

Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) in Sri Lanka

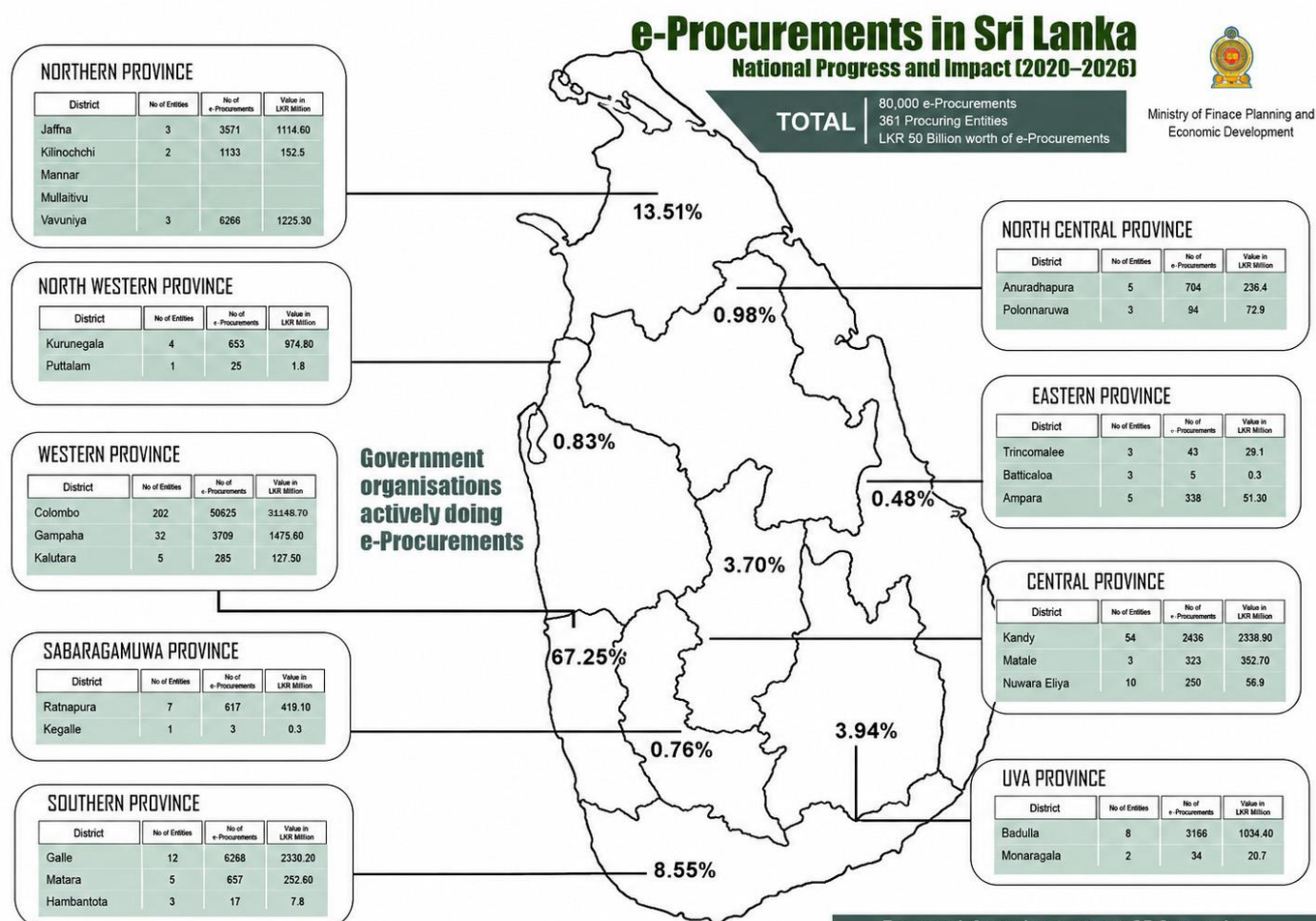
An opportunity to accelerate the digital transformation of public procurement

Sri Lanka Accelerating e-Procurement Adoption

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development has conducted a series of training and awareness programs to facilitate the adoption of e-Procurement in Sri Lanka. Joining the list of countries that facilitate e-Procurement, Sri Lanka had the opportunity to learn from international experience, adopt proven approaches and accelerate towards a modern, transparent and data-driven public procurement system.

Why e-GP Matters

e-GP enhances transparency and accountability, reduces administrative burdens, improves procurement efficiency and supplier access, strengthens electronic records, and provides reliable procurement data for better analysis and decision-making.



*Provincial percentages indicate each province's share of total e-procurements conducted nationwide

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Promise.lk— National e-GP Platform

Promise.lk is Sri Lanka's national electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) platform. Government Procurement Entities (PEs) can conduct shopping goods procurements as e-Procurements which the bidders can submit online bids to a secure system and publish procurement notices and award details of all other procurements online through this platform. It currently supports procurements up to LKR 25 million for local funding and up to LKR 35 million for foreign funding within the applicable procurement framework.

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*Pls refer below table for exact amounts e-GP could be used for Shopping method **Goods category** procurements.

Level of Authority	GOSL Funding	Foreign Funding
MPC (Ministry Procurement Committee)	25 Million	35 Million
DPC / PPC (Department / Project Procurement Committee)	20 Million	30 Million
RPC (Regional Procurement Committee)	6 Million	6 Million
CAO / HD / PD (Chief Accounting Officer / Head of Department / Project Director)	1 Million	2 Million

One Platform for All Government Procurements

GOVERNMENT	BIDDERS	PUBLIC
Publication • Bid Opening • Evaluation • Awarding	Notices • Online Bid Submission • Opening Information • Awards	Greater visibility

THE NATIONAL PICTURE

e-GP Implementation Is Rapidly Expanding

The expansion of e-GP is increasingly visible across different levels and categories of government. The current implementation data show 324 active Procuring Entities, covering Cabinet Ministries, Departments, other Central Government organisations including SOEs, District Secretariats and Provincial organisations.

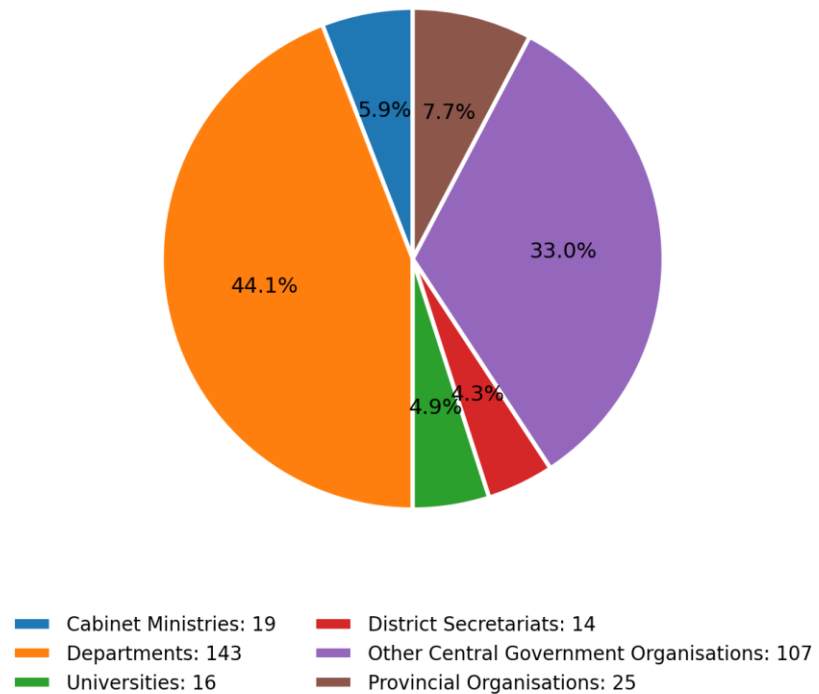
324	19/25	17/20
Active Procuring Entities	Cabinet Ministries active	e-GP Active Departments under Ministry of Finance

ACTIVE PEs BY CATEGORY

Organisation	Active PEs
Cabinet Ministries	19
Departments	143
Universities	16
District Secretariats	14
Other Central Government Organisations	107
Provincial Organisations	25

DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE PEs

Active Procuring Entities by Organisation Category



From Basic Automation to a Fully Fledged Digital Procurement Platform

Year	Number of e-Procurements	Value of e-Procurements (In LKR Millions)
2020	89	186.6
2021	984	3,404.3*
2022	1,063	884.6
2023	2,812	1,289.8
2024	18,149	7,716.9
2025	31,099	15,195.4
2026 (As of July 31)	25,294	13,261.1
Total	80,390	41,938.7

*During the peak of Covid-19 in 2021, in absence of facility to call bids in the regular manner, certain high level (NCB) procurements were undertaken through promise.lk by way of uploading bidding documents allowing online bid submission.

The significance of e-GP extends beyond conducting individual procurement activities online. As adoption expands, the system can become a foundation for a more transparent, efficient, competitive and data-driven public procurement ecosystem.

TRANSPARENCY

More accessible procurement information and stronger visibility of public spending.

EFFICIENCY

Less paperwork, faster information exchange and reduced administrative burden.

DATA

Better procurement information for monitoring, analysis, policy and decision-making.

The Process

e-Procurements	Manual Procurement Notices	Procurement Awards
Fully Digital Procurement Process End-to-end electronic workflow for Shopping Goods Procurements  80,000+ e-Procurements Completed	Notices published for other procurements outside e-GP  20,000+ Manual Notices Published	Public Disclosure of Results Awarded bidder details published Contract value disclosed  12,000+ Awards Published

The Opportunity Ahead

The Government of Sri Lanka, being the country's single largest buyer, digitalization of public procurement opens up a significant market opportunity for businesses across the country. It is envisaged that a diverse supplier base will continue to grow ensuring greater competition, better value for public money and a more inclusive e-GP ecosystem. Expanding the e-GP registered supplier base will be facilitated by the Ministry of Finance to increase competition, improving access to government procurement opportunities and maximizing the benefits of e-GP. Therefore, vendor registration fees on promise.lk will be waived for a limited period from September 2026 onwards to encourage potential suppliers to register free of charge.

Despite Sri Lanka's late entry to the e-GP journey than many countries in the region, it creates an ideal opportunity for Sri Lanka to learn from other's experiences and rollout a more robust e-GP system from global experience and accelerate implementation. Promise.lk, as an established national platform with 324 active Procuring Entities is geared for significant transformation in the procurement landscape in the country.

Currently, 90% of the Departments under the General Treasury undertake the routine procurement through e-GP platform. To promote adoption, the Treasury has made it mandatory the Goods procurements within the applicable limits in General Treasury Departments to be conducted through e-GP.

The next phase of e-Government procurement system will be launched in 2027. Designed to handle both National and International Competitive Bidding, the platform will support procurement for goods, works, consulting services and non-consulting services. It is envisaged that advanced procurement features such as reverse auctions and e-catalogues will also be made available to use, once adaptation improves.