



MAPS

Methodology for Assessing
Procurement Systems

Requirements to obtain the MAPS Seal of Approval

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Introduction

The Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems (MAPS) includes a rigorous quality assurance process to guarantee that all assessments reviewed and approved by the Assessment's Technical Advisory Group (ATAG) and the MAPS Secretariat comply with the methodology and provide useful information for all stakeholders about the procurement system of the assessed jurisdiction. All assessments must demonstrate impartiality and objectivity following the steps of the methodology.

The MAPS quality assurance process consists in a substantive review by the ATAG and a methodological review carried out by the MAPS Secretariat. The lead institution must send the assessment report, including annexes to the MAPS Secretariat.

The conclusion of the quality assurance process is the MAPS Seal of Approval, which is granted to assessment that are approved by the MAPS Secretariat and where the ATAG has provided non-objection to publication.



This document presents an explanation of the requirements that the MAPS Secretariat reviews for each assessment to grant the MAPS Seal of Approval.

Methodological review criteria

To grant the MAPS Seal of Approval, the MAPS Secretariat will review that each of the following ten criteria for the assessment are met.

1. An Assessment Steering Committee was put in place for the assessment.
2. The draft concept note describing the main information included in the MAPS Concept Note Template was shared with the ATAG and the MAPS Secretariat for comments.
3. The final version of the concept note was approved by the ATAG and the MAPS Secretariat before the assessment initiated.
4. The report includes a country context section and all pillars and indicators have been assessed (qualitative analysis, quantitative analysis as applicable, gaps, risk classification, recommendations, and red flags as applicable), following the three-step approach described in the methodology, demonstrating a complete analysis based on evidence from relevant sources and input from multiple stakeholders.
5. At least 47 sub-indicators have been assessed (85% of the total).
6. All the minimum quantitative indicators have been calculated. If data was not available to do so, this has been stated clearly in both the report and the indicator matrix for relevant sub-indicators.
7. A validation exercise with country stakeholders, including non-governmental stakeholders, was carried out and documented in the assessment report and applicable annexes.
8. The complete MAPS report, including the indicator matrix and other annexes, was submitted to the MAPS Secretariat and the ATAG for comments.



9. The assessment team submitted to the MAPS Secretariat a revised MAPS report attaching an overview of how comments from both the ATAG and the MAPS Secretariat were addressed.¹
10. The ATAG provided its non-objection to the revised report.

¹ The overview of comments and responses is not included in the published report.

