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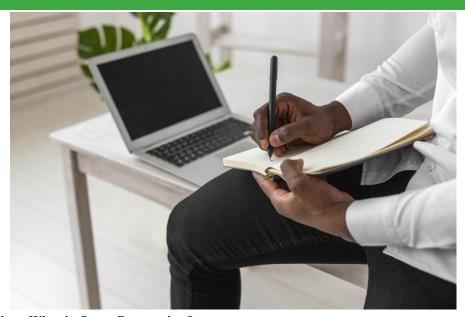
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Question: What is Open Contracting?

Answer: Open contracting is about publishing information concerning how the government buys goods, works and services. It is also about this information being available, accessible to the entire public and being timely. Timeliness here means that the information is current and therefore the procurement process is still susceptible to intervention, if necessary.

Question: Why is Open Contracting important? Why all the fuss about it?

Answer: According to Infrastructure Sector Transparency, an estimated 10-30% of the investments made in infrastructure are lost, due to mismanagement, inefficiency and corruption. Take a newspaper - any newspaper in this country. Flip through. You are very likely to find a corruption story related to procurement.

Open contracting ensures that watchdog institutions, such as civil society organizations, the media and citizens have the available information (in time) to spot procurement irregularities, question the process and stop the procurement process, if necessary. Without open contracting, we will be in the dark on these happenings. Open contracting gives us a chance to stop procurement related corruption, inefficiency and mismanagement. It allows us to obtain value for money for high quality goods, works and services. It also promotes fair competition for service providers, especially small businesses.

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Accra Polytechnic

Accra Psychiatric Hospital

Afadzato south District Assembly

Afigya Kwabre North District Assembly

Agona Dist. Hospital

Agona West Manucipal Assembly

Ahafo Ano South-East District Assembly

Ahafo-Ano South District Assembly

Ahanta West District Assembly

Ahantaman Senior High School

Ajumako/ Enyan/ Esiam District Assembly

Akatsi College of Education

Akatsi District Hospital

Akatsi South District Assembly

Akim Oda Government Hospital

Akrofuom District Assembly

Akuse Government Hospital

Akyemansa District Assembly

Ankaful Psychiatric Nursing Training College

Anloga District Assembly

Asamankese Government Hospital

Asante Akim Central Municipal Assembly

Asante Akim North Municipal Assembly

Asante Akim South District Assembly

Asikuma Odoben Brakwa District Assembly

Asokore Mampong Municipal

Asonomaso district Hospital

Assin South District Assembly

Asunafo North Municapal

Asutifi North District Assembly Awutu Senya District Assembly

Axim Hospital

Bagabaga College of Education

Banda District Assembly

Bank of Ghana

Bawku West District Assembly

Bechem Government Hospital

Bekwai district Hospital

Berekum Municipal Assembly

Bia East District Assembly

Bimbilla District Hospital

Bole Nursing and Midwifery Training College

Bolga General Hospital

Bolgatanga Municipal Assembly

Bolgatanga Nursing Training College

Bolgatanga Polytechnic

Bono Regional Health Directorate

Bosome-Freho District Assembly

Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation

Cape Coast Nursing and Midwifery Training College

Central Gonja District Assembly

Central Regional Health Directorate

Central Tongu District Assembly

Centre for Plant Medicine Research Mampong

Civil Service Training Centre

Cocoa Marketing Company (Ghana) Limited

Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice

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Community Health Nursing Training School - Akim Oda

Controller And Accountant General Dept

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Dambai College of Education

Dormaa East District Assembly

Dormaa Municipal Assembly

Ear Nose And Throat Training School

Eastern- Regional Co-ordinating Council Economic and Organised Crime Office

Effia Kwesimintsim Municipal Assembly

Effutu Municipal Assembly

Eijsu Government Hospital

Electoral Commission

Enchi District Hospital

Energy Commission

Environmental Protection Agency Enyeresi Government Hospital

Fanteakwa North District Assembly

Fisheries Commission

Foods and Drugs Authority

Forestry Commission

Foso College of Education

Ga Central Municipal Assembly

Ga North Municipal Assembly

Ga West Municipal Hospital

Gaming Commission of Ghana Garu Tempane District Assembly

Ghana Aids Commission

Ghana Airports Company Limited

Ghana Atomic Energy Commission

Ghana Audit Service

Ghana Broadcasting Corporation

Ghana Civil Aviation Authority

Ghana Cocoa Board - Quality Control Division

Ghana College of Nurses and Midwives

Ghana College of Pharmacists

Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons

Ghana Deposit Protection Corporation

Ghana Export Promotion Authority

Ghana Grid Co. Ltd. (GRIDCO)

Ghana Highway Authority

Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ)

Ghana Institute of languages

Ghana Institute of Management And Public Administration

Ghana Irrigation Development Authority - Accra

Ghana Law School

Ghana Library Board

Ghana Maritime Authority

Ghana Metrological Agency

Ghana National Gas Company Limited

Ghana National Petroleum Corporation

Ghana News Agency

Ghana Railway Development Authority

Ghana Reinsurance Company Ltd

Ghana Revenue Authority

Ghana Shippers Authority

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Ghana Standards Authority

Ghana Statistical Service

Ghana Technology University College

Ghana Water Company Limited

Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence

Gomoa Central District Assembly

Gomoa East District Assembly

Gomoa West District Assembly

Government Technical Training Centre

Gushiegu District Hospital

Ho Municipal Assembly Dist. Hospital

Ho Polyclinic

Ho Polytechnic

Ho Technical University

Hohoe Municipal Assembly

Information Service Department

Internal Audit Agency

Jaman North District Assembly

Jaman South (Jaman) District Assembly

Jasikan District Hospital

Juaben Municipal Assembly

Kedjebi

Keta District Hospital

Ketu North District Assembly

Ketu South Municipal Hospital

Kintampo College of Health and Well Being

Kintampo North Municipal Assembly

Kintampo South District Assembly

Koforidua General Hospital

Koforidua Technical University

Koforidua Training Centre

Kokofu Gen. Hospital

Komenda Edina Eguafo Abirem Municipal Assembly

Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital

Konongo District Hospital

Korle- Bu Teaching Hospital

Krachi East District Assembly

Krachi West District Assembly

Krachi West District Hospital

Kumasi High Sch

Kumasi south Hopital

Kumasi Technical University

Kumawu Polyclinic

Kumbungu District Assembly

Kwabere East Municipal Assembly

Kwaebiirem District Assembly

Kwahu Afram Plains South District Assembly

La Polyclinic

Lawra Municipal Hospital

Maamobi General Hospital

Mampong General Hospital

Mampong Municipal Assembly

Management Development And Productivity Institute

Mankranso Hospital

Methodist College of Education - Akim Oda

Metro Mass Transport Ltd

Midwifery Training School - Goaso

Minerals Commission

Ministry for the Interior

MINISTRY OF AVIATION

Ministry of Chieftaincy and Traditional Affairs

Ministry of Communications

Ministry of Defence

Ministry of Education

Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations

Ministry of Finance

Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development

Ministry of Food and Agriculture

Ministry of Gender, Children and Social protection

Ministry of Information

Ministry of Justice And Attorney General

Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development

Ministry of Roads and Highways

Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources

Ministry of Trade and Industry

Ministry of Transport

Ministry of Works and Housing

Ministry Of Youth And Sports

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National Board for Small Scale Industries

National Commission for Civic Education

National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons

National Development Planning Commission

National Film and Television Institute

National Identification Authority

National Information Technology Agency (NITA)

National Insurance Commission

National Lotteries Authority

National Pensions Regulatory Authority

National Petroleum Authority

National Road Safety Commission

National Service Secretariat

National Sports College

New Edubiase District Hospital

New Juaben South Municipal Assembly

Ngleshie Amanfro Polyclinic

Nkawie - Toase Government Hospital

Nkwanta North District Assembly

North East Regional Coordinating Council

North Gonja District Assembly

North Tongu District Assembly

Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCo)

Northern- Regional Co-ordinating Council

Nsawam Adoagyiri Municipal Assembly

Nsawam Government Hospital

Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Nalerigu

Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Sekondi

Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana

Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Asankragwa

Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Assinman Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Dunkwa

Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Koforidua

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Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Mampong Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Sampa Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Twifo Praso Nursing and Midwifery Training College -Korle Bu Nursing and Midwifery Training College-Kumasi

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Office of the Administrator General

Office of President

Office of the Head of Civil Service
Office of the Regional Health Directorate Ashanti Region
Office of the Regional Health Directorate Eastern Region
Office of the Regional Health Directorate Greater Accra Region

Office of the Regional Health Directorate Northern Region
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Office of the Regional Health Directorate Volta Region

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Okere District Assembly
Old Tafo Municipal Assembly
Peki College of Education
Peki Government Hospital
Pharmacy Council

Presby College of Education -Â Akropong Prestea Huni Valley District Assembly

Pru District Assembly
Pru West District Assembly

Public Interest and Accountability Committee (PIAC)

Public Procurement Authority
Public Utilities Regulatory Commission

Public Works Department Registrar Generals Department

Ridge Hospital

Scholarships Secretarait

School of Anesthesia - Ridge Regional Hospital

School of Dispensing Optics
Securities and Exchange Commission

Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly Sekyere Afram Plains District Assembly

Sekyere South District Assembly

Sene Dist. Hospital

Sissala West District Assembly

Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT)

Sogakope District Hospital South Dayi District Assembly South Tongu District Assembly St. Francis College of Education

St. Joseph College Of Education-Bechem

St. Monicas College of Education

St. Patricks Nursing and Midwifery Training college

St. Theresas College of Education

State Interests and Governance Authority

Suaman District Assembly Suame Municipal Assembly Suhum Government Hospital
Suhum Municipal Assembly
Suntreso District Hospital
Sunyani General Hospital
Sunyani Polytechnic
Tain District Assembly
Takoradi district Hospital
Takoradi Technical University
Tamale Central Hospital
Tamale College of Education
Tamale Teaching Hospital
Tamale Technical University
Tamale West Hospital
Tano North District Assembly

Tano South District Assembly Tarkwa District Hospital Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly

Techiman Minicipal Assembly
Tema Development Corporation

Tema Shipyard Ltd Tepa District Hospital

Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital University For Development Studies University Of Cape Coast (UCC)

University Of Education Winneba (UCEW) University of Energy and Natural Resources

University of Ghana - College of Basic and Applied Sciences

University of Ghana - College of Education University of Ghana - College of Health Sciences University of Ghana - College of Humanities

University Of Ghana (UG)

University of Ghana Health Services
University of Professional Studies, Accra
Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly
Upper Denkyira West District Assembly
Upper East- Regional Co-ordinating Council
Upper West- Regional Co-ordinating Council

Upper West Regional Hospital

Volta Lake Transport Company Limited Volta- Regional Coordinating Council

Volta River Authority Wa General Hospital Wasa Akropong Hospital

Wassa Amenfi East District Assembly
Wassa Amenfi West District Assembly

Wassa East District Assembly
Wesley College of Education - Kumasi

Western- Regional Co-ordinating Council

Winneba Municipal Hospital

OPEN CONTRACTING DATA STANDARDS

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the September-October, 2021 Edition of the eBulletin. In this edition, we seek to explore the application of OCDS and its benefits in public procurement.

The advent of online (web-based) applications, tools and platforms come with its associated large volumes of data. This has led to the development of many data analyzing tools to determine trends and exceptions. Some of these analyses are made public and others are not.

Most governments are adopting electronic systems in their dealings with the public. The primary objective of such systems is to enhance transparency and improve efficiency. To further gain public trust, data gathered by these systems should be analyzed and where necessary results displayed publicly.

The Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS) is a free, non-proprietary open data standard for public contracting, implemented by over 30 governments around the world. It is the only international open standard for the publication of information related to the planning, procurement, and implementation of public contracts and has been endorsed by the G20, the G7 and major international organizations. (https://www.open-contracting.org/).

The principal aim of the Open Contracting Data Standard is to promote increased disclosure and hence to improve participation in government spending.

The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) as the repository of public procurement data in Ghana adopted OCDS as part of the design and functionality of the Ghana Electronic Procurement System (GHANEPS). This is in line with its mission of promoting transparency in public procurement. GHANEPS has a centralized repository of information specifically for OCDS. Specific information is published to this repository when specific events occur as defined. This facilitates the publishing of contract data on GHANEPS.

Keep Reading.

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Question: Where is Ghana on the issue of Open Contracting?

Answer: There have been several measures put in place to ensure open contracting. Our flagship project is the Ghana Electronic Procurement System (GHANEPS), introduced by the Public Procurement Authority (PPA). The GHANEPs would eventually enable us to undertake the procurement process online, eliminating the human interface that is often the precursor for corruption.

Question: It would appear Ghana has found a panacea in the GHANEPs then, right?

Answer: Not quite. An electronic procurement platform like the GHANEPs is a monumental open contracting tool. However, the platform does not inherently stop inefficiency, mismanagement and corruption in procurement. It is up to stakeholders such as civil society organizations, the media and citizens to educate themselves on the workings of the platform and to scrutinize the information on GHANEPs in order to spot procurement irregularities and draw attention to it. Without interest in the GHANEPs and the capacity of stakeholders to understand, analyse and utilize the information on the platform; it will not provide any value in the fight against procurement related irregularities.

Question: What role is the GACC playing in all of this?

Answer: The Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC) continues to drive interest in the GHANEPs. With funding support from the Hewlett Foundation via the Africa Freedom of Information Centre (AFIC), we have invited the PPA to conduct training for public officials, the media, civil society organizations and citizens on the GHANEPs, and how to utilize the platform.

We also continue to lead various interventions to increase open contracting in Ghana, and in the sub-region (Sierra Leone and Benin); with support from donors such as the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) and the Open Society Foundation, and the US Embassy.

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ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES

The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) has begun the annual assessment of the procurement activities of the under-listed public Procurement Entities.

This exercise will cover all procurement activities undertaken by the listed Entities for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

The under-listed Entities are hereby notified that they shall be visited by Teams of Assessors from the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) who would be undertaking the assessment exercise.

All listed Procurement Entities are advised to assemble their records on procurement transactions undertaken in 2020 to enable the Team to complete the exercise successfully.

Please note that all the protocols associated with COVID-19 should be observed during such section. Contact the **COMPLIANCE, MONITORING AND EVALUATION DIRECTORATE** for any further clarification.

SIGNED
AG. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FRANK MANTE

PPA HOSTS GPPA



A five-member delegation from the Gambia Public Procurement Authority (GPPA) has paid a two-weeks working visit to Ghana to familiarise themselves with the country's procurement processes, spearheaded by the Public Procurement Authority (PPA). The visit will offer an opportunity for both Regulators to learn and share best country experiences practices.

delegation led by Saloum Malang, Director General of the GPPA will be in Ghana from Monday 5th – Friday 16th July, 2021.

In his welcome remarks, the AG. CEO of PPA, Mr. Frank Mante welcomed the delegation to PPA and Ghana as a whole and said that PPA is delighted to be the choice of destination for their benchmarking visit. He said that, the PPA will provide all the necessary information they would require to make their visit a successful one.

As part of the visit, the delegation will visit the GHANEPS training sessions in the Eastern Region of Ghana to study how GHANEPS seeks to promote transparency in all public procurement processes, ensures uniformity in procedures and consistent application of best international standards practices for the procurement of Goods, Works, and Services and for asset disposal.

The visit funded by the World Bank is part of preparation for the on-going World Bank Support to the Procurement Reforms System in Gambia particularly the Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP)

The Gambian delegation also includes: Samba JB Tambura, Director Compliance & Procurement Practices, Modou Ceesay, I.T Supervisor, Alieu Bangura, Principal IT Officer and Pa Modou Ann, Compliance Assistant.

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PPA INAUGURATES A 17-MEMBER STEERING COMMITTEE FOR GHANEPS



The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) has inaugurated and sworned in a 17-member Steering Committee to oversee the successful implementation of the Ghana Electronic Procurement System (GHANEPS). GHANEPS is being implemented under the eTransform Project which is being undertaken by the Ministry of Communication with funding support from the World Bank.

e-Procurement or electronic procurement promotes transparency in all operations, ensures uniformity in procedures and consistent application of international standards for the procurement of Goods, Works, and Services and for asset disposal. This is to foster competition, efficiency and transparency in the procurement process whilst leveraging on Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Mr. Frank Mante, the Acting Chief Executive of Public Procurement Authority(PPA) and the Chairman of the Steering Committee, in his remarks indicated that, for the successful implementation of a project such as the GHANEPS covering multiple Government organizations across the country, it is imperative to have collaboration and co-ordination among key stakeholders.

He added that, the implementation of GHANEPS is one such project where the key challenge is not in setting up a functional technology platform, but more in getting all the stakeholders to buy in and adopt the platform for day to day procurement activities.

The high powered steering committee has members cutting across multi-sectorial, professional and Civil Society Organizations. The other members include Mr. Augustine Blay, Secretary to the Vice-President, Eric Victor Appiah from PPA, Ruth Ferkah representing the Ministry of Communication, Rebecca Okai Hammond-

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representing the E-Transform Project, Golda G. Asante from the Office of the Head of Local Government Service, Fred Charles Forson representing the Office of the Head of the Civil Service, Raynold Quarshie from the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General, Alexander Koomson representing the Ghana Audit Service.

The rest are Marian Deladam of the Internal Audit Agency, Frank Ademan representing State Interest and Governance Authority, Kwame Jantuah of the Association on Ghana Industries (AGI), Beauty Emefa Narteh of the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition, Stella Addo of Chattered Institute of Procurement and Supply Chain (CIPS), Araba Kudiabor representing the Ghana Health Service, a representative from the Ministry of Finance and a representative ofthe Ghana Institute of Engineers. Mr. Kwame Prempeh, the Deputy Chief Executive of PPA, who leads the GHANEPS Secretariat, will serve as Secretary to the Steering Committee.

The Committee was sworn in by the out-going Chairman of PPA, Professor Douglass Boateng, who affirmed his confidence in the committee and urged members to be committed to this important national assignment. He also emphasized that, e-procurement is the future and GHANEPS stands to save the country millions of dollars on annual basis.

The mandate of the Steering Committee includes the facilitation and provision of inputs to the formulation of policies and procedures required for the implementation to enhance the rate of adoption. They would also monitor and supervise the implementation progress on a regular basis and provide appropriate guidance to ensure the roll –out of GHANEPS to all Public Procurement Entities.

The Roll-Out has been ongoing since 2019 and there are currently 242 Public Entities on the system. The expectation is to have the entire estimated 660 Public Entities on the system by October 2023. This include all MDAs, MMDAs, State Owned Enterprises, Hospitals and Tertiary institutions.

OUR LETTERS



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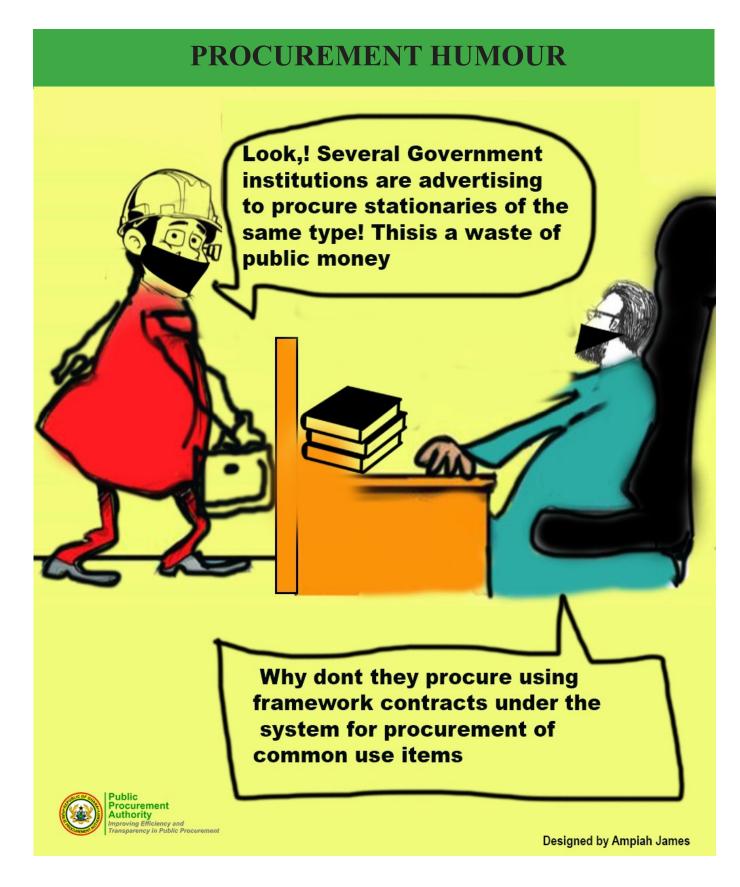


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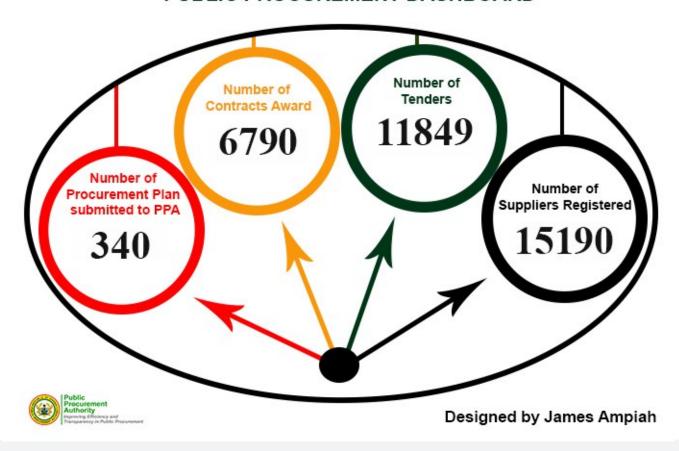
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- Insightful, Educative, and Relevant. That's how I would describe the newsletters.
- Beatrice, Accra
- The PPA is doing an amazing job. More grease to your elbows the editorial team. Keep bring us relevant information.
- Abdul, Kasoa
- I would like to know more about GHANEPS. I would also like to see the electronic procurement taught in Tertiary institutions
- Joseph, Koforidua



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