

# Transparent public procurement for COVID-19

## Background

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, Ukrainian authorities derogated from the established procurement procedures. The authorities have committed to publish all procurement notices in a manner readily accessible to the general public and will make all tender documents electronically accessible to the public on the eProcurement site (Prozorro), and an ex-post procurement audit will be conducted by the State Audit Service of Ukraine, in consultation with external/third party auditors, at the time of closing the fund but no later than 12 months after its establishment

## Timeline

### **Furniture instead of medicines, “Great Construction” and inflated prices. The AntAC analyzed the year of COVID procurements**

30.03.2021

The NGO Anti-Corruption Action Center analyzed procurements conducted according to tender-free procedure within framework of counteracting the pandemic. Our analysis revealed numerous customer abuses. We should recall that exactly one year ago, on March 20, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine by Decree No.225 allowed hospitals and other institutions to procure medicines and medical equipment to combat [...]

### **100 DAYS OF QUARANTINE PROCUREMENT: HOW THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND OTHERS USED THE PANDEMIC FOR MILLIONS' CORRUPTION SCHEMES**

24.06.2020

On March 11, a quarantine was enforced in Ukraine due to coronavirus spread. Within 100 days, the epidemiological situation in the country has changed significantly, and the number of sick persons is growing daily. Alongside quarantine measures introduced by the government, the Parliament also started applying urgent measures. Verkhovna Rada decided to simplify procurement procedure for the purposes of [...]

# **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 [...]

## **Documents**

### **MFA**

In view of the current medical urgencies related to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine will transfer all centralised procurement of medicines, medical devices and personal protective equipment to the SOE “Medical Procurements of Ukraine” (MPU) with the exception of procurement conducted via specialised international procurement organisations. and establish an independent supervisory board selected in a transparent and competence-based procedure.

Full doc:

### **IMF**

Any public procurement under expedited COVID-19 procedures will remain fully transparent and will include information on beneficial owners of participating bidding companies.

Full doc: <https://www.imf.org/~media/Files/Publications/CR/2020/English/1UKREA2020001.ashx>