

WEBINAR

INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION IN PROCUREMENT: LESSONS FROM THE PANDEMIC

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created unprecedented challenges to health, social welfare, economies, and supporting supply chains. Health concerns, confinement measures and border closures adopted in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis have caused severe disruption in the supply and distribution chains of goods, works and services that the public sector needs. Many governments have turned to emergency procedures, to alleviate the negative impacts of COVID-19 on their populations and economies, but some of these recent measures may have unintended consequences. While relaxing procurement rules can help governments respond more quickly to a growing health pandemic, there are also significant risks associated with looser restrictions. Increasing risks of fraud and corruption have been created through a number of developments, including derogations or relaxation of public procurement rules and a desire to short-cut or eliminate “administrative and bureaucratic” requirements; a massive amount of money disbursed quickly into a number of markets; a boom of donations and gifts made either on a voluntary basis or in order to respond to a “solicitation” by a public authority; and emergency efforts to address shortages of some goods or other urgent needs.

The aftermath of this pandemic could be an opportunity to design resilience-oriented procurement strategies based on the selection of reliable providers; the creation of a portfolio of providers to be activated in the case of emergency; and the use of contracts to allow flexibility and the assurance of sound procurement outcomes.

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