

# CoST workplan summary- Tanzania

## Process

On 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 a meeting of about 40 stakeholders appointed an Interim Working Group comprising the members listed under Appendix A to recommend customization CoST in Tanzania including tentative Work Plan and Budget for two years. These were considered during the second meeting of stakeholders on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2007. Both the two-year Work Plan and Budget has been the basis for preparation of the first year Work Plan and Budget by the IWG.

## Workplan objective

The main objective of the work plan is to provide a clear guide for project implementation and in addition the work plan will be used as the basis for monitoring and evaluation activities to ensure that CoST in Tanzania achieves its objectives. See Appendix B: Work Plan and Appendix C: Budget.

## Activities

The work plan includes setting up the institutional framework for the CoST programme i.e: forming the MSG; and obtaining 'buy in' from key stakeholders in government, civil society and the private sector. It also includes: undertaking a baseline study; establishing the CoST Secretariat; preparing for information disclosure (e.g. by developing templates to be used to make information available in an accessible format); developing tools for the monitoring teams e.g. criteria for project selection and guidelines for the monitoring teams; developing a communications strategy; piloting the guidelines to ensure usability; assessing 20 construction projects (technical and financial evaluation); and disseminating the findings in a user friendly format. Finally, at the end of the first year of operation, the MSG will undertake an assessment of findings and lessons learned which will be consolidated to feed into the development of CoST in Tanzania and in the other pilot countries.

## Outputs

The IWG has developed a logical framework for CoST in Tanzania (see Appendix D). This provides a full overview of outputs.

## Outcomes

In the short term, greater capacity of key stakeholders e.g. government, civil society and the private sector to monitor corruption in the construction sector and better access to information in this area. In addition over the longer term it is expected that CoST will encourage: improved quality and cost effectiveness of construction projects and increased private sector investment in the construction sector.

## The beneficiaries

List **each** stakeholder organisation that will directly benefit from this funding.

**Government** – a complementary initiative in preventing corruption and malpractices in construction sector

**Civil Society** – value for money of constructed facilities

**Private Sector** – adherence to corporate governance and thus, equitable access to work opportunities and delivery of quality services.

## Challenges and risks

Describe and explain any specific challenges and risks associated with the activities that your propose in your work plan.

We foresee a number of challenges. These include: possible barriers within the legal framework to information disclosure which may impact upon the project; that sustained political will exists to be able to make changes in the construction sector; that key stakeholders accept that there is value in increasing transparency and accountability; that high quality consultants (with integrity) can be located to assist in the evaluation process.

## Meeting the CoST technical criteria

Which of the seven criteria will your work plan support?

1. For public sector construction projects above an agreed threshold, regular disclosure of material project information to a wide audience in a publicly accessible, comprehensive and comprehensible manner.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Procuring entities are subject to a credible audit process and, as far as practicable, projects are subject to credible, independent financial and technical audits.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. The adequacy of material project disclosures and audits are assessed by an independent, objective and technically competent assurance team, with publication of reports including any causes for concern in the information disclosed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. The application of this approach is extended to the main procuring entities assigned responsibility for public sector procurement, and related contractors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. A multi-stakeholder group has oversight of the CoST process.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Civil society is actively engaged as a participant in the design, monitoring and evaluation of this process and contributes towards public debate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. A public, financially sustainable work plan for all the above is developed by the host government, including measurable targets, a timetable for implementation, and an assessment of potential capacity constraints.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Budget line

Which of the two CoST budget lines are you applying to? Please mark one or both boxes.

<b>Budget line 1: Technical assistance and capacity building (TA)</b> Expertise will be provided in particular areas (e.g. data collection and assurance, facilitation, technical advice) or capacity building (e.g. delivering training, workshops and seminars, drafting operational manuals, speaking at conferences). The costs associated with receiving these services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(eg hire of a training room) are also covered.

### **Budget line 2: Financial assistance (FA)**

Grants are available to contribute towards the MSG and assurance group operation, as well as expenses arising in relation to implementing CoST, such as office running costs, domestic travel, events, website and communication materials, publication, translation.



### **Time schedule**

Tanzania would like to start to implement CoST ASAP and hope that the project can run from July 2008 until August 2010. It would therefore be necessary to obtain an extension from DFID.

We would like to receive funds before end of October so that we can fund our first MSG and launch national meeting on October 30, reimburse rent to the National Construction Council – annual rent for office has been pre-paid from 1 July 2008 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, and purchase office equipment and furniture.

### **Management arrangements**

CoST activities are carried out through the Annual General Meeting, the Multisectoral Group (MSG), Secretariat and the Administrative Host (National Construction Council) (See Appendix E for details)