



The Gambia Resilience, Inclusive, Skills, and Equity (RISE) Project

Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs
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SIMPLIFIED PROCUREMENT PLAN

Project information: *The Gambia - Resilience, Inclusion, Skills, and Equity Project (RISE) (P179233)*

Project Implementation agency: *Projects Coordination Unit, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs (MoFEA)*

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Date of the Procurement Plan: **October 2023**

PPA Amount USD\$3,000,000

Period covered by this Procurement Plan: **October 2023 to June 2024**

Preamble

In accordance with paragraph 5.9 of the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” Fifth Edition dated September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”) the Bank’s Systematic Tracking and Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system will be used to prepare, clear and update Procurement Plans and conduct all procurement transactions for the Project.

This textual part along with the Procurement Plan tables in STEP constitute the Procurement Plan for the Project. The following conditions apply to all procurement activities in the Procurement Plan. The other elements of the Procurement Plan as required under paragraph 4.4 of the Procurement Regulations are set forth in STEP.

The Bank’s Standard Procurement Documents: shall be used for all contracts subject to international competitive procurement and those contracts as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP.

National Procurement Arrangements: In accordance with paragraph 5.3 of the Procurement Regulations, when approaching the national market (as specified in the Procurement Plan tables in STEP), the country’s own procurement procedures may be used.

When the Borrower uses its own national open competitive procurement arrangements as set forth in the **Gambia Public Procurement Act (GPPA), 2022 of**, such arrangements

shall be subject to paragraph 5.4 of the Procurement Regulations and the following conditions:

For national open competitive procurement, the following requirements apply:

- a. open advertising of the procurement opportunity at the national level;
- b. the procurement is open to eligible firms from any country;
- c. the request for bids/request for proposals document shall require that Bidders/Proposers submitting Bids/Proposals present a signed acceptance at the time of bidding, to be incorporated in any resulting contract, confirming application of, and compliance with, the Bank's Anti-Corruption Guidelines, including without limitation the Bank's right to sanction and the Bank's inspection and audit rights;
- d. the Procurement Documents include sufficient provisions, as agreed with the Bank, to adequately mitigate against environmental and social (including SEA/SH) risks and impacts;
- e. contracts with an appropriate allocation of rights and obligations, risks and liabilities, informed by an analysis of which party is best placed to manage the risks, bearing in mind the costs and incentives of risk allocation;
- f. publication of contract award information;
- g. rights for the Bank to review procurement documentation and activities;
- h. an effective complaints mechanism; and
- i. maintenance of records of the Procurement Process.

When other national procurement arrangements other than national open competitive procurement arrangements are applied by the Borrower, such arrangements shall be subject to paragraph 5.5 to 5.6 of the Procurement Regulations.

Leased Assets as specified under paragraph 5.10 of the Procurement Regulations: Leasing may be used for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables. *"Not Applicable"*

Procurement of Second Hand Goods as specified under paragraph 5.11 of the Procurement Regulations – is allowed for those contracts identified in the Procurement Plan tables *"Not Applicable"*

Domestic preference as specified under paragraph 5.51 of the Procurement Regulations **(Goods and Works)**. Specify for each
Goods: is not applicable
Works: is not applicable

Hands-on Expanded Implementation Support (HEIS) as specified under paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 of the Procurement Regulations is Not Applicable.

