

CoST

*The Infrastructure
Transparency Initiative*

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What does CoST do?

CoST discloses, validates and uses infrastructure data to empower citizens



CoST increases
transparency &
accountability



CoST
publishes
tools & guides
& provides
support

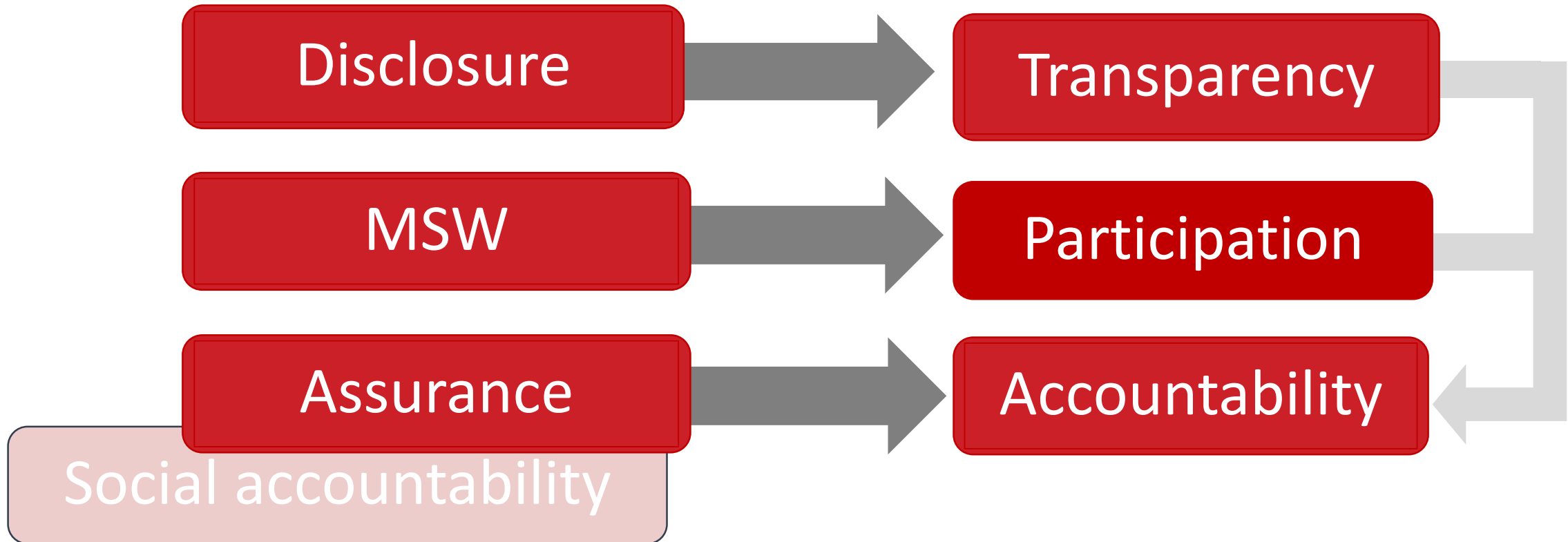


The approach is
an essential
catalyst for change



CoST
changes
lives

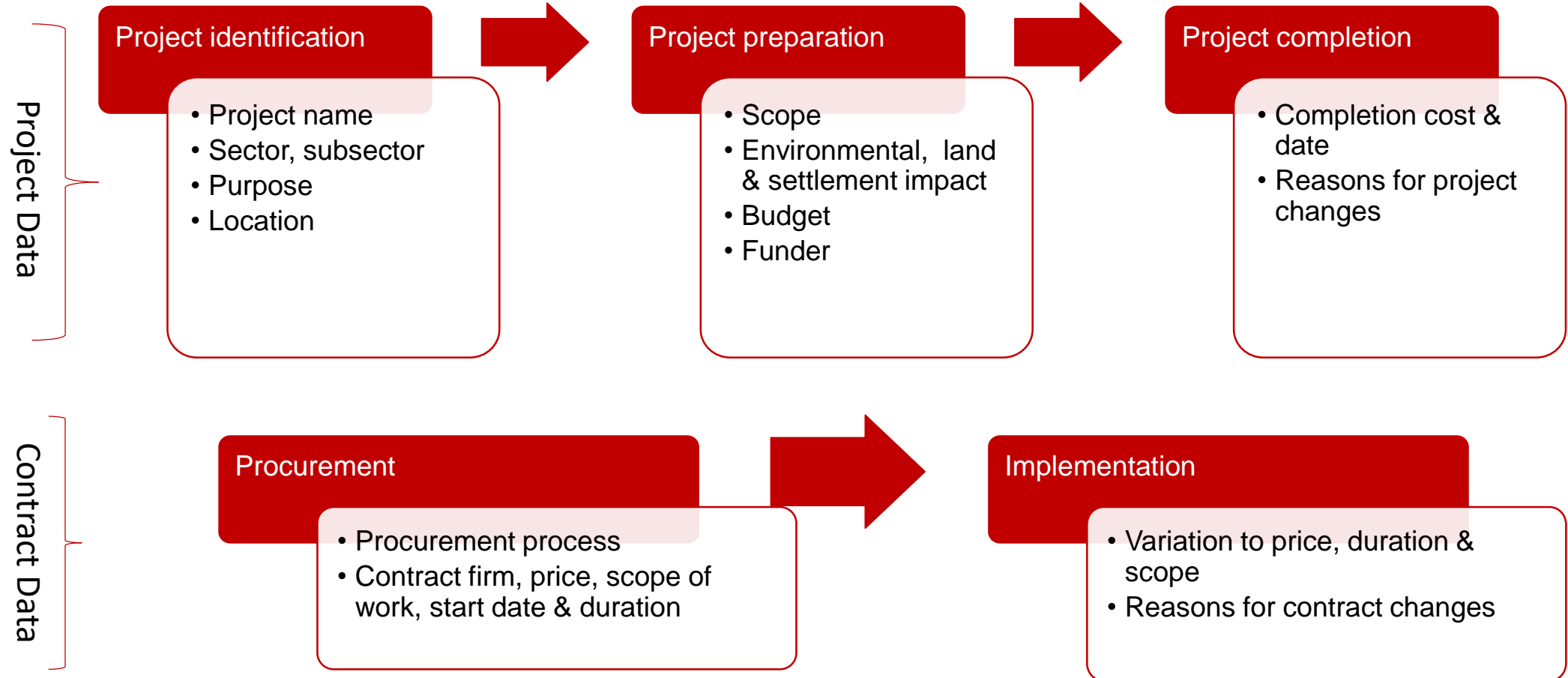
CoST core features and common governance themes



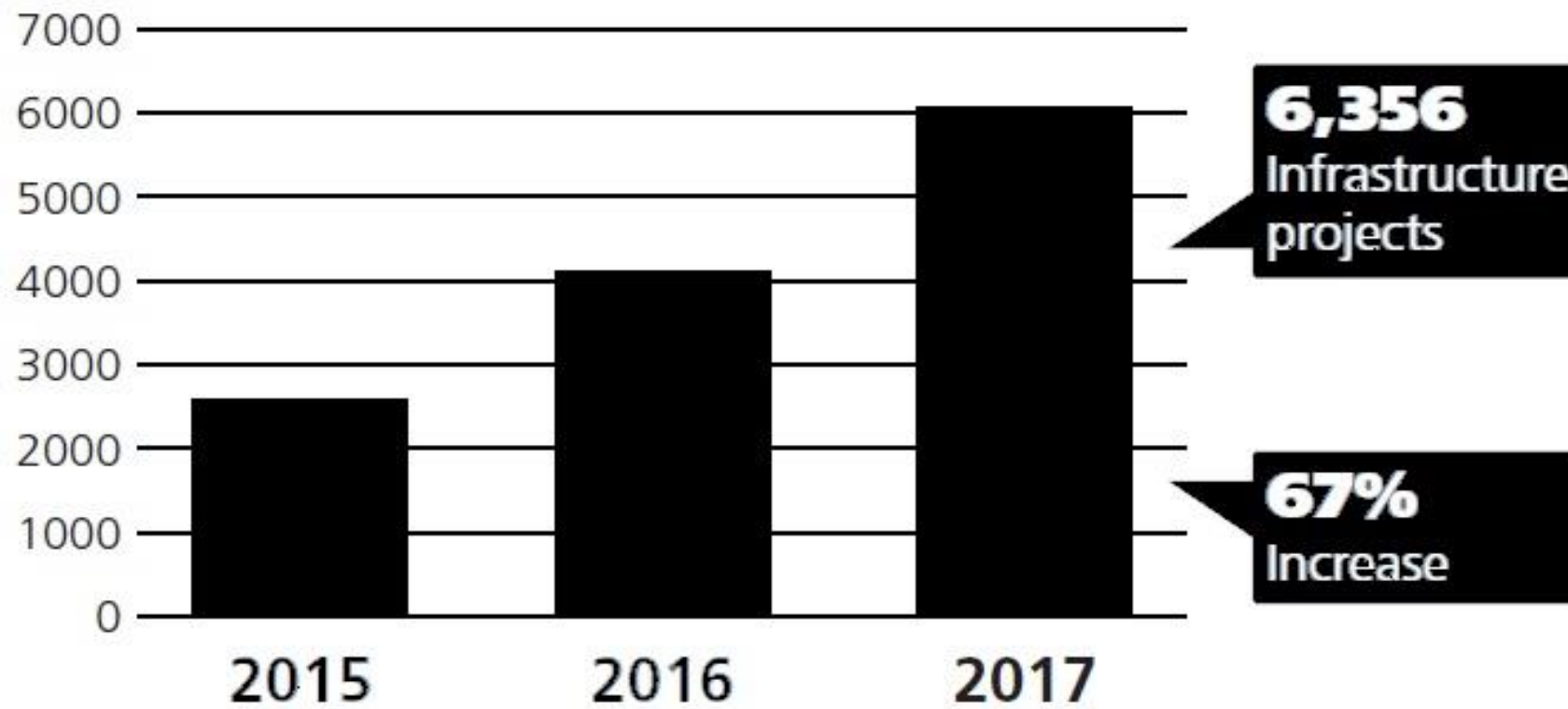
CoST core features



Disclosure – Infrastructure Data Standard



No. of projects where infrastructure data is disclosed by CoST Members



Institutionalising disclosure in Malawi

GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY

The Malawi Gazette Supplement dated 22nd August, 2017 containing Acts (No. 7C)

MALAWI GOVERNMENT

(Published 22nd August, 2017)

Act

No. 27 of 2017

I assent

PROF. ARTHUR PETER MUTHARIKA
PRESIDENT
18th August, 2017

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement
2. Interpretation
3. Application of this Act

PART II—THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL OF ASSETS AUTHORITY

4. Establishment of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority
5. Functions of the Authority
6. Powers of the Authority
7. Membership of the Authority
8. Meetings of the Authority
9. Committees of the Authority
10. Director General
11. Tenure of office of the Director General
12. Removal of the Director General
13. Deputy Director General
14. Acting Director General
15. Other staff of the Authority
16. Funds of the Authority
17. Borrowing by the Authority
18. Advances to the Authority
19. Books of accounts
20. Financial year of the Authority



Information Platform for Public Infrastructure



Information Platform for Public Infrastructure (IPPI Malawi) has been developed to increase citizen engagement in public construction sector and to promote transparency and accountability of public resources.

Search · select the district, type of project or enter search term

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Project Categories

Roads

Buildings

Others

Utilities

Using technology from Honduras & revised public procurement legislation mandates disclosure of IDS

CoST core features:

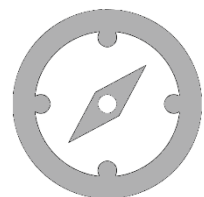
*Multi-Stakeholder
Working*



Trust



Dialogue



Leadership



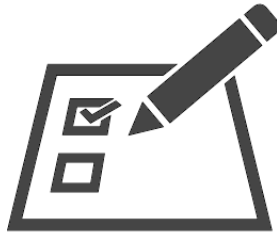
CoST core features:

Assurance

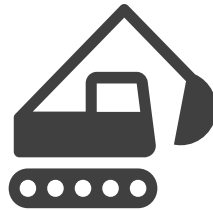
Assurance is the independent review of the disclosed data



**Checks accuracy
& completeness
of the data**



**Requests
missing &
additional
information**



**Visits the
construction
site to
observe &
ask
questions**



**Turns data into
compelling
information**

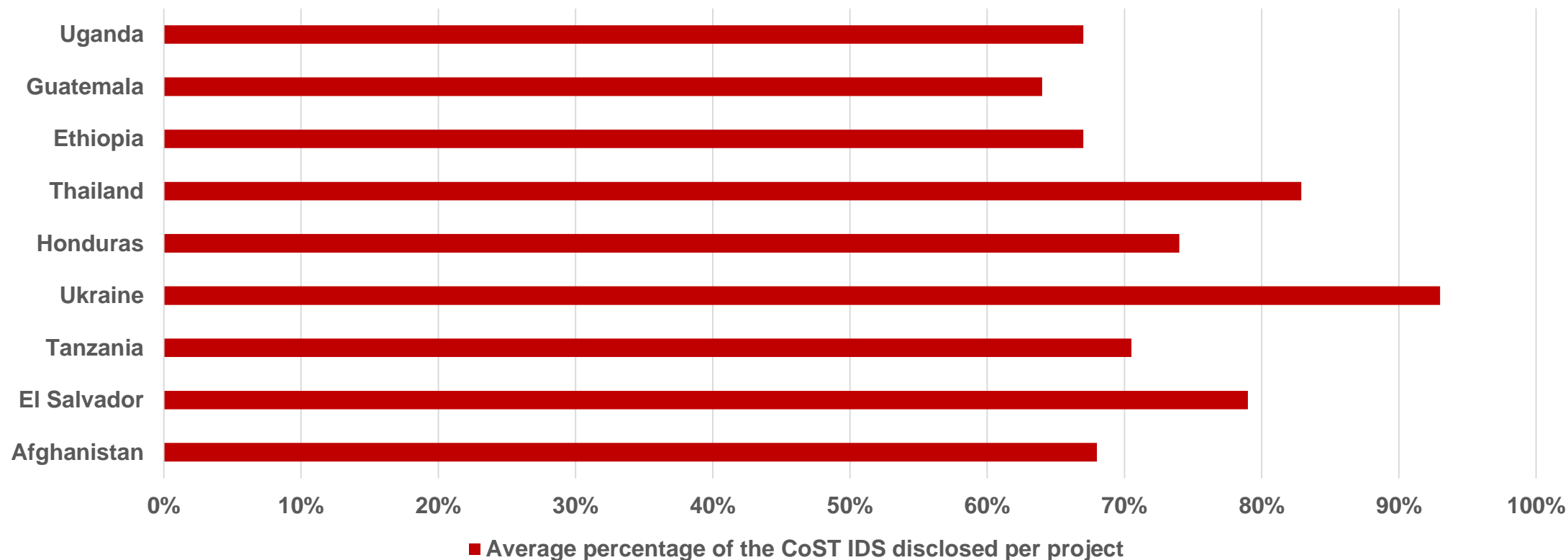


**Highlight
concerns & good
practice in a
report**



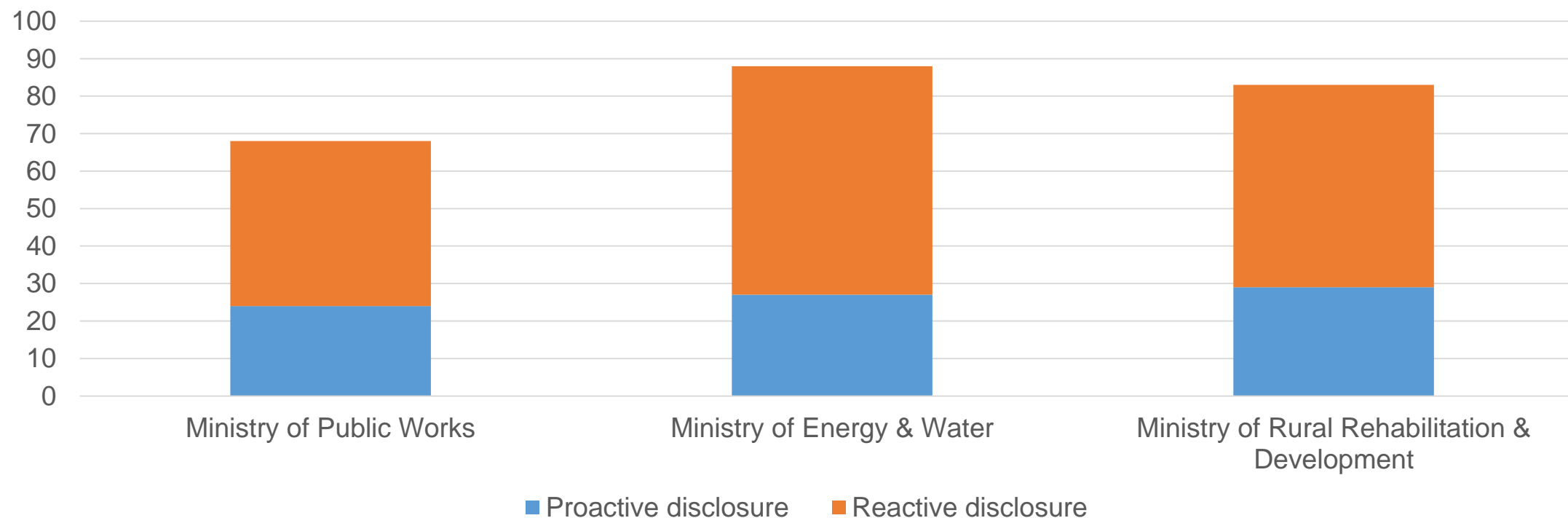
**Propose further
review by
oversight
authority or the
next assurance
process**

Measuring transparency

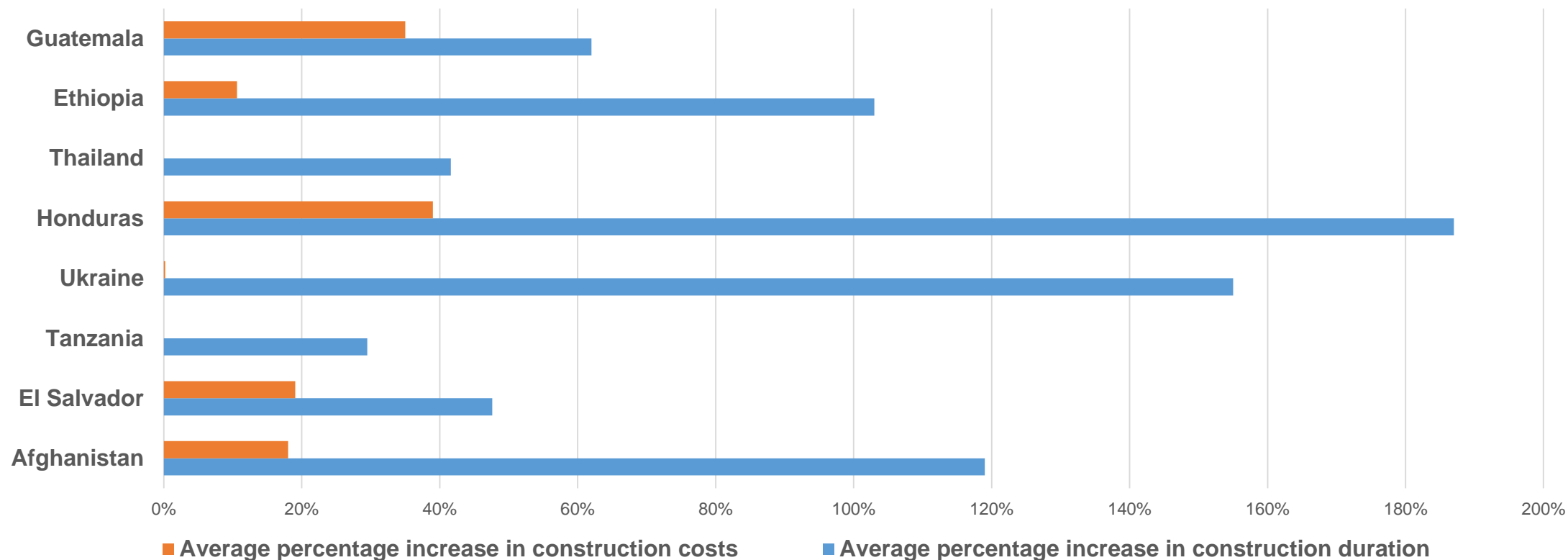


Measuring transparency

Average amount of the CoST IDS disclosed per project in Afghanistan



Comparing performance



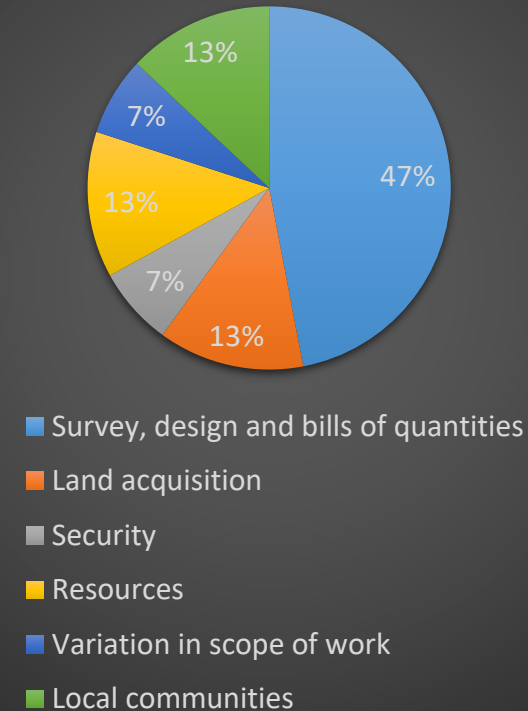
Highlighting performance issues in Afghanistan



Corruption or mismanagement?

- “The reason for limited international competitive bidding is ambiguous. According to clause 6, rule number 21 of the Procurement Rules “...from one country two bidders cannot be invited”.
- Questions are raised why Turkey was considered the sole source for approaching qualified companies and why most of the nominated companies are Turkish (Mangal et al. 2018 p16-17).”

DISTRIBUTION OF ISSUES OF CONCERN



Highlighting performance issues in Ukraine

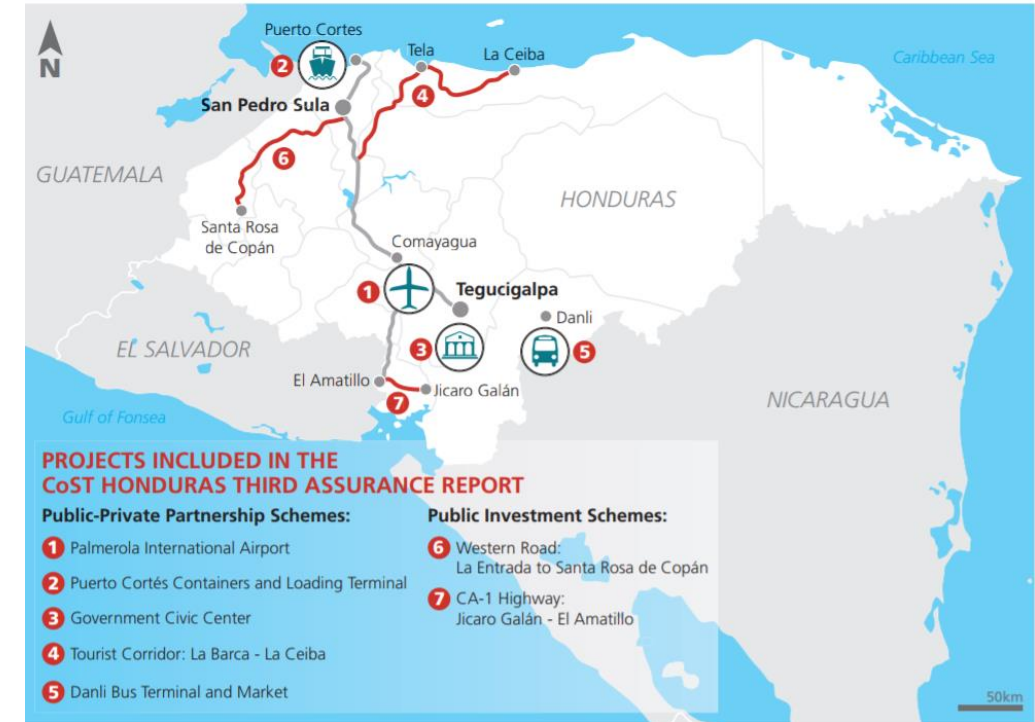


- Data from a road repair programme consisting of 120 contracts, 1/3 of the national investment in roads analysed
- Issues of concern include
 - Incomplete design leads to variations and cost increases
 - Unsubstantiated distribution of funding amongst regional units
 - Mismatch between road repair type and the specified surface
 - Low market competition
 - Lack of proper quality control
 - Delayed work performance



Testing on PPPs in Honduras

- Data is disclosed based on the World Bank PPP Framework and IDS on SISOCs PPP
- 22 PPP schemes reviewed by the Assurance Team leading to several actions including
 - A new financial model for the tourist corridor toll road
 - A new mechanism for identifying environment risks on port projects
 - Ensuring private financing is approved before construction commences.



CoST core features

Social accountability



CoST is a **catalyst** for social accountability, **empowering citizens** to use the **assurance findings** to hold government to account





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