Office of the General Comptroller of the Republic of Peru

Public Works Information System INFobras
58% of Peruvians consider “Corruption of Public Officials” as the main problem the State has to face to develop the country.

VIII National Survey about Corruption's Perception in Peru, 2013, Proetica, Peruvian Anticorruption TI Chapter
The Context

Public agency

PRE-INVESTMENT
- National System for Public Investment (SNIP)

INVESTMENT
- Electronic System of Government Contracts (SEACE)
- System for Financial Administration (SIAF)

POST-INVESTMENT

Information

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The Problem

Fragmented
Incomplete
Non user-friendly

Public Officials
Auditors
Citizens
Civil Society
Media

Information
The Solution

Public Agency

- Investment project
- Works Contracts
- Payments
  - National System for Public Investment (SNIP)
  - Electronic System of Government Contracts (SEACE)
  - System for Financial Administration (SIAF)

INFObras

physical progress
**The Solution**

INFObras is an online system developed to strengthen transparency, management and control of public works, as well as, citizens participation.

- Location
- Pictures
- Physical Progress
- Investment Project
- Contract
- Payment
- Citizens comments
Participation of Citizens, Civil Society and Media
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Some achievements (INFObras was officially launched on August 2012)

- 15,825 public works registered by 860 public agencies = US$ 1.1 billions (proxy)
- 6,900 public officials trained from 1,500 public agencies from national, regional and local governments.
- 3,207 users created from 1,173 public agencies.
- 200 comments from citizens
- Customer Service Charter: policy that sets the standards of INFObras with regard to citizens in order to guarantee the best service possible 1) seek info 2) make comments 3) get a reply.
- The General Public Budget Laws 2012 and 2013 oblige officials to report in INFObras
- Agreements with key stakeholders who provide the information or transfer national public fund to the regional and local governments.
**Good Practices of the Project**

- INFObras is a Win-Win project for the key actors:
  - Public agency: strengthen their relationship with the community by reinforcing the transparency and hence accountability of their actions, and by demonstrating their good management skills
  - Citizens, Media: able to observe and comment on construction projects in their community
  - Peruvian SAI: strengthens its audit and control by monitoring the appropriate use of public economic resources

- Establish strong linkages with the key stakeholders who run the National Systems that have to be articulated, e.g. Peruvian SAI with the Ministry of Economy and Finance (SNIP/SIAF) and the Supervisory Body of Government Contracts (SEACE).

- Incorporate the point of view of authorities and officials who execute public works at national, regional and local levels: a) don´t add more or complex tasks to daily work b) gather good practices from their formats and processes c) Value for money: some additional simple tasks but more organized info.
Good Practices of the Project

- The General Controller Office had generated a proper balance between incentives and sanctions to public officials, inter alia:
  - An Intense training program for public officials and auditors throughout the country
  - The implementation of a communication strategy to the officials and the society.
  - Linkage with the “Incentives Plan for Improvement and Modernization of Municipal’s Management” of Ministry of Economy and Finance to provide economic incentives to the local governments which record their information on public works in INFObras.
  - Since the SAI is able to sanction the officials for non-compliance with INFObras registration: law considers the possibility to impose punishments (not apply until now)
  - Cooperation agreements with Ministries who transfer public fund to the regional and local governments
**Good Practices of the Project**

- Gather good practices and experiences from other countries, e.g. Court of Auditors of Matto Grosso in Brazil.

- Highlight and reinforce the obligation of the public officials to report to INFObras by enacting a law approve by the Congress, besides the SAI regulations.

- The strategy and methodology of the technical cooperation deploy by German Cooperation GIZ in agreement with the SAI, it means:
  
  ➢ Built ownership inside the Peruvian SAI involving the Controller, Managers and professional staff, inter alia: providing its own resources, creating a unit in charge of the System and processes, assuming technical issues and building the knowledge together.

  ➢ Involvement of GIZ Advisors and SAI officials working together in key positions of the project.
Challenges to face!

- Keep raising awareness among public officials about the importance of transparency in public works management.
- Encourage participation of the media and citizens so that they can hold the authorities accountable for their investment decisions.
- Improve the in-depth evaluation of the SAI about physical execution of public works reports to make them a key tool for auditing processes.

INFObras transparent public works for ALL!
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