ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE HUMANITARIAN SUPPLY CHAIN

Procurement Officers

Green Procurement is considered as a strategic approach that emphasizes environmental responsibility in purchasing decisions. This approach stresses the importance of purchasing goods and services that are committed to minimizing environmental impact, particularly in terms of reducing energy consumption and waste generation. 'Sustainable Procurement' includes environmental considerations but also incorporates broader **ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance)** aspects and therefore builds upon the principles of Green Procurement.

BY ADOPTING GREEN PROCUREMENT PRACTICES **YOU CAN:**

- Drive long-term cost-efficiency and build a positive public image
- Support market development towards eco-friendly practices
- Promote environmental conservation
- Enhance community resilience and minimize waste

HOW?

1. **Identifying Needs**: considering environmentally friendly alternatives, refurbishing existing resources, selecting items that can be recycled locally, and budgeting for the management of items at the end of their life cycle.

2. Market Research: **Understand what environmentally sustainable options are available** in the market to identify options and suppliers who prioritize the environment.

3. Specification: This is the stage where you can **set the criteria** for what you want to procure. Specifications should include criteria such as lifecycle, energy efficiency, waste reduction, and the use of recycled materials.

4. Supplier Capacity Building: Work with suppliers that **align with your environmental objectives and spread awareness** of environmental issues. Inform suppliers that environmental sustainability such as carbon footprint, fair-trade practices, and waste management policies are important and require suppliers to provide their approaches with their tenders.

5. Contract Management: After a contract is awarded, it's important to **manage and monitor the supplier's performance** in terms of environmental practices. Regular reviews should be conducted to identify areas of improvement and promote a culture of environmental sustainability.

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