



Millennium Challenge Albania

Threshold Agreement COMPONENT FACT SHEET Increasing Public Procurement Transparency and Efficiency



The Head of PPA Training Unit explains the basic principles of the new PP law to Contracting Agencies' officials from the local and central government level.

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OVERVIEW

The Public Procurement Agency (PPA) serves as the hub of public procurement in Albania, coordinating, monitoring, and reporting on the procurement offices and operations of a wide range of government organizations. The Public Procurement component of the Millennium Challenge Albania Threshold Agreement project aims to improve the capacity of the PPA to conduct transparent procurements and to enable the private sector to monitor effectively the public procurement.

The two-year \$13.85 million Millennium Challenge Albania Threshold Agreement between the Government of Albania (GoA) and Millennium Challenge Corporation, implemented by USAID, assists the GoA to improve performance in tax administration, public procurement, and business registration, through IT solutions and legislative enhancements.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The project's Public Procurement Component works to achieve the following results:

Regulations and Explanatory Guidance Developed and Implemented. This includes producing regulations that provide guidance on the new legal framework and explanatory direction for PPA officials and businesses.

PPA Capacity for Transparent Procurement Process Institutionalized. An IT system of online procurement will be installed. The system will integrate government procurement offices, monitor compliance, and establish audit trails.

Businesses Empowered to Hold the PPA Accountable for Compliance. The Public Procurement Advocate office will be established and a multi-media campaign to educate businesses on their rights and responsibilities will be implemented.

RESULTS TO DATE

- The new Public Procurement Law that entered in effect on January 1, 2007, authorizes electronic procurement and independent oversight.
- The Council of Ministers approved a set of new public procurement procedures.
- Wider access to tender documents is ensured through upgrades of the PPA website that allow for contracting authorities to upload tender documents.
- More than 310 PPA and contracting authority officials from all over Albania were informed on the new PP law and procedures.
- About 100 businessmen and women were informed on the new PP framework.