

Outsourcing of Medicines procurement

Background

In 2014, 1,2 billion USD was stolen from the Ukrainian budget due to inefficiency in medicine procurements. Because of the specifics of the pharmacological market, and the limited number of potential vendors, the introduction of e-procurements would not produce the desired result of greater procurement transparency and lower prices. The solution was to transfer medicine procurements to international organisations until 2022.

Timeline

The Cabinet of Ministers approved manual management of medical procurements: the country may be left without medicines

17.06.2020

On June 12, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine made amendments to the decision, which complicates the process of medical procurements. NGOs warn that the country has received manual management of procurements. This threatens by the lack of vital medicines for patients. Now, the state enterprise Medical Procurements of Ukraine will not be able to procure anything without the consent of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. The [...]

Second report on medicines procurements was presented: international procurements are effective

23.11.2018

On November 14, Transparency International Ukraine together with the TAPAS project presented the second report on medicines procurements on Prozorro platform. It highlighted trends in the use of public funds for medicines procurements since 2017. The aim of the report was to define areas for growth and ways to optimize control over purchases in the [...]

Accounting chamber confirms efficiency of international medicines procurements

25.08.2017

On August 22, the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine (state audit body, empowered to control the use of budget funds) presented a report on efficiency of medicines procurements conducted by the international organisations. It concluded that international procurements are more economically beneficial than the ones done by the Ministry of Health. According to Chamber's assessment, international organisations [...]

Ministry of Health signed contracts with international organisations for medicines procurements for 2017

27.07.2017

On July 27 the Ministry of Health of Ukraine officially signed the contracts with international organizations for procurement of medicines in 2017. The UNICEF, the UNDP, and British Agency "Crown Agents" will continue to carry out medicines procurements in Ukraine. After all tenders were conducted the reform saved 900 million UAH (around 25%) of 2016 primary [...]

Report on international medicines procurements

14.03.2017

According to AntAC's report, the procurement of medicines through international organizations saved Ukraine up to 620 million UAH in 2016: <https://antac.org.ua/en/analytics/international-organizations-saved-ukraine-620-million-uah-during-procurement-of-medicines-in-2015-analytical-report-of-antac/>

Outsourcing of medicines procurements to international organizations

19.03.2015

The Parliament adopted the Law "On amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine (regarding timely patient access to necessary medicines and medical products through public procurement involving specialised procurement organizations)". It introduces a special procedure for procurement of medicines by budgetary funds through international organizations that provide states and other entities with related services (including [...])

Documents

IMF

"Change public procurement regulation to allow purchasing medicines and medical supplies through direct, multi-year procurement involving UN based organizations" para 24

Full doc: <https://www.imf.org/external/np/loi/2015/ukr/022715.pdf>