



Open Contracting Fact Sheet

Open contracting consists of disclosure and engagement throughout the entire procurement process, including planning, tendering, awarding, and implementation. The financial and human cost of corruption in these processes is significant. Addressing these challenges through open contracting is quickly becoming a global norm. While work remains, OGP commitments have already produced strong results through a number of innovative reforms.

KEY TAKEAWAYS¹

- **Momentum behind open contracting is growing in OGP.** Almost three-quarters of OGP members have made an open contracting commitment.
- **Open contracting commitments achieved significant changes in levels of transparency at much higher rates than other commitments.**
- **Engage users at the sector level:** Working with stakeholders in a particular sector can be a more feasible, efficient, and cost-effective way to improve the utilization of contracting data as a whole.
- **Empower women:** Governments can use public procurement policy to actively promote gender equality by publishing gender-disaggregated contracting data and engaging citizens to create gender-responsive procurement policies.²

OPEN CONTRACTING COMMITMENT UPTAKE

189

open contracting commitments have been included in OGP action plans since 2011.

145

open contracting commitments have been assessed by OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM).

70

OGP members have made open contracting commitments. 37 members are currently implementing open contracting commitments.

¹ This fact sheet analyzes OGP commitment data as of March 2019. For a deeper gap analysis and strategic discussion, please refer to the Open Contracting section of the OGP Global Report, available at opengovpartnership.org/campaigns/global-report.

² For more on gender and open contracting, refer to the Open Contracting section of the OGP Global Report.



NOTABLE COMMITMENTS

Elgeyo Marakwet, Kenya

More Transparent and Accessible Government Contracts

In 2016, Elgeyo Marakwet committed to expanding open contracting in response to citizen concerns regarding the execution of contracts. The county will standardize project design and reporting documents, publish regular reports on awarded contracts and project implementation, and create an online tool to enable public monitoring throughout the contract cycle. Now, Elgeyo Marakwet seeks to expand procurement opportunities for youth, women, and people with disabilities and publish data on the gender of government contractees.

France

Open Procurement Increases Competition

In 2015, France added an open data clause in public contracts to increase the transparency of calls for procurement. All municipalities must now provide free access to data regarding public contracts and up-to-date information on the buyer and the details of the contract during the contract's implementation. The information must remain publicly available for five years after the execution of the contract.

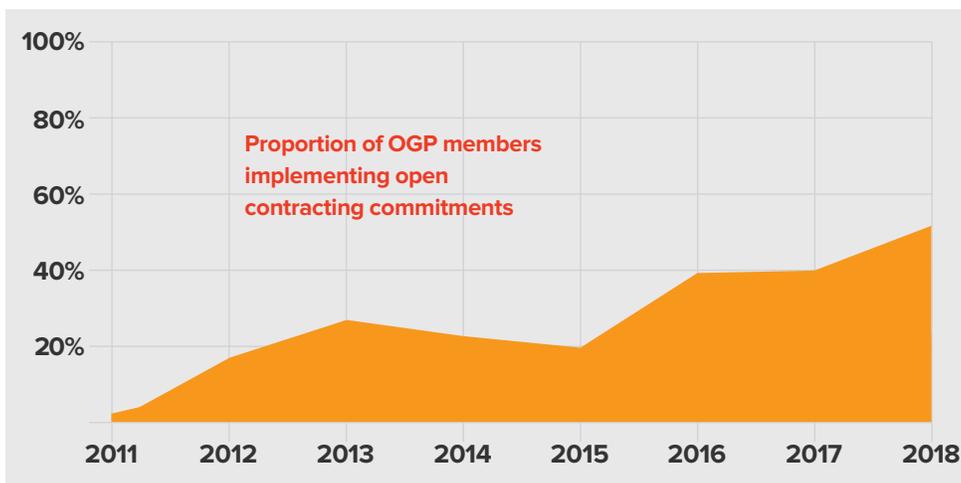
Nigeria

Further Implementation of the Open Contracting Data Standard

Nigeria committed to adopting open contracting standards to enhance transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in public procurement. The government is prioritizing critical ministries including Power, Transportation, Works, Agriculture, Health, Education, Niger Delta, Environment, and Solid Minerals.

OPEN CONTRACTING COMMITMENT PROGRESS

Open contracting has grown rapidly among OGP members since 2015.

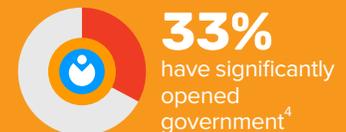


WHAT ARE OGP MEMBERS DOING ABOUT OPEN CONTRACTING?

- ✓ Creating open registries of contractors
- ✓ Implementing open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS)

QUICK STATS ON PROGRESS

Out of all IRM-assessed open contracting commitments:



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³ Exemplary commitments that have high specificity, transformative potential impact, significant completion at the time of assessment, and are relevant to OGP values.

⁴ This variable measures how much government practice has changed as a result of a particular commitment. Major and outstanding scores indicate the commitment made significant improvements to government openness.

