

Information Note 6

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What has been the impact of earlier calls of the General Assembly for greater local procurement in programme countries?

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Stresses the need to attach high priority to substantially increasing procurement from developing countries, in order to promote collective self-reliance, while paying due respect to the principles of international competitive bidding, and in this regard emphasizes the importance for all parts of the United Nations system of setting specific goals for increasing procurement from developing countries;

The overall procurement volume of the United Nations of goods and services in 2011 decreased to \$14.3 billion from \$14.5 billion in 2010, or 1.9 percent. This is the first recorded decrease in UN procurement volume since 2002.

UN procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition increased by \$126 million between 2010 and 2011, in addition to an increase of \$826 million in 2010 over 2009. The share of procurement of goods and services from industrialized countries decreased from 41.7 per cent in 2010 to 39.2 per cent in 2011. Overall, it can be said that procurement of goods and services by the UN system from developing countries has increased over the last few years.

Additional Information

ILO

Since 2007, the share of ILO's procurement of goods and services from developing countries and countries with economies in transition has ranged between 33 and 59 per cent, with an average of 43 per cent. This share in fact is likely to be higher as the ERP system of ILO does not yet capture all the procurement of goods and services made through the organization's country office network.

WFP

In 2011 WFP procured 2.4 million metric tons of food valued at \$1.23 billion from 87 countries. Of this, 71 per cent, valued at \$870 million, was purchased in 70 developing countries. Purchases of fortified blended foods and fortified biscuits in developing countries increased from 20,000 metric tons in 2000 to 181,000 metric tons in 2011 and accounted for 52 percent of all blended foods procured.