



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021

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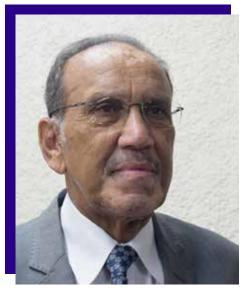
AfDB	African Development Bank	
BEC	Bid Evaluation Committee	
вос	Bid Opening Committee	
вот	Build Operate Transfer	
CIDB	Construction Industry Development Board	
сс	Competition Commission	
СРВ	Central Procurement Board	
СТВ	Central Tender Board	
СРО	Central Procurement Officer	
DBD	Draft Bidding Documents	
EOI	Expression of Interest	
ICAC	Independent Commission Against Corruption	
IRP	Independent Review Panel	
MUR	Mauritian Rupee	
MOFEPD	Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development	
ONB	Open National Bidding	
OIB	Open International Bidding	
РВ	Public Body	
РСРО	Principal Central Procurement Officer	
РРА	Public Procurement Act 2006 as subsequently amended	
РРО	Procurement Policy Office	
PPP	Public Private Partnership	
RB	Restricted Bidding	
RRA	Rodrigues Regional Assembly	
SBD	Standard Bidding Document	
SIL	State Informatics Limited	
тс	Technical Committee	

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I have much pleasure to present this annual report, for period 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021, in compliance with Section 8A of the Public Procurement Act 2006 as amended, on behalf of the Central Procurement Board (CPB)

### FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



In my message to all my readers I would like once more to stress on the role of the CPB in the economy as well as our collective efforts during this year to perform our duties with expediency and efficiency

#### <u>The Central Procurement Board – a major player in the procurement landscape</u>

The CPB has a pivotal role to play in the development of a public procurement system which allocates scarce government resources in a prudent and judicious manner to projects which yield best value for money. CPB caters for major procurement, be they, for the supply of goods, services and infrastructural and other works for public sector entities. CPB's role in the socioeconomic development of the country is of great paramount and must be given all the support required whether in terms of human resources, logistics and technology to innovate and modernize.

#### Activities during the year

In the year under review (July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021) in particular the third to fourth quarter the country was under lockdown from 10 March to 30 April 2021 with the office only closing from 10 to 15 March 2021. However, at the CPB we continued our activities, and operated with limited staff on a roster basis from 16 March to 30 April 2021. Work only resumed under the new "normal" as from the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021. We viewed the pandemic as a real challenge to be more committed to our performance targets and use technology to deal with the situation.

The country's economic situation was expected to deteriorate with a huge back lash on tourism, and with our manufacturing sector experiencing the negative effects of closed borders, rising freight rates, increasing foreign exchange costs and unavailability of foreign expertise and skills. Real GDP, according to World Bank data declined to around 15.3% in year 2020. However, the economy is expected to rebound fueled by the construction sector and public investment as well as the tourism industry with a relaxation of travel restrictions.

Realizing the importance of moving our economy on the path of growth we multiplied our efforts to clear, vet and expedite the launch of bidding documents, appoint promptly evaluation teams to recommend the best bids and award contracts within the best possible minimum delays.

However, we never compromised on our efforts to ensure transparency and that all necessary information be made available to bidders regarding specifications, employer's requirements and expectations, qualification and evaluation criteria so that bidders are on the same level playing field and make informed decisions.

We went the extra mile to have more meetings and discussions with public bodies to understand their stand point and impress upon them the need to open up competition and give a fair chance to first time and small bidders during vetting of bidding documents. We had 49 meetings with public bodies during the year and organized 62 vetting sessions.

We took into consideration the queries of bidders and their requests for clarifications as well as the explanations of public bodies to further appreciate the needs of the market and where we need to improve as well as the public bodies in future bidding exercises.

The Board is most conscious of its role and responsibility as the institution that does procurement for major projects for the Government and hence considers itself as being in the shop window through which Mauritius is seen and appreciated as a country where procurement is done in all transparency, fairness, equity and trust and is good for doing business.

In each project that is processed through the CPB, every attention regarding fairness and reasonableness to all concerned parties are given the highest consideration with the aim to encourage competition so that the best value is obtained for the Public Body undertaking the project.

At the level of the Board, the imperative has always been that no major project should suffer undue delay with regard to its vetting, evaluation and award. Hence, despite the lockdown, the Board still endeavored to meet its KPIs, that is, to complete the respective stages of processing of the bid document from reception, to vetting, to completing the evaluation and award within the set target dates.

For the year under report the number of projects vetted, evaluated and approved were:85 for a value of 28.6 billion rupees. The comparative figures for 2019/ 2020 and 2018/2019 were 77 for a value of 28.2 billion and 74 for a value of 18.3 billion respectively. The figures, more details of which are contained in this report, show that despite the pandemic, work at the CPB

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was much more than usual.

To conclude, I wish to thank my fellow Board members, whose varied experience and expertise in their different disciplines have been of great value in decision making on intricate and complex matters.

I also wish to thank the Chief Executive, the Secretary of the Board and all our staff for the excellent work they do every day.

Last but not least, I recognize the valued contribution of the competent and experienced evaluators and other experts who have provided service of very high standard to the Board.

Raj H Prayag PDSM, PEng, MICE, FIEM, RPEM Chairperson

### DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



July 2020 to June 2021 was a tough year globally as the World was hit by the COVID 19 Pandemic. Private sector Organisations, Businesses whether large or small and Government had to confront and navigate through a number of challenges to keep up employment and assist the population to maintain a certain quality of life and productivity.

I am happy to report that the Central Procurement Board (CPB), despite a lock down of three months from 10<sup>th</sup> March to May 2021 pursued its activities with the same vigour and commitment. The Board, Management and the staff put in added efforts for this year to ensure that the core mandates of CPB were achieved.

We multiplied our interaction with public bodies and our sister procurement institutions, i.e. The Policy office, the Independent Review Panel and other institutions like the CIDB and the Competition Commission. Better communication with our stakeholders and the latter's involvement in and understanding of our strategies and goals were, we believed, the best way to assist us to meet our deliverables. We organized onsite visits to better understand projects which were sent to us for examination by the respective public bodies.

The very number of projects is a safe indication that Public Procurement sustained its momentum in Mauritius during the year and this was of crucial importance for an economy hit by Covid 19 and the resulting deceleration in GDP growth as a result of attrition in tourist arrivals, volume of manufactured goods, insolvent companies and rising underemployment. In effect there was an 14.5 % increase during the year compared to the pre covid year (2018/2019) and a 10.4 % increase compared to 2019/2020 in projects received.

Public procurement in this crisis period can bring a fillip to some of the ailing sectors but must be used strategically. If carefully planned, implemented and directed to priority sectors Public Procurement can make a positive contribution to the economic, environmental and social progress of a Mauritius.

During the year the type of "works" projects received demonstrate that it was Government's objective to improve social amenities for the welfare of citizens but foremost was the upgrading of our road infrastructure through the construction of motorways, link roads, bridges and the improvement in the provision of upgraded public utilities like sewerage projects the improvement of the water supply network, the renewal of a pumping main, the use of renewable energy through solar projects, coastal protection, landscaping and the upgrading of drains.

Needless to point out that for all these projects the CPB had to rein in the required expertise and skills not only to ensure that the draft bidding documents were in order but that these contained all necessary and relevant information to permit a fair evaluation. CPB's s overriding goal is to ensure that all bidders are placed on the same level field to ensure competitive pricing and reduce unfairness to its minimum.

Some public bodies, unfortunately, are not so much focused on providing a proper draft bidding document, realistic cost estimates and most do not engage in any market screening and market probing to determine whether or not the market has enough participants whether from Mauritius and abroad.

During the year, 63 draft Bidding documents were vetted with an average vetting duration of 36 days, 65 bid opening sessions were held where 474 bids were received,.49 Meetings were held with the public bodies by the Board with a view to exchanging what could be improved so as to bring in more clarity. Another issue is the replies that are made to bidders when queries are made after the launching of bids. Such queries sometimes reflect the inadequacies and inconsistencies noted by bidders in the draft bidding documents. The CPB therefore takes extra attention to approve the replies to queries whether in the form of clarifications or addenda. The public bodies are again invited to clear with the CPB the replies made so that in future bidders do not have such a number of queries and that numerous addenda are not required.

The appointment of the competent and independent evaluators who will examine and evaluate the bids received after the closing date for bids is one of CPB's routine activities but not so simple as it may appear. There is a list of registered evaluators but the CPB has to ensure that the evaluators selected will respect confidentiality provisions, have no conflict of interest and are able to perform the evaluation in time. For some projects the choice of evaluators do not pose any problem but for more complex projects with a longer gestation period and in specialized fields the CPB has to brainstorm, discuss and decide on the way forward. The avenues available is to find an appropriate expert to assist the Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) or to assist the Board during the review of the Bid Evaluation Report as to whether the technical analysis is across board and the recommendations made can be validated. It is also worth mentioning that the evaluation exercise undertaken by the CPB is also an avenue for capacity building for Chairpersons of Departmental Bid Committees in various public Bodies.

### DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Some 58 projects were evaluated during the year with an average evaluation duration of 30 days technical assistance for vetting were requested for some specialized projects as well as due diligence reports on some other projects.

It is to be pointed out that for major contracts the decision of the CPB can be the subject of a challenge by aggrieved bidders and be eventually reviewed by the IRP through an Application for Review within a stipulated time period.

CPB spent some 53.7 million rupees for the year which shows a reduction in expenditure of. Though fees for evaluators increased from 6.7 million to 8.1 million there was a decrease in operational costs.

I wish to conclude by thanking the Board, Management, and Staff of the Central Procurement Board for their unflinching support and efforts they have endeavoured to make sure that our core mandates are achieved.

Let me also use this opportunity to thank the Procurement Policy Office, the Independent Review Panel and all our stakeholders, Public Entities, Private Sector, the Civil Society and the Media for their cooperation and support.

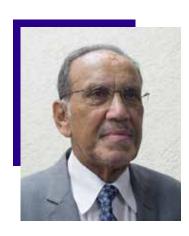
I hope that this report will enhance the understanding of our functions and duties and paints a clear picture of the performance and achievements of our team during the year.

#### D. Mannick

Deputy Chief Executive

#### 1 CPB's Board

#### The Board



**Mr. Raj Hemansing PRAYAG** (Chairperson)



Mr. Krishna Menon MAUREMOOTOO (Vice-Chairperson)



**Mr. Hirendranath RAMBOJUN** (Former Vice-Chairperson from 21.05.2014 to 14.09.2020)



Mr. Swaminathan RAGEN (Vice-Chairperson as from 21.05.2021)



Mr. Kirsley Errol BAGWAN (Member)



Mrs. Sharda Devi DINDOYAL (Member)



Mr. Abdool Sattar ABOOBAKAR (Member)

The contract of Mr. Hirendranath Rambojun expired on 14 September 2020 and he was no longer in office with effect from 15 September 2020. Mr. Swaminathan Ragen, former Secretary for Public Service, assumed duty as Vice-Chairperson on 21 May 2021.

#### 1.1 Meetings of the Board for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

92 Board Meetings were held during the financial year 2020-2021. There were 45 ad-hoc meetings and 49 meetings with public bodies.

To further improve the procurement process, the CPB has held 8 meetings with the PPO during the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

The Board also conducted 3 site visits during the financial year.

#### 2 CPB's Management and Staff

The Management Team is headed by the Chief Executive who is also responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and is assisted in his function by the Deputy Chief Executive.



The Management



**Dinesh Mannick**Deputy Chief Executive

The Management Team of the CPB, which constitutes the core staff of the department, is made up of the Administrative and Technical units.

Planning, coordination, supervision and performance of functions relating to human resource management, budgeting, information technology, supplies, registry and records management (among others) fall under the purview of the administrative department.

The technical unit is responsible for a wide range of activities in respect of procurement documents of major contracts. The unit consists mainly of the Manager, Assistant Managers, Principal Central Procurement Officers (PCPO), Central Procurement Officers (CPO/SCPO), qualified engineers and other professionals.

#### 3 Operational Costs

The CPB has incurred operational costs of MUR 53.7 million for the 2020-2021 financial year. Staff costs constitute the major part (66.7%) of the CPB's operational costs. Fees paid to members of Bid Evaluation Committees have increased from MUR6.7 million in 2019-2020 to MUR 8.2 million in 2020-2021.

**Table 1 - Operational Costs** 

Item	Amount (MUR)		
	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	
Staff Costs	37,538,318.00	35,863,630	
Evaluation Fees	6,747,379.00	8,160,106	
Rent Equipment and Other Utilities Cost	7,362,393.00	7,274,083	
Sundries and Postages	637,482.00	403,962	
Maintenance of Building, Equipment, Vehicles & Others	2,269,100.00	1,213,983	
Printing and Stationery	755,618.00	599,097	
Other Expenditure	216,737.00	224,000	
TOTAL	55,527,027.00	53,738,861	

#### Operational Costs of CPB for 2020 - 2021 Financial year

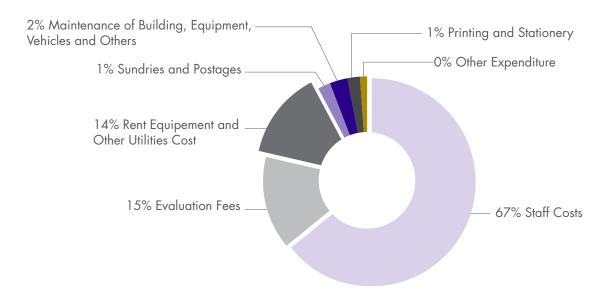


Figure 1 - Operational Costs of CPB for 2020-2021 Financial Year

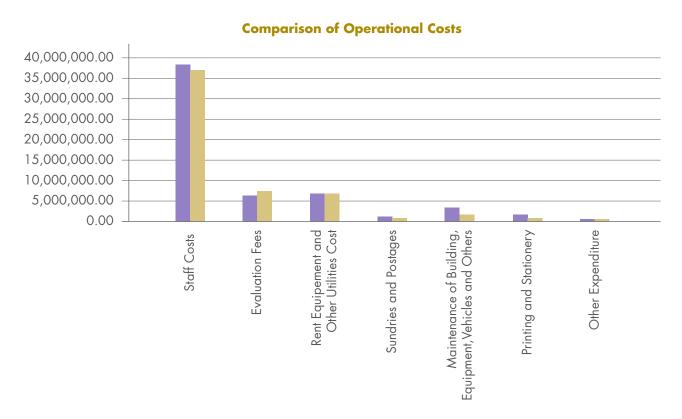


Figure 2 - Comparison of Operational Costs for financial Year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

#### 4 Useful Statistics

#### 4.1 Projects Received

During the 2020-2021 financial year, the CPB received 85 projects out of which 54 were on e-procurement. The total estimated cost of the received projects was MUR28.6 billion, distributed as follows:

**Table 2** - Projects Received by Type

Project Type	Count	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)
Works	43	19,471.30
Buildings	18	2,947.60
Roads & Bridges & Grade Separated Junctions	9	5,405.50
Public Utilities	11	9,661.20
Other Works	5	1,457.00
Goods	23	5,802.40
Consultancy	2	1,296.50
Other Services	17	1,983.98
Total	85	28,554.18

43 of the received projects were Works projects with a total estimated cost of MUR 19.5 billion. Goods projects represent 27.1% of all received projects, with a total estimated cost of MUR 5.8 billion. The projects received during the financial year are listed by category below.

No.	Description	Estimated Cost (MUR Million)	E-Procurement		
	BUILDINGS				
1	Construction of Multipurpose Complex at Rivere du Rempart	50	No		
2	Upgrading of Existing Building at FAREI - Reduit	21.6	No		
3	Upgrading of Camp du Roi Stadium at Camp du Roi, Rodrigues	22.2	No		
4	Multi Purpose Complex and Music School at 1st Floor Level of the existing Abercrombie Market Fair Building at Port Louis	80	Yes		
5	Construction of Stadium at Roche Bon Dieu - Rodrigues	71.4	No		
6	Construction of an Industrial Park for SME's at Vuillemin	153.1	No		
7	Construction of a Flyover at Quay D Roundabout	345.2	Yes		
8	Construction of a New Multipurpose Hall at SSS Goodlands	91.9	No		
9	Procurement for Construction of Drains and Retaining Wall at Morcellement Hermitage Coromandel	42.9	Yes		
10	Procurement of New Market Fair at Chemin Grenier	198	Yes		
11	Construction of Fire Station at Goodlands	55.3	Yes		
12	Framework Agreement for the Construction and Upgrading of Amenities & Associated Works	500	Yes		
13	Maintenance, Repairs & Rehabilitation of Government Buildings under Framework Agreement (2020-2022)	956.5	Yes		
14	Construction of a Multisport Complex at Triolet	200	Yes		
15	Construction of a New Civil Service College and Associated Infrastructure Works at Reduit	-	Yes		
16	Construction of an Administrative Building and Headquarters at Souillac	90	Yes		
17	Upgrading of Camp du Roi Stadium at Camp du Roi, Rodrigues	37.1	No		
18	Construction of New Building, Phase I at Wooton	32.4	No		
	ROADS & BRIDGES & GRADE SEPARATED JUNCTIONS				
19	Prequalification - Construction of a Single Carriageway from Bel Air to Pont Blanc	1,400	Yes		
20	Maintenance, Upgrading, Resurfacing and Construction of Roads in Rodrigues 2020-2022	253.2	No		
21	Construction of Verdun Bypass	291	Yes		

22	Motorway M4 from Airport to Forbach -Phase 1 - Construction of a Single Carriageway from Bel Air to Pont Blanc	1,429	Yes
23	Construction of La Brasserie - Beaux Songes Link Road Phase 2 - Prequalification	994	Yes
24	Interchange Construction and Improvements along M3-A14 Corridor at Ebene	540	Yes
25	Upgrading of Chemin Vingt Pieds from Sottise to Cap Malheuruex Bypass Round About	293	Yes
26	Construction of about 30km of track roads in Rodrigues	145.3	No
27	Upgrading of Bridge at Madame Lolo Road, Rose Belle	60	Yes
	ENERGY & PUBLIC UTILITIES		
28	Prequalification for the Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of six 66 KV GIS Substations	2,170	Yes
29	Riviere des Anguilles Dam - Prequalification of Bidders	5,220	Yes
30	Framework Agreement for Underground Cable Works	600	Yes
31	Sewerage Project at Morcellement Goolamally Terre Rouge	118	Yes
32	Renewal and Upgrading of Water Supply Network in Beau Bassin/ Rose Hill Phase II	168	Yes
33	Framework Agreement for Contract - Minor Works for Pipelaying and Ancillary Works for Zones 1-6 for 2021-2023	-	Yes
34	Fixing of New Supplies and Road Reinvestment in Six Water Supply Zones	160	Yes
35	Renewal of Pumping Main from New Plaine Lauzun Pumping Station to Upper Monneron Reservoir	109	Yes
36	Construction of River Intake and Water Treatment Plant at Pont Lardier	476.2	Yes
37	Prequalification for the Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 20 MW Battery Energy Storage System	500	Yes
38	Procurement of 2000 x 1.5K wac Grid Tie Roof Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Lits for home Solar Project	140	Yes
	OTHER WORKS		
39	Operation and Maintenance of Roche Bois Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes from Roche Bois to Mare Chicose Landfill	179.6	No
40	Coastal Protection, Landscaping and Infrastructural Works in Mauritius - Petit Sable, Bambous Virieux	115.6	No
41	Coastal Protection, Landscaping and Infrastructural Works at Bambous Virieux	121.5	No
42	Framework Agreement for Construction and Upgrading of Drains and Associated Works for 24 Months	850	Yes
43	Rehabilitation of existing Wastewater Network and Ancillary Works on NHDC Housing Estate - Lot 2	190.3	Yes
	GOODS		
44	Procurement of Gas Oil for the Six Depots of the NTC - Framework Agreement	624	No
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45	Supply of Dirty Petroleum Products	688	Yes	
46	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Angiography Machine at Cardiac Centre, Pamplemousses	40	No	
47	RFP For Proposal under the Build operate Transfer Projects Act 2016.  For the setting up of a used Tyres Recycling/Processing Facility in Mauritius on Build -Own- Operate Basis	-	No	
48	Maintenance and Repairs of STS, RIG Cranes and Substitution for a period of 5 years at Mauritius Container Terminal	500	No	
49	Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccines for 2020-2021	60	No	
50	Procurement of Free Wifi Services in Mauritius and Rodrigues	180	No	
51	Supply, Testing and Commissioning of Light Armoured Personnel Carriers (LAPC)	-	No	
52	Construction and Installation of Traffic and Road Safety Devices 2021-2023	650	Yes	
53	Procurement of 40,000 units of High Density Polyethelene Plastic Bags with Cover	24	No	
54	Procurement of Dialysis Consumables Kits (2021-2023)	240	Yes	
55	Procurement of Orthopaedic Implants and Instruments for 2 years (2020-2022)	410.9	Yes	
56	Procurement of Lubricating Oil for CEB Thermal Power Stations	192	Yes	
57	Supply and Commissioning of Two New Twin Screw Harbour Tugboats of 15 to 18 Tonnes Bullard Pull	194	Yes	
58	Procurement of Reagents, Chemicals, etc. for National Blood Transfusion Part 2 (TTI & NAT) Central Health Laboratory	48.9	No	
59	Procurement of liquefied petroleum gas for 2021-2022 state trading corporation	387	Yes	
60	Supply, installation and commissioning of tablets and flip flap covers	84.7	No	
61	Government Digital Network (GDN). Ministry of Information Technology, Communication & innovation.	300	Yes	
62	Design, Supply, installation and commissioning of centralized Access Control CCTV System for Port Area - MPA	130	Yes	
63	Design, Supply, installation and commissioning of centralized Maritime single Window system - MPA	119	Yes	
64	Supply of Clean Petroleum Products	-	Yes	
65	Framework Agreement for the Construction and Installation of Traffic and Food Safety Devices	649.5	Yes	
66	High Speed Connectivity for Secondary Schools	280.4	Yes	
	CONSULTANCY			
67	Framework Agreement for Consultancy Services for Drain Works, Road Works, Amenities for 2 years	1,200	Yes	
68	Consultancy Services for the Coastal Protection, Landscaping and Infrastructural Works 2021-2025	96.5	yes	

	OTHER SERVICES		
69	Procurement of Security Services for CWA	282	Yes
70	Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection & Disposal including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Waste - Lot 1 & 2	71	Yes
71	General Sanitation, Street Cleaning, Collection and Carting Away of Solid Waste At Mahebourg Village, Beau Vallon Village, Ville Noire and Blue Bay Localities Including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Wastes	69.2	Yes
72	Procurement for the Security Services on Municipal Sites and Locations Throughout Port Louis	54	Yes
73	Procurement of Services for the provision of Scavenging service including carting away of post cyclonic wastes within the Municipal Council of Curepipe	53.98	No
74	Beach Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Maintenance of Toilet Blocks for Secondary Beaches - Lots 3 & 5	66.6	No
75	Dry Docking and Repairs Services for M/V Trochetia	-	No
76	Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Wastes for 36 Months - Central Flacq Village	40.9	Yes
77	Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Cleaning of Public Places & Toilets - Lot 2 Le Hochet	19	No
78	Operation and Maintenance of Poudre D'Or Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes to Mare Chicose	216.9	Yes
79	Operation and Maintenance of La Laura Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes from La Laura Transfer Station to Mare Chicose Landfill	116	No
80	Operation and Maintenance of La Brasserie Transfer Station and Transportation of Wastes to Mare Chicose Landfill	114	No
81	Procurement of security services for CWA	282	Yes
82	Procurement services for street cleaning, Refuse collection and Disposal including carting away of post cyclonic wastes in the District council of Black River Area for a period of 36 months.	285.6	Yes
83	Provision of security services for CEB critical sites	220.8	No
84	Street cleaning, Refuse collection and disposal including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Wastes Lot 4 - MCPL	38	Yes
85	Scavenging Services within the Township of Curepipe for 36 months	54	Yes

As at 30 June 2021, the status of the 85 received projects was as follows:

#### **Outcome of Received Projects**

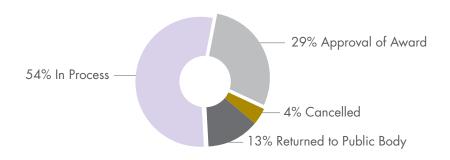


Figure 3 - Received Projects by Status

As shown in Figure 3, 46 projects were still in process as at 30 June 2021 (see Figure 4 for a more detailed breakdown of projects still under progress) either at the vetting, bidding or evaluation stage or were awaiting approval/ decision. 3 projects were cancelled during the financial year. Documents for 11 projects were returned to the respective public bodies either at the vetting stage or after the public opening of bids.

For the projects still in process at 30 June 2021, 24 were at the vetting stage; 10 were at the advertising stage; 8 were being evaluated and 4 projects were awaiting approval/ decision.

#### **Projects Still in Process**

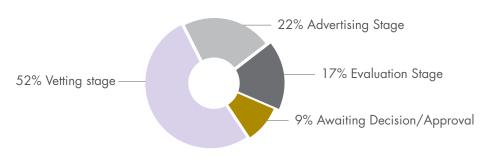


Figure 4 - Projects Still in Process

#### 4.2 Vetting of Bidding Documents

Table 3 - Vetting of Bidding Documents for Financial Year 2020-2021

Vetting	2020-2021
No. of Bidding Documents	63
Total Vetting Duration (Days)	2245
Average Vetting Duration (Days)	36

As per Table 3, a total of 63 bidding documents were vetted during the financial year. The overall total vetting duration, which is measured as the number of days as from the date of receipt of all requested information including complete Draft Bidding Documents (DBD) to its approval by the Board, for all 63 projects was 2245 days. The average vetting period per bidding document was therefore 36 days.

#### 4.3 Public Bid Opening Sessions

Table 4 - Public Bid Opening Sessions of Project for Financial Year 2020-2021

Public Bid Opening Sessions	2020-2021
Number of Sessions	65
Total No. of Bids received	474
Median	5

A total of 65 bid opening sessions (including 24 under e-procurement) took place during the 2020-2021 financial year. The total number of bids received was 474. The median number of bids received was 5. The lowest number of bids received for a project during the financial year was 1 while the maximum was 25.

The bidding methods used for major contracts for the procurement of Goods, Works, Consultancy Services and Other Services are in accordance with the PPA and are as follows:

- Open International Bidding (OIB);
- Open National Bidding (ONB); and
- Restricted Bidding (RB).

Open International Bidding (OIB) was the preferred procurement method for the advertised projects; 52.3% of all advertised projects used this method followed by Open National Bidding (ONB) which is 44.6%. For one project, there was an invitation to pregualified bidders which was made. This is described in Figure 5.

#### **Projects Still in Process**

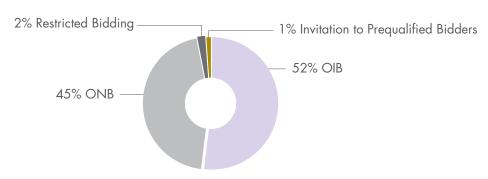


Figure 5 - Procurement Method for Advertised Projects

#### **4.4 Evaluation**

During the financial year 2020-2021, bids were evaluated for 58 projects for a total number of 1742 days. The average number of evaluation days was 30 as per Table 5.

Table 5 - Evaluation of Projects for Financial Year 2020-2021

Projects Evaluated	2020-2021
Number of Projects	58
Total Evaluation Days	1742
Average Evaluation Days	30

#### 4.5 Approval of Award

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021, approval of award of contract was conveyed for 59 projects with a total contract value of MUR13.7 billion. The Board approved award of contract for 35 Works projects with a total contract value of MUR9.5 billion. 15 projects for the procurement of Goods with a total contract value of MUR3.3 billion were also approved for award of contract. The remaining related to Other Services (15.3%).

Table 6 - Approved Projects by Type for Financial Year 2020-2021

Project Type	Count	Contract Value (MUR)
Works	35	9,523,545,908
Buildings	16	1,143,873,547
Roads & Bridges & Grade Separated Junctions	9	6,666,884,689
Public Utilities	7	1,441,373,100
Other Works	3	271,414,573
Goods	15	3,298,864,619
Consultancy	0	-
Other Services	9	926,624,428
Total	59	13,749,034,955

#### Contract Value of Projects approved for the Year 2020 - 2021

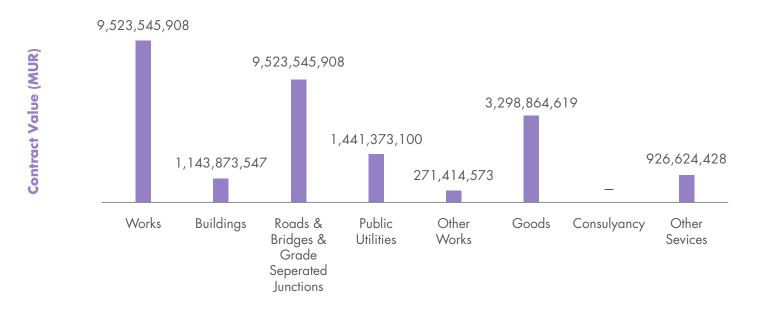


Figure 6 - Contract Value of Projects approved for Year 2020-2021

#### 4.6 Challenges and Appeals

Bidders may challenge the procurement proceedings within five days from either the invitation to bid or from opening of bids and seven days following notification of award.

Bidders who claim to have suffered, or to be likely to suffer, loss or injury due to breach of a duty imposed by the PPA on a public body or the Board may challenge the procurement proceedings. The challenge has to be submitted to the Public Body (PB), in accordance with the PPA, within the prescribed time. The Board would then provide to the PB materials for reply to the challenge of the aggrieved bidders. In the absence of a decision by the PB within the prescribed time of seven days or if bidders are still not satisfied with the decision of the PB, they may apply to the IRP for a review of procurement proceedings.

During the financial year ended 30 June 2021, challenges were received from aggrieved bidders in respect of 13 major contracts. In 3 cases, aggrieved bidders were satisfied with the replies of the PB. 9 filed applications for review, but 1 application was withdrawn. The IRP found no merit in 3 cases while 1 application was set aside. The IRP further recommended that bids are re-evaluated in 3 instances. The outcome of the challenge of 2 projects (including 1 for which application for review was filed) was still unknown as at the end of the financial year.

### 5 Approved Awards of Contract in Financial Year 2020-2021

Approval for award of contract was made for a total of 59 projects during the financial year 2020-2021. The complete list of these projects is provided by category in Table 7 below.

Name of Public Body Procurement Description		Contract Value (MUR)	
BUILDINGS			
Mauritius Institute of Education	Complete Refurbishment of External Envelope of the MIE Tower Building at Reduit	26,584,777.03	
Mauritius Ports Authority	Prequalification of Contractors for the Construction of a Fishing Port and Breakwater Structures at Fort William	Prequalification	
Central Electricity Board	Construction of a New Building and Miscellaneous Works at Saint Louis Power Station	118,531,994.23	

**Table 7 - Approvals of Award of Contract** 

Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 10 Hydroponic Greenhouses Complete with 30 Fertigation System and Civil Works at Melrose	23,716,385
Mauritius Institute of Training and Development	Design-Build/Turnkey and Completion of the Construction of a Training Centre at Beau Vallon	147,493,999.21
Municipal City Council of Port Louis	Procurement of Renovation Works for Dr. Idrice Goomany Social Centre at Plaine Verte, Port Louis	37,069,331.50
Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science & Technology	Reconstruction of Abdool Rahman Abdool Government School at Port Louis - Phase II	55,268,858
Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 10 Hydroponic Greenhouses Complete with 30 Fertigation System and Civil Works at Melrose	23,716,383
Central Electricity Board	Construction of Workshops and Administrative Building at L'Avenir	173,899,342
Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute		
Municipal Council of Beau Bassin - Rose Hill	Renovation of Plaza Theatre (Phase III)	222,546,947.51
Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities	Prequalification of Contractors for the Construction of Riviere des Anguilles Dam	Prequalification
Rodrigues Regional Assembly	Completion of Works at Terre Rouge Gymnasium	41,926,615.95
Development Bank of Mauritius	Construction of an Industrial Park for SME's at Vuillemin	119,807,964.59
Rodrigues Regional Assembly	Construction of Stadium at Roche Bon Dieu, Rodrigues	66,000,000
Municipal City Council of Port Louis	Construction of Multi Purpose Complex and Music School at 1st Floor Level of the Existing Abercrombie Market Fair Building at Port Louis	68,747,955
	ROADS & BRIDGES & GRADE SEPARATED JUNCTIONS	
Rodrigues Regional Assembly	Procurement for the Construction of 25 kms of Track Roads including Footpaths and Other Civil Works in Rodrigues	86,000,000
Road Development Authority	ad Development Authority  Landslide/ Slope Stability Treatment along B104 Road (Baie du Cap-Chamarel-Case Noyale) at Chamarel (EPS)	
Ministry of National Infrastructure and Community Development (NDU)	Framework Agreement for Construction and Upgrading of Roads and Associated Works for a period of Twenty Months as from September 2020	3,787,000,000
Road Development Authority	Construction of La Vigie - La Brasserie - Beaux Songes Link Road (Phase I)	570,248,707.66
Road Development Authority	Framework Agreement for Maintenance & Minor Works (2020-2023)	Framework Agreement
Road Development Authority	Motorway M4 from Airport to Forbach - Prequalification for the Construction of a Single Carriageway from Bel-Air to Pont Blanc	Prequalification
Rodrigues Regional Assembly	Maintenance, Upgrading, Resurfacing and Construction of Roads in Rodrigues Year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022	268,999,820.40
Road Development Authority	Construction of Verdun Bypass	280,637,071
Road Development Authority	Motorway M4 from Airport to Forbach - Phase I - Construction of a Single Carriageway from Bel Air to Pont Blanc	1,354,151,393.21

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	ENERGY & PUBLIC UTLITIES		
Central Electricity Board	Design, Supply, Construction, Testing and Commissioning of Labyrinth Type Fuse - Gates at Sans Souci Dam (Mauritius)	176,250,000	
Wastewater Management Authority	Sewerage Project at Camp Rouillard, Eau Coulee	108,650,809.75	
Wastewater Management Authority	Rehabilitation/ Provision of Sewerage Infrastructure at Residence Atlee & Environs, Curepipe - CHA Phase IV	116,999,375	
Wastewater Management Authority	Operation and Maintenance of St Martin Waste Water Treatment Plant	917,495,575	
Central Electricity Board	Framework Agreement for Underground Cable Works	Framework Agreement	
Wastewater Management Authority			
Central Electricity Board	Board Prequalification Document for the Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Six 66Kv GIS Substations		
OTHER WORKS			
Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change	Coastal Protection, Landscaping and Infrastructural Works at Providence Site on the East Coast of Mauritius	75,316,655	
Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change	Coastal Protection, Landscaping and Infrastructural Works at Petit Sable - Bambous Virieux Site	91,900,000	
Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change	Coastal Protection, Landscaping and Infrastructural Works at Bambous Virieux - Anse Jonchee Site	104,197,918	
	GOODS		
Ministry of Land Transport and Light Rail	Construction and Installation Traffic and Road Safety Devices (2020- 2021)	157,212,809	
State Trading Corporation	Trading Corporation Supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) for the Period 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021		
State Trading Corporation	Supply of Clean Petroleum Products for the Period 01 November 2020 to 31 October 2021		
Ministry of Health and Wellness	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Medical Equipment for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at 5 Regional Hospitals	58,375,800	
National Transport Corporation	Procurement of Gas Oil for Five (5) Depots of the National Transport Corporation (Under Framework Agreement) for the Period of 01 December 2020 to 30 November 2022	551,905,414.79	
State Trading Corporation	Supply of Dirty Petroleum Products for the period 01 February 2021 to 31 January 2022	536,612,480	
Ministry of Health and Wellness	Annual Supply of Pharmaceutical Products - Anti Coagulant, Ace Inhibitors, Antihypertensive, Cardiovascular Injectables and Oral for the Financial Year 2020 - 2021	66,504,790	
Ministry of Health and Wellness	Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccines for Vaccination Campaign 2021 (Financial Year 2020-2021)	58,000,000	
Ministry of Health and Wellness	Annual Supply of Pharmaceutical Products - Annual Supply of Vaccines for Travelers, for Immunization Programme and Immunoglobullins for Financial Year 2020-2021	69,775,000	

District Council of Pamplemousses			
Ministry of Health and Wellness			
Department of Civil Aviation	iation Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Air Ground High Frequency (HF) Communication Equipment and Associated Works required		
Ministry of Health and Wellness			
Police Department	Procurement, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (EPS)	82,239,384	
Ministry of Health and Wellness	Procurement of Consumables for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	43,148,797	
	OTHER SERVICES		
District Council of Riviere du Rempart	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Cleaning of Market/ Fair, Public Places, Public Toilets etc., in Coastal Villages (including carting away of Post Cyclonic Waste) for a Period of 36 Months in 2 Lots	174,240,000	
Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Solid Waste Management Division)	Waste Management and imate Change (Solid Waste Toilet Blocks and Provision of Watchmanship Services on Main Public		
Municipal City Council of Port Louis	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal including carting away of Post-Cyclonic Waste for Lots 1 and 2 (EPS)	79,945,200	
District Council of Grand Port	General Sanitation, Street Cleaning, Collection and Carting Away of Solid Waste at Mahebourg Village, Beau Vallon Village, Ville Noire and Blue Bay localities including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Wastes	78,840,000	
Municipal Council of Curepipe	Procurement of Services for the Provision of Scavenging Service, including Carting Away of Post Cyclonic Wastes with the Municipal Council of Curepipe for a period of 36 months	47,052,000	
District Council of Pamplemousses	Procurement of Services for Street Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Cleaning of Market/ Fair, Public Places & Public Toilets including Carting away of Post Cyclonic Wastes for Lot 2 at Le Hochet	19,440,000	
Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change	ste Management and Transportation of Wastes from Roche Bois Transfer Station to Mare		
Ministry of Health and Wellness	Procurement of Security Services for all Hospitals and other Health Institutions	170,037,628	
Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Solid Waste Management Division)	Beach Cleaning, Refuse Collection and Maintenance of Toilet Blocks for Secondary Beaches Lot 3 & Lot 5	42,900,000	

### Site Visit Riviere des Anguilles Dam

The Board, together with officers of the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities (MEPU), conducted a site visit to Riviere des Anguilles Dam. The aim of this site visit was to ascertain the various issues on site prior to the launching of the "Construction of Riviere des Anguilles Dam" project for the MEPU.

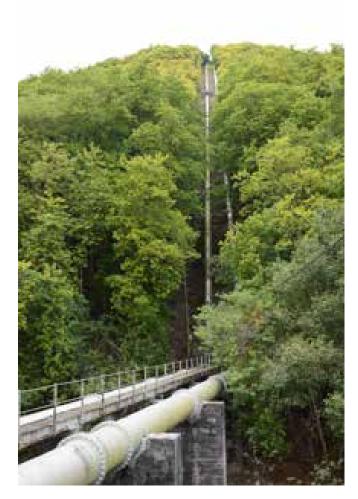








### **Site Visit at Tamarind Fall**











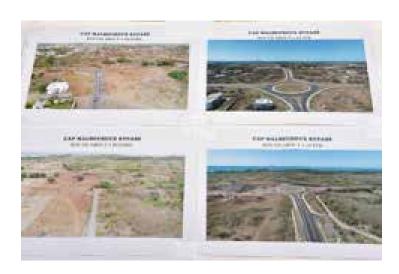


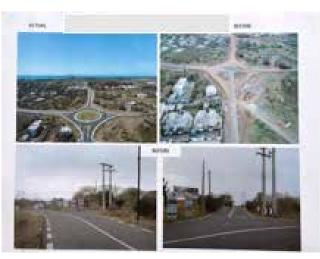
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