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Sustainability and ESG Report 2025/26

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PPRA sustainability at a glance

- 219,065 tenders were processed through the National e-Procurement System (NeST), reinforcing a paperless and more transparent procurement environment.
- An estimated 288.57 million pages of paper were saved through digital procurement processes.
- PPRA estimates that more than 64,768 tCO₂e of emissions were avoided through reduced paper use, travel, and related operational efficiencies.
- Supplier travel equivalent to 15.4 million kilometres was avoided, with approximately 1.7 million litres of fuel saved.
- More than 10,000 trees were planted through PPRA-led and partner-supported greening initiatives.
- Thirty percent procurement reservation for women, youth, older persons, and persons with disabilities remained in force, contributing to 733 tenders worth about TZS 51 billion awarded to special groups.

Overview

PPRA uses sustainability and ESG reporting to demonstrate how public procurement contributes to national development, environmental protection, social inclusion, and institutional integrity. The FY 2025/26 reporting cycle shows a growing shift from compliance-focused regulation toward public value creation through digital transformation, inclusive procurement, ethical governance, and climate-conscious practices.

Environmental stewardship

Indicator	FY 2025/26 public highlight
Paperless procurement through NeST	219,065 tenders processed digitally.
Paper saved	288.57 million pages saved.
Avoided emissions	64,768 tCO ₂ e avoided (estimated).
Supplier travel avoided	15.4 million km avoided.
Fuel saved	Approximately 1.7 million litres saved.
Reforestation	10,000 trees planted, exceeding the annual target of 8,000.
Green procurement	General Guidelines for Sustainable Public Procurement (2025) launched; environmental criteria integrated into high-value tenders.

- NeST remains the flagship sustainability enabler by reducing paper dependence, transport needs, and administrative inefficiencies.
- Tree-planting initiatives included activities at PPRA headquarters, Dodoma, and partner-supported community locations.
- The report also notes the continued use of energy-saving office practices and waste segregation for recycling.

Social impact and inclusion

Indicator	FY 2025/26 public highlight
Inclusive procurement	30% reservation for women, youth, older persons, and persons with disabilities maintained.
Awards to special groups	733 tenders worth approximately TZS 51 billion awarded.
Formalized social groups	11,360 groups formalized to participate in the procurement ecosystem.

Women in workforce	36% female staff representation (86 staff).
Women in senior management	28% of senior management positions held by women.
Workplace safety	Zero lost-time injuries recorded for the third consecutive year.
Community support	TZS 40 million contributed to education and vulnerable groups.
Capacity building	132 training sessions delivered to 16,167 participants across Tanzania.

- PPRA positions public procurement as a channel for inclusive economic participation and poverty reduction.
- Formalization of social groups helps historically underrepresented groups access public procurement opportunities more effectively.
- Community outreach supported schools and special-needs organisations while internal staff development continued through structured training programmes.

Governance and integrity

Indicator	FY 2025/26 public highlight
ESG governance	Sustainability and ESG Framework formally adopted in January 2026.
Ethics training	100% staff completion of anti-corruption training.
Asset declarations	100% of management submitted asset declarations on time.
Whistleblowing response	24 whistleblowing reports investigated/resolved during the year.
Bidder complaints handling	200 complaints handled with an average resolution time of 14 days.
Risk management	ESG risks integrated into enterprise risk management processes.

- PPRA's governance approach links sustainability performance with ethics, transparency, accountability, and risk management.
- The report evidences strong institutional controls while also signalling the next step toward external assurance of non-financial reporting.

Alignment with national and global priorities

- The report aligns PPRA activities with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: SDGs 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 16.
 - SDG 1 (Poverty Eradication): Facilitated direct poverty reduction and income generation for marginalized 'Special Groups' (youth, women, persons with disabilities, and the elderly) through inclusive public procurement, resulting in the awarding of 733 tenders valued at TZS 51 billion;
 - SDG 5 (Gender Equality): 36% female workforce; 30% procurement reservation for women-led groups;

- c) SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth): Empowerment of 11,360 youth and elderly groups; zero lost-time injuries;
- d) SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure): NeST digital transformation processing 219,065 tenders;
- e) SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities): Targeted economic inclusion of marginalized communities;
- f) SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production): Launch of Sustainable Public Procurement Guidelines; 288.57 million pages of paper saved;
- g) SDG 13 (Climate Action): 64,768 tCO₂e avoided emissions; planting of 10,000+ trees; and
- h) SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions): 100% ethics training; robust whistleblowing and compliance frameworks.

- It also references Tanzania Development Vision 2025/2050, the Third Five-Year Development Plan, and national climate mitigation efforts.
- The reporting approach is linked to recognised frameworks including IFRS S1/S2, the GHG Protocol, GRI standards, and NBAA Technical Pronouncement No. 1 of 2024.