

#### HOW YOUTH CAN PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

Access to Government procurement Opportunities (AGPO)

- Approximately 30-40 percent of the National Budget (1.8 Trillion KeS (21 B US\$) is dedicated to public procurement
- > This represents a huge lucrative domestic market
- In Kenya, the big players have traditionally been large, experienced businesses predominantly owned by men
- The Kenya government recognizes this sector as potential for job creation and poverty alleviation
- In its 2008 development blue print -Vision 2030 and subsequent 5-year MTPs, the government recognizes Public Procurement as a key driver for realizing it's flagship projects

## PUBLIC PROCUREMENT – A TOOL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Gaps and weaknesses created a need for a system backed by law
  - The 2001 regulations established a dispute resolution body and tender boards
  - In 2005, an Act of Parliament passed that created key institutions to regulate public procurement
  - The Constitution of Kenya enacted in 2010 defines the principle tenets of public procurement and envisaged an Act of Parliament that is aligned to the Constitution
  - In 2011 the Minister for Finance gazetted the Preference and Reservations Scheme that gives positive discrimination to disadvantaged group and provides a margin of reservations for Kenya owned businesses

## AGPO BACKGROUND

- The Preference and Reservations Scheme (2011) was set up to promote inclusive economic growth and supplier diversity with a focus on disadvantaged groups which include women
- In 2013, following elections, the new Government came up with an affirmative action policy that sets- aside at least 30 percent of government contracts for businesses led by youth ,women and other disadvantaged groups
- These interventions are meant to **uplift** the status of women and other marginalized groups to enable them to participate fully in economic development

## EMPOWERING YOUTH -LED SMES THROUGH PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

- Lack of capacity among supply chain managers in the implementation of the policy
- Lack of clear policy guidelines on "how to" implement the Scheme
- Poor response by women-led SMEs and other disadvantaged groups to tender opportunities
- Inability of the women-led SMEs to service government contracts compromises service delivery by public entities
- PPOA which is charged with monitoring the implementation of this policy is currently centralized

## **CHALLENGES FACED BY PUBLIC ENTITIES**

CHAPTER 499 makes provision for the registration of firms, individuals and corporations carrying on business under a business name

Business can be registered as follows

- 1. Sole proprietorship
- 2. Partnership
- 3. Limited company

# **BUSINESS REGISTRATION**

- > .NAME SEARCH & RESERVATION @ Huduma Centre
- The individual makes a written application to the registrar of business names
- If the name is available it will be reserved pending registration ,Names can only be reserved for thirty days.
- > An applicant is advised to list 3 names that he/ she wishes to register
- > E.g Nairobi Hardware, Nai Hardware , Naijon Enterprises
- If the applicant is sure of a particular name ( may be he/she considers it to be unique .. ) he may
- > The fee to conduct search for each name is 100 for 3 names is 300

## SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

- Once a business name is reserved the applicant will be required to fill a registration form and provide the following details and documents
- 1. Products / services ... what do you want to trade in eg. If Sukuma wiki ... indicate Food Stuff , if selling computers products .... ICT products .
- 2. PLOT NO... Indicate the LR... /
- 3. Building and street location .....
- 4. Postal address .....P.o Box

## **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Business name reservations letter
- PIN certificate
- ► ID copy
- > 2. limited company
- ► 1. Name Search

## ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed company name for name search approval. Objectives of the Company. The nature of Business / activities the company shall undertake.
- Names of the shareholders in Full.Names of the Directors in full if different from the shareholders.
- Postal addresses, Email address andTelephone Number of the shareholders and Directors. Number of shares to be held by each shareholder.
- Proposed Physical address of the company and the Directors. The Physica Address includes road, plot number, town, county.
- Copy of ID / Passport of the Shareholders / Directors.Passport photos of the Shareholders / Directors.
- Copy of PIN certificate of the Shareholders / Directors

### REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPANY REGISTRATION IN KENYA.

#### Requirements

- National ID
- > PIN
- Tax Compliance
- Business name registration certificate
- ► CR 12 for Ltd Co.



