New Capacity Development Toolkit from UNDP

UNDP has developed the new Toolkit for Capacity Development of National Entities to Implement HIV & AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Programmes. Building on UNDP’s work on HIV, capacity development and knowledge management, and with crucial input from Country Offices, the Toolkit builds on the experience in the 30 countries where UNDP serves as Principal Recipient (PR) of Global Fund grants, specifically in Haiti, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The primary aim of this toolkit is to support national partners and UNDP Country Offices in developing national capacity to successfully implement Global Fund grants - achieving the results while at the same time managing the risks - and to bring together in one place UNDP's several years of experiences and lessons learned in this area. UNDP is currently serving as interim Principal Recipient in 30 countries that are facing exceptional circumstances and/or significant capacity constraints. This toolkit will therefore be an essential part of UNDP's efforts to ensure a smooth and timely transition in its hand-over of the PR role to national entities, as soon as circumstances permit.

The Toolkit focuses primarily on strengthening national systems that are required to manage programmes, with training as only one aspect. It provides guidance on: (i) programme management; (ii) sub-recipient management; (iii) financial management; (iv) risk management; (vi) procurement and supply chain management; and (vii) monitoring and evaluation.

Click here to see the toolkit.

Discussion paper on sustainable procurement and IFI’s

Maloe Bosch, Macha Kemperman and Stephan Raes from the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington DC have written an interesting discussion paper on sustainable procurement in development programs funded by International Financial Institutions (IFI's).

Among other issues, the discussion paper looks at why public procurement is relevant for sustainability, on principal-agent dilemmas in procurement and how sustainable procurement initiatives are being implemented.

Excerpt from the discussion paper:

"There are several arguments in favor of public procurement as an effective tool to reach sustainable outcomes. Due to the size, ranging from 13 to 70 per cent of GDP, and nature of government services, public procurement can have
significant leverage on the achievement of environmental and social objectives. Also, sizable cost saving opportunities exist. Through its spillovers on markets and consumers, public procurement can work as a catalyst. At the same time, there is still a need for more empirical evidence of costs and its effects on society and the environment.

“Sustainable procurement in IFI-funded programs can be analyzed in a principal-agent framework. This framework analyses the double dilemma between the IFI that delegates procurement to a country's procurement entity, and the procurement entity that delegates the delivery of goods, works or services to the suppliers. The principal-agent framework provides insight in the possibly nonaligned interest of the different actors in the process and in the effects of incomplete information between these actors. It also offers scope to consider governance aspects of procurement, which have received growing attention over the past decade within IFIs. Implementing effective and efficient sustainable procurement can be seen as finding well-functioning means to avoid the two principal agent dilemmas.”

The discussion paper is available on the PCDC website and can be directly downloaded by following this link.

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