

Lesson learned from SWITCH-Asia SPP projects

Sub-regional Webinar: Enhancing the implementation of Green Public Procurement in the Southeast Asian Region

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Today's Topics

- Overview of SWITCH-Asia SPP projects
- Key observation
- Way forward



SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility **Technical Assistances**

Country	Period	Title of support	SPP related outputs
Indonesia	05.2020 – 01.2021	Enhancing Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) through the implementation of G/SPP and the preparation of a long-term action plan for G/SPP in Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Readiness Analysis for Green/ Sustainable Photocopy Paper and Wooden Furniture in Indonesia
India	04.2020 - 05.2021	Sustainable Public Procurement Action Plan for Indian Railways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Analysis • Scoping study • SPP Action Plan with implementation guide for Indian Railways
Mongolia	08.2019 – 03.2022	Updating the national SPP Action Plan Preparing SPP procurement criteria for 3 selected product groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised and updated SPP Actin Plan • SPP criteria for selected product groups • Capacity building for SMEs
Thailand	06.2020 – 09.2021	Mainstream Green Integration of Thailand: Transformation from Policy to Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and action plan to support, GPP, green products and services • Framework for National Green Directory
Thailand	01-06.2022	Development of Vendor List Registration System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online vendor registration system integrated into Thai Eco Products platform

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Bhutan	01.2014 – 07.2017	Scaling-up public demand for sustainable production in Bhutan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing legal and institutional GPP setting • Developing dedicated GPP guidance material for public procurers • Designing preferential programmes for SMEs and disadvantaged suppliers • Designing and facilitating GPP training sessions for public procurers and suppliers • Mentoring real-time GPP pilot tenders in selected industrial sectors • Providing for long-term GPP implementation by establishing a GPP knowledge platform and curricula.
China	12.2008-12.2011	SUPP-URB CHINA - Sustainable Public Procurement in Urban Administrations in China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapt and use SPP standards in municipal public procurement centres in Tianjin, Qinhuangdao and Lanzhou and to mainstream their application in China

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India	01.2018 - 12.2021	SWITCHing India's Consumption to Fair and Sustainable Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a network and active eco-system of institutions and partners including government agencies who promote sustainable consumption and procurement in India
Kazakhstan Tajikistan Uzbekistan	2020 – 2022	MOST - A Model for Sustainable Tourism in Central Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes sustainable tourism in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan through implementation of ISO standards related to green procurement and eco-labeling.
Kazakhstan	2020 – 2023	Implementation of SCP practices and sustainability schemes in the MSMEs of the Tourism Sector in Kazakhstan (SUSTOUKA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to resource efficiency in the tourism accommodation sector and supports implementation of sustainability certification systems.
Lao PDR	2020 - 2022	Promoting Sustainable Tourism by Integrating MSMEs into Sustainable Supply Chains and Raising Consumer Awareness (SUSTOUR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lao tourism supply chain is more sustainable by adoption of Travelife certified SCP practices among tourism SMEs by developing greener products for local supplier MSMEs, as well as sustainable settings for host Communities

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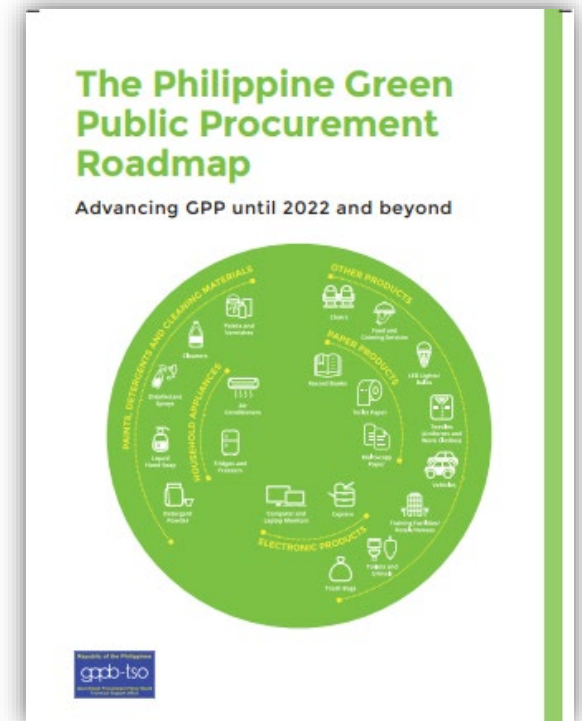
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Thailand	01.2018-12.2021	Consumers and Retailers Driving Sustainable Food Market in Thailand (DEAR CONSUMERS)	Green procurement of retailers on food products (seafood, banana, chicken chains)
Thailand	03.2014 – 02.2017	Greening Supply Chains in the Thai Auto and Automotive Parts Industries	Promoting green public procurement
Myanmar	01.2016-12.2019	SMART Myanmar II	Initiating public private dialogues on sustainable public procurement
Bangladesh	01.2016-06.2019	SUSBUILD Bangladesh – Promoting sustainable buildings	Engaging with policy makers to promote and regulate green construction and green public procurement

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India	04.2014-03.2018	Agribusiness Access to finance	Sustainable procurement of certified organic products in retailers
Vietnam Lao PDR Vietnam	04.2010-09.2014	SPIN-VCL - Sustainable Product Innovation in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos	Project branding, marketing skill trainings for SMEs, marketing access via fairs, product catalogues, promotion of sustainable public policy & procurement with government organisations;

SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component (2017)

Country	Period	Title of support
The Philippines	2014-2017	The Philippines Green Public Procurement Roadmap





Key observation

- Green/Sustainable Procurement is **one of the key areas** of SCP that SWITCH-Asia has supported for political and practical levels.
- **Political level** supports are through **development of policies**
- **Practical level** through **integration to project activities**, marketing tool to promote green/sustainable products or services developed by the projects.
- Green/Sustainable procurement is **not limited only to the governmental** level but reaching out to various sectors especially private sector.
- In countries where GPP policies have been promoted, **private sector has learned the principle** and adapt to their business → expansion of procurable products/service categories.
- **Clear link between political and practical level** (e.g. technical assistance for Thailand) began from policy development to implementation with interest from trade sector

Way forward



MOMENTUM is crucial!

- A plan without action is nothing → Prioritisation and get the work done

CAPACITY BUILDINGS should be conducted regularly.

- Procurers change over time → Tailor-made **E-learning** courses for specific audiences.
- More **dynamic platforms** to exchange experiences (technical advice/discussion)

MARKET ENGAGEMENT is the key that enables demand and supply sides to create impactful SPP practices in countries. Clear and consistent communication is essential to encourage long term engagement with all actors in the market.



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