

CHALLENGES AND
APPROACHES TO THE
PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION
DURING TIME OF CRISIS



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COVID 19 AND FALL OUTS

HEALTH RELATED
PROCUREMENTS AND
DISTRIBUTION

PALLIATIVES AND SOCIAL
SECURITY SUPPORT ETC

IDENTIFICATION OF
BENEFICIARIES AND
MANAGING EXPECTATTONS

LEGAL PROVISIONS ON EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS



- ✧ A procuring entity may for the purpose of this Act, carry out an emergency procurement where:
 - (a) the country is either seriously threatened by or actually confronted with a disaster, catastrophe, war, insurrection or Act of God

S. 43(1) Public Procurement Act 2007

- ✧ The existence of this provision and the explanatory manual already set the tone for the country response

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO THE CRISIS



- ❧ Setting up of the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID 19 which coordinated most health -related procurements.
- ❧ Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) issues guidelines – (*GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES BY MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC/LOCKDOWN*)
- ❧ The Office of the Accountant -General of the Federation issues guidelines (*Framework for the Management of COVID-19 Funds in Nigeria under the Treasury Single Account*)
- ❧ Activation of the distribution network under the Social Safety Initiatives by the **Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development(FMHDSD)**
- ❧ Robust dissemination of information using diverse media

ELEMENTS OF THE BPP GUIDELINE



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	<p>PROCUREMENT ENTITIES TO PREPARE PLANS FOR COVID 19 RELATED PROJECTS AND UPLOAD ON THE NIGERIA OPEN CONTRACTING PORTAL (NOCOPO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PROJECTS NOT UPLOADED WILL NOT BE FUNDED• WARNS AGAINST REDUCTION OF VALUE AND CONTRACT SPLITTING TO EVADE THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS.
	<p>SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN PROCESSES IN LINE WITH EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PRINCIPLES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADVERTISEMENT ON BPP WEBSITE ALONE IS SUFFICIENT• REQUIREMENTS FOR "NO OBJECTION" SUSPENDED• DETAILED REPORT OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO BPP SUBSEQUENTLY

ELEMENTS OF THE ACCOUNTANT- GENERAL'S GUIDELINE



- ❧ Funds dedicated for COVID 19, including government stimulus package and donations from the private sector domiciled in a special account at the Central bank (CBN)
- ❧ Five commercial banks designated to receive donations and remit to CBN
- ❧ Aim is to provide single consolidated view of aggregate Government cash balances and ensure accountability.
- ❧ A new line for COVID 19 Donations to be added to the Chart of Accounts to ensure tracking and reporting.
- ❧ All the requirements of the Financial Transparency Policy of the Government and internal audit procedures to be complied with.

RESPONSES BY ACAs AND OTHER ACTORS



- ❧ ACAs Commenced Monitoring of Procurement and Distribution channels
 - ICPC issued advisory and set up a monitoring framework
 - EFCC monitored increase of COVID 19-related cyber crimes and issued advisories.
- ❧ CSOs Established Monitoring Mechanisms, sometimes in collaboration with ACAs
- ❧ UNODC Country office in collaboration with ACAs, Regulatory Agencies and CSOs produced a Corruption and Fraud Risk Register relating to COVID 19 response.

CHALLENGES



- ❧ Disruption of Supply Chain made Procurement problematic.
- ❧ Identification of beneficiaries and astronomical increase in numbers created difficulties in the distribution channels.
- ❧ Restrictions and Social Distancing Rules.

CONCLUSION



- ❧ Reports of monitoring exercises are still being collated and analyzed.
- ❧ Appropriation of existing legal framework, accountability channels and processes has helped.



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