Green Public Procurement in the Philippines

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Why we need a switch to ‘green’?

As defined by the Oslo Symposium in 1994, Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) is about “the use of services and related products, which respond to basic needs and bring a better quality of life while minimizing the use of natural resources and toxic materials as well as the emissions of waste and pollutants over the life cycle of the service or product so as not to jeopardize the needs of further generations.”
Where did it all start?

Support
Implementation of the Green Public Procurement (GPP)/Sustainable Public Procurement Regime in the Philippines

Adoption
Philippine GPP Roadmap and Technical Specifications

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Establishment
Green Procurement Program to support local suppliers with green products

Approval
List of prioritized Common-use Supplies and Equipment (CSE) and Non-CSE for GPP

Designation
GPP Steering Committee and Technical Committee
Where did it all start?

The Philippine Approach Towards GPP

- A *circumspect* approach (issues and concerns, capacities, best practices)
- A *stepwise* approach (gradually advancing)
- Based on *well-established public procurement processes*
- The *best deal* for the government (value for money) and industry (getting a potent buyer for green products)
- Inspired by the logic that governments have to *lead by example* in transforming the market
Where did it all start?

The Philippine GPP Roadmap Strategies

- Policy Commitment
- GPP of CSE
- GPP of Non-CSE
- GPP Communication and Awareness
- GPP Implementation Monitoring
Where did it all start?

GPP Prioritized Items and Specifications

ASSESSMENT MATRIX

- Market Readiness
- Environmental Impact
- Cost Implications
- Practicability
- Support to government environmental objectives
- Support to the local economy

CSE PRODUCTS
- Multi-copy Paper
- Record Books
- Chairs
- Trash Bags
- Detergent Powder
- Toilet Paper
- Cleaners
- Disinfectant Sprays
- Liquid Hand Soap
- LED Lights/Bulbs

NON-CSE PRODUCTS
- Computer and Laptop Monitors
- Air Conditioners
- Vehicles
- Copiers
- Food and Catering Services
- Textiles (Uniforms and work clothes)
Where is the PH now?

The number of Procuring Entities who have applied green specifications in non-CSE items increased by 14% in the year 2019.
Where is the PH now?

Ongoing Initiatives

- Eco-friendly materials promotion
- CSE and non-CSE expansion
- Strengthening partnerships
Where is the PH now?

Ongoing Initiatives

Results showed the need to:

- Intensify GPP awareness campaign
- Reach nationwide information dissemination on GPP
- Recast capacity building efforts
- Raise GPP champions
- Invest on green technical skills
- Build stronger partnerships with suppliers
- Strengthen GPP policies

Data gathering for GPP assessment
Where is the PH now?

Challenges

- Sustaining GPP reforms
- Mainstreaming GPP trainings
- Integration of technical skills in GPP
What's next for the PH?

Capacity Development

GPP trainings nationwide

GPP Champions

Market opportunities on GPP
What’s next for the PH?

Procurement Dashboard

Interim Review of Procurement Performance
What’s next for the PH?

Procurement Policies

Evidence-based GPP policies

Incentive programs
Takeaways

Build GPP on the existing public procurement principles

GPP Requires Engagement of Stakeholders

GPP Implementation Needs Leadership