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### Project Design and Procurement Planning

The project strategy should identify immediate priority assistance objectives as well as medium term objectives.

The project implementation arrangements detail the circumstances considered in the preparation of the procurement plan, and include a description of procurement processing, procurement risks, and selection methods.

### Procurement Preparedness

Emergency procurement preparedness involves actions taken in advance of an emergency that will enhance the capacity of authorities to address the situation as listed below:

1. Legal and Institutional Infrastructure for Emergency Response
2. Allocation of Resources for Emergency Procurement Facilities and Teams
3. Use of Emergency Procurement Procedures and Tools
4. Readiness for Contractor and Supplier Mobilization or presence on ground

### Situational Response

IsDB allows for a broad spectrum of response measures in emergency situations, in terms of financing and simplified procedures for project processing and implementation.

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Operational Context and Market Conditions

The supply market and local market conditions should be assessed periodically.

In addition to market assessments, the following aspects may also be considered:

1. Security Requirements in the Country
2. Contracting Core Government Services to External Providers
3. Governance
4. Presence of specialized UN agency or recovery and rehabilitation support organization/International or national NGO

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Organizational and Institutional Support

Any development assistance project must be supported by sufficient attention to the Beneficiary’s organizational and institutional arrangements for implementation, including for procurement. Measures that can be considered for Fragile, Conflict-Affected States and emergencies include the following.

— Within the country. Rapid and appropriate assistance requires IsDB to work in a flexible and pragmatic way with other institutions;
— Within IsDB. IsDB procedures and regulations provide several options that support the timely processing of transactions in particularly urgent or compelling circumstances.

Use of Procurement Agents

When the Beneficiary does not have the required in-house capacity for the necessary procurement or project management activities, hiring a procurement agent or project management consultant may be the most efficient option.

Flexible Arrangements for Procurement

The selection methods, selection arrangements, and market approaches used to procure goods, works, and services should be simplified, few things to consider are: Approach to National versus International Markets, Flexible Arrangements for the Selection of Consultants, Flexible Arrangements for Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services, Request for quotations, Simplification of pre- and post-qualification criteria, Community participation, Force account, Use of second-hand goods, Commodities, Accelerated bid or proposal preparation times, Bid security and performance security requirements, Advance payment, Fiduciary oversight, Specialist procurement support
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