**E-Procurement** is the integration of digital technologies in the replacement or redesign of paper-based procedures throughout the procurement process. It is essential for governments in achieving policy objectives by using digital tools to increase the integrity and value-generation of their procurement system.

### Key facts about MAPS e-Procurement

- **Can be used independently or with the main MAPS**
- **Follows the same process and requirements as the main MAPS**
- **Usually takes 6-12 months to complete depending on context**
- **Typically costs $75,000 to $125,000 (consultants and logistics)**
- **Follows the 4-pillar structure of the main MAPS**
- **Is fully aligned with international good practices**

MAPS e-Procurement assesses the e-Procurement ecosystem in a country with the purpose of improving it.

Countries use a variety of digital tools in procurement operations, which may include some that are managed at different levels of government.

In MAPS e-Procurement, the entire set of these different components is referred to as the country’s e-Procurement ecosystem.

As such, the e-Procurement ecosystem of a country may consist of multiple platforms (tendering platforms, online marketplaces, contract management systems, etc.).
MAPS e-Procurement is not an audit or technical evaluation of an IT platform.

Instead, it covers e-Procurement from the viewpoint of the legal framework, institutional support, practical operations, integrity measures and much more.

Before deciding to do a MAPS e-Procurement assessment, you should consider questions such as:

- Is an e-Procurement platform in place?
- Are at least some institutions procuring using the existing e-Procurement system?
- Are provisions related to e-Procurement already included in policies, legislation and/or regulation?

If the answers to these questions are negative, the output of an assessment will most likely be limited to providing a baseline for the shortcomings of the system.

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