CoST increased transparency

CoST’s mission is to institutionalise transparency in public infrastructure through dedicated training programmes and guidance on how to implement and manage disclosure. In 2015, CoST provided training to 134 individuals from 24 countries on how to implement the Framework for Disclosure Requirements (FDR). The FDR is adaptable to the local legal, institutional and sector context and is based on the International Development Standards (IDS). The FDR is a critical component of the CoST approach, addressing this need for transparency in public infrastructure. CoST seeks to institutionalise transparency. This is achieved by establishing a system of the national e-procurement portal and bespoke online portals, which is a crucial part of the FDR. CoST helps authorities implement their national FDRs, making procurement more transparent and ensuring that citizens can access information about the projects they depend on. CoST ensures that all stakeholders have access to the information they need on public infrastructure projects. CoST supports the institutionalisation of transparency (CoST) Initiative in 2015.

CoST achieved legal mandates

In 2015, CoST Honduras established an e-procurement portal mandated by the country’s formal disclosure requirement (FDR). The FDR is a legal requirement that mandates transparency in the procurement of public infrastructure projects. CoST works with governments to establish FDRs and ensure that they are implemented effectively. This involves working with governments to develop and implement FDRs, as well as providing support and guidance on how to implement them. CoST’s work in this area has helped establish FDRs in Ethiopia and Guatemala. The FDR in Honduras goes beyond disclosure to mandate CoST’s multi-stakeholder approach. CoST’s multi-stakeholder approach is a key feature of its work, involving collaboration with governments, industry and civil society to attain better value from infrastructure. CoST’s multi-stakeholder approach is a key feature of its work, involving collaboration with governments, industry and civil society to attain better value from infrastructure.

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CoST gained traction in Latin America

In 2015, CoST grew to 15 countries. The achievements realised by CoST national programmes in Latin America have been significant, with CoST gaining traction in countries such as Mexico, Panama and Peru. This project culminated in a Regional Workshop, held in Lima, Peru. The workshop was attended by representatives from CoST national programmes in Latin America, as well as by government officials from Costa Rica, Panama and Peru. The workshop aimed to discuss the experiences of CoST programmes and to identify best practices for institutionalising transparency in public infrastructure projects. CoST supports the institutionalisation of transparency (CoST) Initiative in 2015.

CoST received international support

In 2015, CoST received a grant from the UK government’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office to support the CoST programme in Malawi. This funding demonstrates international acknowledgement of the need for transparency in public infrastructure. CoST Malawi’s efforts in the roads sector have been significant, with the country’s Department of Accounting and Auditing (MinBuZa) responsible for overseeing the roads sector. CoST Malawi has played a key role in establishing a system of the national e-procurement portal and bespoke online portals, which is a crucial part of the FDR. CoST’s work in this area has helped establish FDRs in Botswana which demonstrates the potential value of CoST in streamlining procurement institutions globally.

CoST influenced the global debate

In 2015, CoST strengthened its presence and profile on the international stage. The CoST global network advocates for transparency in public infrastructure, and works with governments, industry and civil society to institutionalise transparency through the development and implementation of FDRs. CoST’s work in this area has helped establish FDRs in Botswana which demonstrates the potential value of CoST in streamlining procurement institutions globally. CoST’s mission to deliver better value from public infrastructure has great potential to support higher income countries reduce mismanagement and corruption that affects their systems and institutions. CoST’s work in this area has helped establish FDRs in Botswana which demonstrates the potential value of CoST in streamlining procurement institutions globally. CoST’s mission to deliver better value from public infrastructure has great potential to support higher income countries reduce mismanagement and corruption that affects their systems and institutions.

In the pipeline for 2016

In 2016, CoST plans to expand its work to additional countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. CoST aims to continue to strengthen institutional capacity for transparency in public infrastructure, and to support governments in implementing FDRs. CoST’s work in this area has helped establish FDRs in Botswana which demonstrates the potential value of CoST in streamlining procurement institutions globally. CoST’s mission to deliver better value from public infrastructure has great potential to support higher income countries reduce mismanagement and corruption that affects their systems and institutions.