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WOMEN'S PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Snapshot: Gender-Sensitive Public Procurement Survey

GATHERING DATA

The UK commissioned a study to understand the use of gender sensitive public procurement in international entities.



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Overview

Major international entities (multilaterals, bilaterals and non-profits, working in international development or similar sectors) use various models to implement **gender-sensitive (public) procurement** (GSPP¹) in their own operations. The former Department for International Development (DfID) in the UK commissioned a 10-day study of 40 organizations to explore these models. The study, issued on June 22, 2018, reported:

“Few international entities working in international development, humanitarian aid, or similar sectors, are systematically implementing GSPP in their own operations, a rapid survey of 40 such multilateral, bilateral and non-profit organizations conducted for this report shows. ... a dearth of information on GSPP that was publicly and easily available from these actors. Even data from the email survey is limited, self-reported, and often preliminary.”²

1. Note that the second P in GSPP has been added for greater accuracy.
2. Emilie Combaz, *Models of Gender-Sensitive Procurement Used by International Aid Entities*, K4D Helpdesk Report, (Brighton, UK: Institute of Development Studies, 2018), 2, <https://gsdrc.org/publications/models-of-gender-sensitive-procurement-used-by-international-aid-entities/>.

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Table 1 offers an overview mapping of each respondent organization's practices regarding GSPP in the second quarter of 2018.

TABLE 1. MAPPING OF EACH RESPONDENT ORGANIZATIONS' PRACTICES REGARDING GSPP

ORGANIZATION	HAVE INSTITUTED A GSPP PROGRAM	DETAILS
Asian Development Bank	No	Under consideration
Gates Foundation	No	No additional information available
Denmark	Yes	Under consideration, and piloted (exclusion of family cost from evaluation of price in long-term consultancy)
International Finance Corporation	Yes	Starting up, focus on women-owned businesses
International Labor Organization (ILO)	Yes	In ad-hoc ILO project procurement operations through women's participation in workforce for a set contract
Inter-American Development Bank	Yes	Piloted in projects procurement through participation of women in workforce for a set contract
Netherlands	No	Under consideration
Sweden	No	No GSPP as such, gender mainstreaming in procurement
UN Women	Yes	Full though recent implementation across UN Women, focus on women-owned businesses, though some attention to other models (e.g., suppliers' gender balance in workforce or gender equality policies)
UNDP	Yes	Piloting in Somalia and Gambia, gender criteria at regional hub in Panama; focus on women-owned businesses but attention to more diverse aspects too (e.g., suppliers' gender balance and gender equality policies); and UNDP-wide, rating for women empowerment policy in Requests for Proposals and Pass/Fair in ITB
UNIDO	Yes	Launching initial, limited, non-mandatory steps, focus on suppliers' gender balance and equality policies
UK	Yes	Under consideration, and piloted (no information on model)
UNOPS	Yes	Initial, non-mandatory implementation, focus on women-owned businesses
World Health Organization	No	No additional information available
World Bank Group	Yes	Starting up, focus on women-owned

Source: Emilie Combat, *Models of Gender-Sensitive Procurement Used by International Aid Entities* (K4D helpdesk, Knowledge, evidence and learning for development, June 22, 2018), pp. 2–3.

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