mahitaji maalum). Hadi toleo hili linachapishwa, mikataba ya zabuni yenye thamani ya zaidi ya Shilingi Bilioni 11 imekwishatolewa kwa makundi maalum, kupitia NeST, hivyo kuongeza fursa za kutoa ajira kwa watanzania wengi zaidi.

Toleo hili linachapisha taarifa za matukio kadhaa muhimu katika sekta ya ununuzi wa umma, pia lina makala itakayokuelimisha na kukuongeza uelewa kuhusu jinsi ya kutumia fursa zinazopatikana kutokana na mapinduzi ya teknolojia na mabadiliko ya sheria ya ununuzi wa umma.

Aidha, napenda kukufahamisha kuwa Serikali imeendelea na jitihada zake katika kuwasogezea huduma wananchi, ambapo kupitia PPRA tumefungua ofisi katika kanda sita nchini: Mwanza kwa ajili ya Kanda ya Ziwa, Arusha kwa ajili ya Kanda ya Kaskazini, Mtwara kwa ajili ya Kanda ya Kusini, Mbeya kwa ajili ya Nyanda za Juu Kusini, na Tabora kwa ajili ya Kanda ya Kati.

Serikali inavyozidi kujikita katika matumizi ya teknolojia, imeweza kuibuka na matumizi mahsusi ya kidijitali kwenye ununuzi wa umma na kweli yameongeza ufanisi na uwazi katika maeneo yote. Nakualika ujisomee mengi yaliyomo humu ili uweze kujiandaa kufaidi mabadiriko chanya yaliyomo katika ununuzi wa umma nchini.

Ni dhahiri kuwa kuna nafasi kwa kila mdau wa ununuzi wa umma kufaidika kwa namna moja au nyingine katika fursa zinazopatikana na kuwawezesha wadau wote nchini kuungana katika kushangilia mapinduzi yaliyoletwa na Serikali ya Awamu ya Sita.

KUTOKA KWA MHARIRI

Ni waadilifu pekee watakaona tija ya NeST wengine wataona adha tu

“Sheria bora ni ile iliyomo nafsini mwako, na hivyo hivyo kwa mfumo bora. Kama nafsini mwako hakuna mfumo, utakaoundiwa na ulimwengu utautumia vibaya.” – Rais Samia Suluhu Hassan

Awali ya yote, kabla ya kuzama kwenye mada ya safu hii – ikiwa ni mahsusi kwa toleo la kwanza la TPJ babukubwa - tunayo heshima kutambua michango ya watu wawili, iliyonogesha tafakuri: Rais Samia Suluhu Hassan, aliyetamka maneno yaliyopo hapo juu, na Waziri wa Fedha Mwigulu Nchemba, aliyechangia katika kuyasambaza kwa upana na urefu, alipomnukuu wakati akipokea ripoti ya mwaka ya PPRA kwa mwaka 2023/24.

Nukuu hii maridhawa, ina mvuto wa kipekee kwa sababu iko katika staili inayofunua uadilifu kimafundisho na kutujavya jinsi ya kutenda sawa na haki katika mambo yote – ikiwa ni pamoja na ununuzi wa umma.

Hivyo basi, litakuwa jambo jema kama somo lake litasambaa na kuwa endelevu, bila kuchuja wala kuisha makali, katika vyombo vya habari na katika makongamano – hasa ya ununuzi wa umma - kwa sababu ‘upigaji’ na uadilifu havipikiki chungu kimoja vikaiva.

Kila mpenda uadilifu anayo namna ya kuchangia katika kusambaza somo hili; kama alivyofanya Waziri Mwigulu, alipotufungua macho kuhusu alichokisema Rais Samia kwa kumnukuu, katika kukoleza karipio dhidi ya watendaji walioanza tabia ya kuchonga sababu za kuelezea kwa nini hawatumii NeST, wakati sababu halisi ni kufanikisha ubadhirifu kwa manufaa yao binafsi.

Kuibuka kwa tabia za namna hii, zinazokwamisha mipango ya Serikali ya kuwaletea wananchi maendeleo, kunahitaji mjadala mpana. Mfano: kama si kwa nia ovyo ya kujipatia pesa, yawezekana vipi afisa apinge matumizi ya NeST – mfumo uliojengwa mahsusi ili kumrahisishia kazi na kuleta tija katika shughuli aliyoajiriwa kuifanya? Aidha, katika muktadha huu, anawezaje kutaka kukwamisha mipango ya Serikali, inayolenga kuboresha maisha ya wananchi wengi – akiwamo yeye mwenyewe, ndugu na majirani zake?

Haya yote ni maswalamsingi ya kimaadili yanayogusa uadilifu, hivyo yanastahili kupewa kipaumbele katika mjadala na makongamano ya wadau wa ununuzi wa umma, fursa inapojitokeza.

Kwa bahati nzuri, fursa ya namna hii aliipata tena Mwigulu, alipokwenda kufunga kongamano la kumi na sita la jukwaa la ununuzi wa umma Afrika Mashariki, jijini Arusha ambapo, aliwaasa wadau kuchangamkia “utumiaji wa mifumo” na kutii sheria ya ununuzi.

Lakini, yawezekana kuna walengwa ambao hawakumpata vizuri Mwigulu; kwa ajili yao tunatanabahisha hapa kwamba, kauli yake imejikita katika kuhimiza uadilifu kwa wanaununuzi wa umma, hata akamnukuu Rais Samia katika kusisitiza jambo hilo. Na ukichukulia kwamba kongamano husika lilikuwa limejadili utumiaji wa mifumo katika ununuzi wa umma, kauli ile inaendana vizuri na karipio lake la awali dhidi ya wapinga NeST.

KUTOKA KWA MHARIRI...

Aghalabu, huwa rahisi kwa mtu kuelekeza lawama kwa watu wengine, hivyo si ajabu kusikia watendaji wabadhirifu wakitamani ikubalike kuwa ‘matatizo ya kiteknolojia’ ndiyo sababu pekee ya wao kutokutumia NeST – wala si ulafi wao wa pesa, uliopitiliza kiasi cha kuwafanya wapoteze tunu ya uadilifu waliyopewa na Muumba.

Cha kufanya? Tubadilike. Ni kweli sote tunapenda mabadiriko chanya katika maisha yetu – ndivyo tulivyoumbwa ila shida ni kwamba baadhi yetu wanapenda mabadiriko hayo yaje bila wao kubadirika katika nafsi zao! Kuna mvutano hapa: Tunapenda mfumo utuletee tija na mishahara minono – lakini bila sisi kubadirika kitabia. Kwa maneno mengine, tunataka tufurahie tija ya NeST huku tukiwa tumenuna kwa vile imetuharibia ulaji!

Ukiirejea ile nukuu, utagundua haya:

Sheria bora ni iliyotoka kwa Mungu; mfumo bora ni ule asilia yaani maadili (au uadilifu); NeST ni mfumo ulioundwa na binadamu, kama huna uadilifu, utauhujumu.

Hitimisho:

Hakika kuogopa jambo jipya kwa sababu ya kutolijua, ni hulka ya binadamu. Lakini kuogopa NeST kimbini ili ujitajirishe binafsi, ni jambo linalotishia mustakabali wa taifa. Hivyo, kama tunataka maisha mazuri kwa ajili yetu na kwa ajili ya wengine, tuanze na ujasiri wa kurejesha mfumoasilia katika nafsi zetu.

Rais Samia afurahishwa na mgawo wa 30% ya tenda kwa makundi maalum



Rais Samia Suluhu Hassan amesema kuwa amefurahishwa na mwitikio wa taasisi za Serikali kwa kutenga na kutoa asilimia 30 ya bajeti za ununuzi kwa ajili ya makundi maalum katika jamii.

Rais Samia ameyasema hayo katika kilele cha Maadhimisho ya Siku ya Wanawake Duniani, yaliyofanyika kitaifa katika Uwanja wa Sheikh Amri Abeid, 8 Machi 2025, jijini Arusha.

Amesema jambo hilo limewezekana kupitia sheria mpya ya Ununuzi wa Umma ya Mwaka 2023 iliyoweka sharti kwa taasisi nunuzi kutenga asilimia 30 ya zabuni zote kwa ajili ya makundi maalum ikiwa ni pamoja na wanawake.

“Nimefurahishwa sana... juzi nikiwa napokea taarifa ya Sekta ya Ujenzi na Miundombinu wakaniambia kwamba kuna kazi kadhaa za barabara zimetolewa, na asilimia 30 ya kazi hizo wamepewa wakandarasi wanawake,” alisema Rais Samia na kuelekeza kuwa hatua kama hii ifanyiike kwenye maeneo mengine pia.

Inafahamika kwa wadau pia kwamba Sheria ya Ununuzi wa Umma ya Mwaka 2023 inaelekeza kuwa fursa za zabuni, ikiwa ni pamoja na asilimia 30 ya bajeti ya ununuzi wa umma katika taasisi za Serikali, itengwe kwa ajili ya makundi maalum na zitolewe kupitia NeST.

Watanzania wanaweza kuunda vikundi vya watu 5 mpaka 20, vikasajiliwa kwenye halmashauri zao na baadaye kwenye NeST ili kuomba zabuni zilizotengwa kwa ajili yao.

Hivi karibuni, Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa PPRA, Bw. Dennis Simba alisema kuwa NeST, iliyoanza kutumika Julai 1, 2023 ni matunda ya jitihada mahsusi za Rais Samia aliyefanikisha kupatikana kwa Sheria ya Ununuzi ya Mwaka 2023 na kutanabahisha kwamba hadi kufikia Februari 2025 makundi maalum yalipata zabuni zenye thamani ya zaidi ya Shilingi Bilioni 11.

Pia, alieleza kuwa makundi 66 ya wanawake yalipata zabuni 146 zenye thamani ya zaidi ya Shilingi Bilioni 5.6, na kwamba kiasi kilichobaki kimeenda kwa makundi mengine.

Makamu wa Rais aagiza NeST itumike kudhibiti ubadhirifu

Makamu wa Rais Dkt. Phillip Mpango ameagiza Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Ununuzi wa Umma (PPRA) kuhakikisha ununuzi wa umma unafanyika kupitia mfumo wa kielektroniki – NeST, ili kudhibiti vitendo vinavyosababisha ubadhirifu na upotevu wa fedha za umma.

Dkt. Mpango alitoa maelekezo hayo Februari 11, 2025, alipotembelea banda la PPRA kabla ya kufungua Mkutano wa Tano wa Mamlaka ya Serikali Mtandao (eGA), unaofanyika jijini Arusha katika ukumbi wa mikutano AICC, Februari 11 – 13, 2025.

Akizungumza baada ya Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa PPRA, Bw. Dennis Simba, kuelezea ufanisi wa NeST ulioanza kutumika Julai 1, 2023, Makamu wa Rais alisema anaamini matumizi ya mfumo thabiti ya kielektroniki yanaweza kudhibiti ubadhirifu unaofanywa na baadhi ya watu aliowafananisha na mchwa.



“Nikiangalia ripoti [za ukaguzi] za PPRA, sipendezwi... na mimi naamini kwamba mfumo thabiti ya kimtandao itatusaidia kudhibiti wale mchwa wanaotuharibia ununuzi. Unajua... katika bajeti ya taifa, karibu asilimia 80 ni kwa ajili ya ununuzi. Kwa hiyo, nategemea PPRA mtusaidie kupunguza au kuondokana kabisa na hayo matatizo,” alisema Dkt. Mpango.

“Ninyi wataalam wa IT [TEHAMA] PPRA, chukueni ripoti moja, kwa mfano ya mwaka jana, halafu ainisheni yale matatizo makubwa ni ya aina gani, na jinsi mfumo itakavyotusaidia kupambana nayo.”

Aidha, Makamu wa Rais aliipongeza PPRA kwa jitihada zake katika kudhibiti ununuzi wa umma nchini.

Naye Bw. Simba alieleza kuwa PPRA imeanza kutekeleza maelekezo hayo kwa kuweka vizuizi vya ki-Tehama kwenye NeST ili kukabiliana na udanganyifu na ubadhirifu uliowekwa bayana kwenye ripoti za ukaguzi, ili mfumo huo, ambao tangu ulipoanziswa umekwishatoa mikataba yenye thamani ya takribani Shilingi trilioni 14, uongeze upatikanaji wa thamani ya fedha.

Makamu wa Rais aagiza NeST itumike kudhibiti...

Ndani ya NeST tumeweka magezi yanayozuia wahalifu wasiweze kupita na hata wakipita watambulike,” alisema Bw. Simba na kutoa mifano kwamba sasa mkataba hauwezi kamwe kutoka bila kusainiwa na bodi ya zabuni, na pia kwamba ni lazima ripoti ya kamati ya tathmini isainiwe na wajumbe husika.

Aidha, Bw. Simba alitaja changamoto inayojitokeza hivi sasa kuwa ni kukosekana kwa uelewa na elimu kwa umma ambapo Mamlaka hiyo inaendelea na jitihada za kutoa elimu kwa wadau, ikiwa ni pamoja na kutumia mtandao ili kuongeza kasi ya kuwafikia walengwa wote.

Makamu wa Rais pia alikabidhi PPRA tuzo ya kutambua nafasi ya PPRA kama mmoja wa wadhamini wakuu wa Mkutano wa Tano wa Mamlaka ya Serikali Mtandao.

Mwigulu: Tanzania iko tayari kusaidia Afrika ifikie ununuzi wa umma kidijitali

Waziri wa Fedha, Dkt. Mwigulu Nchemba, amesema Tanzania iko tayari kushirikiana na nchi za Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki na nchi nyingine barani, ili kuhakikisha zinapiga hatua pamoja kufanikisha ununuzi wa umma kupitia mifumo ya kidijitali, TPJ imebaini.

Dkt. Nchemba, aliweka wazi utayari huo katika hotuba aliyotoa, akimwakilisha Waziri Mkuu Kassim Majaliwa, katika kufunga Kongamano la 16 la Ununuzi wa Umma la Afrika Mashariki, jijini Arusha.

Katika hotuba hiyo, Dkt. Nchemba alisema kuwa wakati nchi inasonga mbele katika kuwaletea maendeleo wananchi huku ikiwa tayari imekijikita katika matumizi ya mifumo ya kidijitali, itahakikisha inaenda sambamba na nchi za Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki pamoja na Jumuiya ya Maendeleo Kusini mwa Afrika (SADC).

“Tunatamani tuwe pamoja kwenye mifumo hii ya kidijitali, na kwa vile Tanzania iko kwenye Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki pamoja na SADC, ni kiungo kinachoweza kuleta tija katika jitihada za kuunganisha mifumo ya nchi zote hizi,” alisema Dkt. Nchemba na kusisitiza: “Tuko tayari kuwezesha jambo hili kwani tunatamani twende Pamoja katika mifumo hii.”

Aidha, ametoa wito kwa serikali zote barani Afrika kuhakikisha sheria zao za ununuzi zinalinda na kutoa upendeleo kwa ajili ya matumizi ya bidhaa, kampuni, na watu walioko barani kabla ya kuwafaidisha walioko nje.

Mwigulu: Tanzania iko tayari kusaidia Afrika ifikie...



“Kutokana na mkutano huu, tuchangamkie uzalendo. Sheria yetu ya ununuzi ielekeze kwamba tuwe tunatumia bidhaa zinazozalishwa barani Afrika kwanza mpaka pale tu zinapokuwa hazipatikani Afrika. Kila mahali tujivunie bidhaa na ubunifu wetu - hata kwenye ujenzi - tutumie bidhaa zinazopatikana hapa Afrika tu; za nje ya bara letu tuzitumie pale tu tusipokuwa na mbadala kutoka ndani,” alisema.

Katika hatua nyingine, Dkt. Nchemba amesema kuwa pamoja na Sheria ya Ununuzi wa Umma ya Mwaka 2023 kuzitaka taasisi zote za umma zitumie mfumo wa kielektroniki, NeST, lengo likiwa kuutumia kuongeza ufanisi na upatikanaji wa thamani halisi ya fedha, siyo kamwe kuwa mbinu ya kukwamisha maendeleo ya wananchi. Katika kusesitiza jambo hilo,

Aidha, aliwaaasa washiriki wa kongamano kutafakari kwa kina busara inayobebwa na nukuu mahsusi ya Rais Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan, kuhusu namna bora ya kuzingatia sheria na mifumo kiuzalendo, akisema: “Sheria iliyo bora zaidi ni ile iliyoandikwa nafsini mwako, na mfumo ulio bora ni ule ulioandikwa nafsini mwako. Mfumo usipokuwa nafsini mwako, utauchezesha sana mfumo huo uliondaliwa kwa ajili yako.”

“Upatikanaji wa thamani halisi ya fedha kwenye miradi inayotekelezwa ndio unaozaa uaminifu wa wananchi kwa Rais wao, na ndio maana nchi inaendelea kutekeleza miradi mikubwa kwa ufanisi,” alisema Dkt. Nchemba.

Kongamano hilo, lililoratibiwa na PPRA na kubeba kaulimbiu “Matumizi ya Dijitali kwa Ununuzi wa Umma Endelevu,” lilifanyika jijini Arusha na kuhudhuriwa na washiriki zaidi ya 1,000 kutoka nchi nane za Afrika Mashariki na nchi nyingine.

Manasseh apangua maswali ya Clouds FM kuhusu PPRA, NeST

Meneja wa PPRA Kanda ya Mtwara, Finias Manasseh, amefafanua kimahiri maswala kadhaa kuhusu PPRA, ununuzi wa umma na NeST katika mahojiano ya kushtukiza na kituo cha redio Clouds FM, mubashara kutoka kwenye banda la maonyesho la PPRA katika manispaa ya Mtwara-Mikindani, Oktoba 23, 2024, TPJ imebaini.

Akiwa anahudumu kwenye banda wakati wa kampeni ya Malkia wa Nguvu – Mtwara, Manasseh alikuwa akijibu hoja za wageni mbalimbali, akiwamo Mkuu wa Wilaya ya Mtwara Abdallah Mwaipaya, alipojikuta akihojiwa mubashara na Clouds FM, juu ya maswala kadhaa kuhusu PPRA na ununuzi wa umma.



Baadaye kidogo ikawa wazi kwamba Manasseh, ambaye ni mzoefu wa kujibu maswali juu ya mambo haya, alikuwa akijisikia raha pale alipokuwa akiulizwa maswali yaliyokuwa yamekaa kimtego kutoka kwa Mwaipaya, ambaye kumbe ni mtangazaji mzoefu, anayejua kuibua majibu yenye kuelewesha na hivyo kunogesha tukio la ghafla na kulifanya liwe la manufaa kwa wasikilizaji.

Baadhi ya wasikiliza wa kipindi cha Leo Tena kilichorusha mahojiano hayo, waliambia TPJ kwamba majibu ya Manasseh yaliwatoa matongotongo vilivyo juu ya nafasi ya PPRA katika kufanikisha maendeleo ya wananchi – hasa katika kusimamia mfumo wa National e-procurement System of Tanzania, au NeST, ili Serikali iweze kukabili ulaghai wa wazabuni wanaoitia hasara kwa kuweka kwenye zabuni zao bei za juu zaidi kuliko uhalisia.

Kwa mujibu wa wasikilizaji hao, maswali yalivyoulizwa kulimfanya Manasseh atoe majibu kwa ufasaha zaidi na maelezo yaliyokata kiu ya kujua uwezo wa NeST katika kuleta uwazi na usawa na inavyowezesha uzuiaji wa bei za juu kupindukia katika tenda na adhabu kwa wazabuni wanaoshindana kifisadi.

Manasseh apangua maswali ya Clouds FM kuhusu...



Manasseh alitumia fursa hiyo pia kuelezea jinsi NeST inavyofanikisha uwajibikaji na tija katika ununuzi wa umma, kwa staili iliyoweka wazi kwamba PPRA inayo majibu sahihi kwa maswali yote – ilimradi yaulizwe kwa staili yenye lengo la kupanua wigo wa uelewa.

Nukuu Kutoka Kwa Washiriki:

- ✓ “Hili ni tukio la kipekee. Hatukutarajia Meneja wa Kanda awe tayari kiasi hiki. Ameelezea NeST kwa namna ambayo hata sisi wananchi wa kawaida tumeelewa kwa urahisi.”— **Mshiriki wa maonyesho, Mtwara**
- ✓ “Majibu yake yametoa picha ya jinsi PPRA inavyolinda maslahi ya taifa dhidi ya watoa zabuni wasio waaminifu.”— **Mwandishi wa Clouds FM**

Mwigulu: Mifumo haina mbadala, lazima tutumie NeST...

Katika hatua nyingine, waziri aliielekeza PPRA kuhakikisha inafuatilia uzingatiaji wa sheria ili taasisi nunuzi zitenge kiasi cha asilimia 30 ya bajeti zake za ununuzi kwa ajili ya makundi maalum, yaani wanawake, wazee, vijana na watu wenye ulemavu.

“Sheria hii imeweka asilimia 30 ya bajeti ya ununuzi kwa ajili ya makundi maalum; wekeni njia inayopimika ili hii fursa ipimike, “alisema na kusisitiza: “Tuwape nafasi.”

Aidha, alisisitiza umuhimu wa taasisi za umma kutumia ipasavyo fursa ya upendeleo inayotolewa na sheria ya ununuzi wa umma kuhusu bidhaa, watu na kampuni za ndani.

Awali, Mwenyekiti wa Bodi ya Wakurugenzi wa PPRA, Dkt. Leonada Mwagike alisema pamoja na mambo mengine, katika Mwaka wa Fedha 2023/24 Mamlaka hiyo imewajengea uwezo wadau kuhusu NeST na Sheria ya Ununuzi wa Umma ya Mwaka 2023 kwa jumla ya washiriki 8,904 kutoka taasisi nunuzi 2,020.



UNUNUZI WA UMMA SASA RAHISI NA WA UWAZI KUPITIA NeST!

- ✓ **Hakuna Mbadala wa Matumizi ya Mifumo!** – Waziri wa Fedha, Dkt. Mwigulu Nchemba, amesisitiza kuwa taasisi za umma lazima zitumie Mfumo wa Ununuzi wa Umma Kielektroniki (NeST) kwa uwazi na uwajibikaji zaidi.
- ✓ **Fursa kwa Makundi Maalum!** – Asilimia 30 ya bajeti za ununuzi zinapaswa kutengwa kwa wanawake, vijana, wazee na watu wenye ulemavu.
- ✓ **Hakuna Njia za Mkato!** – NeST imeondoa mianya ya udanganyifu, na sasa kila mtanzania anaweza kushiriki kwenye zabuni za serikali kwa haki na usawa.

📌 *“Changamoto tutazitatua, lakini lazima twende na mifumo na hatuna mbadala.” – Dkt. Mwigulu Nchemba*

NeST ni ufunguo wa maendeleo – Jisajili leo!

PPRA yawataka wataalam wa ununuzi na ugavi kuzingatia sheria, kutumia NeST

Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Ununuzi wa Umma (PPRA), Bw. Dennis Simba, amesisitiza umuhimu wa taaluma ya ununuzi na ugavi kama msingi wa utekelezaji wa miradi mikubwa ya kimkakati nchini, akiwataka wataalamu katika sekta hiyo kupalilia kiu ya kuongeza weledi na ubunifu.

Akizungumza katika ufunguzi wa Mkutano Mkuu wa Nne wa Chama cha Wataalamu wa Ununuzi na Ugavi, APSP, uliofanyika kwenye kituo cha kimataifa cha mikutano kilichopo Arusha, AICC, Bw. Simba aliipongeza APSP kwa jitihada zake za kuboresha taaluma hiyo na kuisitiza kwamba uzembe katika sekta ya ununuzi wa umma una uhusiano hasi na utafutaji wa thamani ya fedha kwenye miradi ya maendeleo.



"Taaluma ya ununuzi na ugavi ni mhimili wa utekelezaji wa miradi ya kimkakati nchini. Ukosefu wa weledi unaweza kusababisha miradi hiyo kutekelezwa chini ya kiwango, jambo linaloathiri maendeleo ya taifa," alisema Bw. Simba.

Aidha, Bw. Simba aliwataka wataalamu hao kubadili mtazamo wao na kutumia mifumo ya kisasa, kama NeST, akisema kuwa mfumo huo umewekwa ili kuhakikisha kunakuwapo uwazi na usawa katika ununuzi wa umma.

"Hakuna nafasi ya 'connection' [kujuana] katika ununuzi wa umma. NeST inahakikisha kila hatua inafanyika kwa uwazi na kwa mujibu wa sheria," aliongeza Bw. Simba huku akisisitiza kuwa hatua kali zitachukuliwa dhidi ya wanaokiuka sheria.

PPRA yawataka wataalam wa ununuzi na ugavi...

Mwenyekiti wa APSP, Bw. Emmanuel Urembo, ameishukuru PPRA kwa kutambua nafasi ya chama hicho sambamba na kuona umuhimu wao katika sekta ya ununuzi wa umma.

Pia, Bw. Chaurembo ameahidi kutoa ushirikiano wa kujadili hoja za kitaaluma katika sekta hiyo nyeti nchini ili kuibua mambo yatakayosaidia jitihada za kuboresha ununuzi wa umma.

Katika hatua nyingine, Bw. Simba aliahidi kuwa PPRA itachangia Shilingi milioni 25 kusaidia ununuzi wa kiwanja cha APSP jijini Dodoma, huku akiwasihi wanachama wa chama hicho kushirikiana kufanikisha ndoto hiyo.

Mkutano huo, ulijadili mada mbalimbali zinazohusiana na kaulimbiu “Taaluma, Thamani na Kujenga Uwezo” na ulihudhuriwa na zaidi ya wataalamu 150 kutoka kada ya ununuzi na ugavi nchini.



UNUNUZI WA UMMA WALETA MAPINDUZI – WATAALAMU WAASWA KUZINGATIA NeST!



Ununuzi wa Umma ni Muhimu kwa Maendeleo! – Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa PPRA, Bw. Dennis Simba, ameweka wazi kuwa taaluma ya ununuzi na ugavi ni nguzo ya utekelezaji wa miradi ya kimkakati nchini.



NeST Ni Lazima! – Mfumo wa ununuzi wa umma NeST umeimarisha uwazi na uwajibikaji, huku ukiondoa nafasi ya ‘connection’ zisizo rasmi katika ununuzi wa umma.



Wataalamu Kuhamasika! – Zaidi ya wataalamu 150 kutoka kada ya ununuzi na ugavi walihudhuria mkutano uliobeba kauli mbiu ya “Taaluma, Thamani na Kujenga Uwezo”, ambapo PPRA iliahidi kushirikiana na APSP kuboresha mazingira ya ununuzi.

“Hakuna mbadala wa matumizi ya mifumo, lazima twende na NeST ili kuweka uwazi na kuhakikisha haki inatendeka.” – Bw. Simba

NeST – Mfumo Salama, Wazi na Wa Haki kwa Wote!

PPRA yawanoa wenye ulemavu matumizi ya NeST kuomba tenda

Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Ununuzi wa Umma (PPRA) imetoa mafunzo kwa watu wenye ulemavu ili kuwajengea uwezo wa kujisajili na kuomba tenda kwa kutumia mfumo wa kielektroniki wa manunuzi ya umma, yaani NeST.

Mafunzo hayo, yaliyofunguliwa jijini Dodoma Novemba 15, 2024 na Mkurugenzi wa Idara ya Walemavu katika Ofisi ya Waziri Mkuu, Rashid Maftah, yalilenga kuwawezesha waliomo katika kundi kunufaika na fursa zilizomo kwenye zabuni za umma.

Katika hotuba yake, Bw. Maftah aliwaasa washiriki kuyapa mafunzo hayo uzito stahiki “kwani yatawawezesha kupata uelewa juu ya fursa zilizoinishwa kwenye sheria ya ununuzi wa umma kuhusu zabuni za umma.”

“Pia, mtapata uelewa] juu ya mfumo uitwao NeST ambao ndio njia pekee inayotumika kuomba zabuni za serikali kwa mujibu wa sheria,” alisema na kasisitiza: “Hakuna kabisa utaratibu mwingine wa kuomba zabuni za serikali nje ya NeST.”

“Mafunzo haya yatawawezesha kupata fursa ya kuomba zabuni za serikali, kujipatia ajira na kuajiri wengine na kuondokana na umaskini,” alisema Maftah.

Naye Kaimu Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa PPRA Salmin Malole, alizungumzia mageuzi makubwa yaliyofanywa na Serikali kwenye sekta ya ununuzi wa umma, katika kipindi cha miaka mitatu iliyopita, ikiwemo NeST na marekebisho yaliyozaa sheria ya ununuzi wa umma ya Mwaka 2023 na kanuni zake za Mwaka 2024.

“Yote haya yameongeza wigo wa fursa kwa wataanzania na kurahisisha upatikanaji wake kwa uwazi na usawa,” Bw. Malole alisema na kubainisha kuwa mafunzo hayo ni mwendelezo wa programu ya PPRA ya kuwajengea uwezo wadau wa ununuzi wa umma mwaka wa fedha 2024/2025.

“[Pamoja na ukweli kwamba] Serikali imetoa fursa ya upendeleo kwa wataanzania wote, kuna ule wa makundi maalum ambayo ni vijana, wanawake, wazee na watu wenye ulemavu,” alisema Malole na kuongeza kuwa makundi haya yametengewa asilimia 30 ya bajeti ya ununuzi wa umma, ikiwa ni sehemu ya utekelezaji wa ahadi ya Serikali kwa wananchi.

“Wananchi wanaweza kujiunga kwenye vikundi vyenye watu watano hadi 20 na wakapata fursa hizi,” alisema.

Hata hivyo, kwa mujibu wa mkurugenzi wa shirika lisilo la kiserikali, linalojihusisha na masuala ya watu wenye ulemavu, Michael Salali, watu hawa bado wanakabiliwa na changamoto mbalimbali ikiwemo sheria ya watu wenye ulemavu ya Mwaka 2009.

NeST yaibuka mfumo bora zaidi wa ununuzi wa umma Afrika

Mfumo wa usimamizi wa ununuzi wa umma kielektroniki, NeST, umeshinda tuzo ya “Mfumo Bora wa Ununuzi wa Umma Barani Afrika,” kati ya tuzo za African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM), zilizokuwa zikishindaniwa chini ya uangalizi wa Umoja wa Afrika (AU), jijini Kampala, Uganda.

Akizungumza na waandishi wa habari jijini Kampala, baada ya kupokea tuzo hiyo mbele ya mamia ya washiriki wa Mkutano wa AAPAM, Novemba 28, 2024, Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa Mamlaka ya Udhhibiti wa Ununuzi wa Umma (PPRA), inayosimamia NeST, Bw. Dennis Simba, alisema kuwa tuzo hii ni heshima kubwa kwa Tanzania, kwani ununuzi wa umma ni moja ya maeneo yanayotumia asilimia kubwa ya fedha za umma barani Afrika.

"Tuzo hii imetuletea heshima kubwa, kwani tulifika katika tano bora kati ya washiriki 69 na ni sisi pekee ambao tumeingiza mfumo wa ununuzi wa umma na leo umetambulika na kupewa tuzo hii... ni mafanikio makubwa kwa Tanzania na kwa mfumo wetu," alisema Bw. Simba na kuelekeza pongezi za kipekee kwa Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan, aliyewezesha kuanzishwa kwa sheria ya ununuzi wa umma ya Mwaka 2023, na kuundwa kwa NeST."



NeST yaibuka mfumo bora zaidi wa ununuzi wa...

Bw. Simba alisema kwa kuwa mfumo huu umejengwa na wataalam wa Tanzania pekee, PPRA iko tayari kushirikiana na nchi nyingine kuhakikisha kuwa teknolojia hii inawafikia na kusaidia katika mageuzi ya sekta ya ununuzi wa umma barani Afrika.

Ameishukuru Wizara ya Fedha kwa kuwezesha ujenzi wa mfumo huu na ufuatiliaji wake wa hatua zote kuhakikisha maono ya Rais Samia yanatekelezwa. Aidha, alisema kuwa ujenzi wa mfumo huu umewezekena kupitia ushirikiano kati ya PPRA na Mamlaka ya Serikali Mtandao (eGA) waliotoa wataalam na miongozo.

Kwa upande mwingine, mfumo wa kutoa huduma ya afya kwa jamii nchini Kenya umeshinda tuzo ya jumla, huku Uganda ikikabidhiwa Tuzo Maalum kwa kuwa mwenyeji wa mkutano wa AAPAM.



Sababu Gani NeST Ni Ya Kipekee?

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Thamani ya mikataba yote katika triloni za shilingi, ikihusisha zabuni zilizotolewa kupitia NeST, hadi februari 2025.

JE, WAJUA?

Sasa zabuni za umma zinatolewa kupitia NeST hadi kijiji katika serikali za mitaa.



Mwigulu: Mifumo haina mbadala, lazima tutumie NeST



Waziri wa Fedha, Dkt. Mwigulu Nchemba amezitaka taasisi za umma nchini kuhakikisha zinatumia mfumo wa ununuzi wa umma kielektroniki, NeST, kwa kuwa hakuna mbadala wa matumizi ya mifumo.

Aliyasema hayo jijini Dar es Salaam alipokuwa akipokea Taarifa ya Tathmini ya Utendaji Kazi ya Mamlaka ya Udhubiti wa Ununuzi wa Umma (PPRA).

Dkt. Nchemba alisema kuwa mfumo NeST, ulioanza kutumika Julai 2023, umeongeza uwazi na uwajibikaji na umesaidia kuboresha mifumo ya udhibiti wa ndani wa taasisi nunuzi, na hivyo kuendana na maelekezo ya Rais Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan, aliyeitaka Wizara ya Fedha kudhibiti matumizi ya fedha za serikali - hasa kwenye utekelezaji wa miradi.

“Natambua kuwa kuna changamoto zinazoweza kujitokeza, lakini hatuna mbadala, lazima twende kwenye matumizi ya mifumo,” alisema na kuongeza kuwa katika maeneo fulani mifumo huwa inatajwa kuwa na changamoto kwa lengo la kukataa na kuendelea na njia wanazozitaka wao kwa maslahi yao binafsi.

“Ili watu waukatae mfumo, watauhusisha na kila tatizo linalowakabili kwa manufaa yao tu... changamoto za msingi tutazitatua, lakini lazima twende na mifumo na hatuna mbadala na lazima isomane,” alisema Dkt. Nchemba.

Aliitaka PPRA kuendelea kutoa mafunzo kwa wadau wa ununuzi ili kuhakikisha kuwa ukosefu wa uelewa wa matumizi ya NeST hauwi kikwazo cha kuwaletea maendeleo watanzania. Pia, aliitaka Mamlaka hiyo kuwachukulia hatua za kisheria wale ambao watakataa kutumia mfumo huo kwa makusudi.

DC Mtwara awaasa wananchi kuchangamkia zabuni za Serikali

Mkuu wa Wilaya ya Mtwara, Abdallah Mwaipaya, amewataka wananchi kuchangamkia fursa zinazopatikana katika zabuni za umma ili wanufaike na ununuzi unaochukua zaidi ya asilimia 70 za bajeti ya Serikali, imefahamika,

Bw. Mwaipaya aliyasema hayo wakati akifungua rasmi Ofisi za PPRA Kanda ya Kusini, zilizopo katika Jengo la PSSSF – Sokoine, Mtwara Mjini, Februari 28, 2025.

Aidha, mkuu huyo wa wilaya alisema litakuwa jambo jema kama wananchi wengi watafanya uamuzi wa kuunda kampuni au vikundi vya watu angalau watano hadi ishirini, ili waweze kunufaika na fursa katika miradi kwani Serikali inatekeleza miradi mingi mkoani Mtwara.

Hata hivyo, Bw. Mwaipaya alitumia fursa hiyo kuwambusha wananchi kuhusu hatua inayofuata, yaani kujisajili kwenye NeST, mfumo wa taifa ambao kwa sasa ndio njia pekee ya kupata fursa ya zabuni za umma na kwamba endapo watakumbana na changamoto yoyote, waende kwenye Ofisi za PPRA kupata msaada na ufafanuzi, kwa vile sasa huduma zimesogezwa karibu.

Vilevile, aliwataka watumishi wa umma kuzingatia matakwa ya sheria kwa kutumia NeST kufanya ununuzi wa umma na kwamba wajiepusha na visingizio dhidi ya matumizi ya mfumo huo unaoongeza ufanisi, uwajibikaji, na uwazi na kuzuia upotevu wa fedha za umma kwenye michakato ya ununuzi.

“Mheshimiwa Rais aliagiza mifumo isomane...tunaona NeST, mfumo ambao mwaka jana tu ulipata tuzo ya kuwa Mfumo Bora wa Ununuzi wa Umma kwa Ubunifu - Afrika, umeunganishwa na mifumo 20 hadi sasa. Niipongeze PPRA kwa jitihada hizi, na sisi tuendeleo kuutumia kupata fursa na kupata thamani halisi ya fedha hususan kwenye miradi ya kuwaletea maendeleo wananchi wetu,” amesema Mwaipaya.

Tukio la uzinduzi wa ofisi za PPRA Kanda ya Kusini liliambatana na semina kwa waandishi wa habari takribani 50 wa Mkoa wa Mtwara, iliyofunguliwa na mkuu huyo wa wilaya.

Manasseh: NeST ndiyo ‘koneksheni’ pekee katika kushinda tenda za Serikali

Meneja wa PPRA Kanda ya Kusini, Bw. Finias Manasseh, amewataka wananchi kuchangamkia tenda za Serikali bila kuhofia kwamba tenda zao zitachezewa na watumishi wa umma wasio waaminifu kwani NeST imekata njia zote za rushwa na udanganyifu katika ununuzi wa umma.

Manasseh aliyasema hayo Februari 28, 2025 katika Jengo la PSSSF – Sokoine, Mtwara Mjini, kwenye semina mahsusi iliyoandaliwa na kuendeshwa na PPRA kwa ajili ya kuwaongezea waandishi wa habari uelewa kuhusu ununuzi wa umma ili katika ili shughuli yao ya kuufikishia umma ujumbe sahihi iwe rahisi zaidi.

Aliongeza kuwa PPRA imejipanga kutoa huduma itakayofanikisha ununuzi wa umma kwa Watanzania katika mikoa yote, ili kuhakikisha kuwa lengo la Serikali la kuwainua wananchi kiuchumi na kuwaletea maendeleo endelevu linatimia.

Manasseh alisisitiza kuhusu nafasi ya NeST katika kufanikisha malengo ya kitaifa kwa kusema: “Katika ununuzi wa umma hakuna kujuana maana ‘connection’ pekee ya tenda za Serikali ni NeST,” na aliwashauri waandishi kufikisha ujumbe kwa wananchi kwamba wanaweza kushiriki michakato ya ununuzi wa umma popote walipo, kupitia mfumo huo kwa uwazi, usawa na bila mambo ya kujuana na mtu yeyote.

Aliishukuru Serikali, kwa niaba ya Menejimenti ya PPRA, kwa kuwezesha ufunguzi wa Ofisi za Kanda pamoja na kwa kuhakikisha Sheria ya Ununuzi wa Umma inatoa fursa za kipekee kwa Watanzania kuanzia ngazi ya chini kabisa ya vijiji na mitaa hadi ya Taifa.

NeST Kama Daraja la Maendeleo

KWA MUJIBU WA BW. MANASSEH, MFUMO WA NEST SI TU JUKWAA LA KIUFUNDI, BALI NI NGUZO YA KIUCHUMI, INAYOWEZESHA:

- ✓ Mtanzania wa kawaida kushiriki kikamilifu kwenye miradi ya maendeleo
- ✓ Kuondoa vikwazo vya mazoea ya kujuana, rushwa na ubaguzi
- ✓ Kuinua uwazi na ushindani kwa maslahi ya taifa

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