

The need to speed up implementation of the Construction Industry Policy



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Tanzania adopted the Construction Industry Policy (CIP) in 2003 and implementation guidelines were issued in 2006. However, very little of the policy's content was implemented. In 2016 a revised CIP was issued and circulated amongst stakeholders for further review and to date the final version that is to be implemented has not been released.

TACECA research indicates that while the CIP addresses a number of issues and strategies needed in the construction industry, resources have not been made available to implement many of them.

Urgent!

CIP policy areas in need of immediate implementation:

- Packaging of contracts in order to allow more participation from smaller contractors.
- Operationalisation of the Construction Industry Development Fund (CIDF).
- Strengthening of institutions involved in the construction industry regulation, management and monitoring.

Challenges

- No coordination framework has been established, since the Implementation Action Programme for the Construction Industry Policy (IAP-CIP) was established.
- No coordination framework, by way of a Steering Committee, has been established and operationalised by the Ministry of Works.
- Duplication of activities by various construction industry authorities and confusion between their regulatory, promotion and capacity building roles
- Discord between the National Construction Council (NCC) and the Registration Boards due to failure of a set framework

The Ministry of Works Must:

- Ensure that a CIP coordination framework is properly established
- Establish the CIP steering Committee and consolidate the IAP-CIP which provides for a coordination framework.
- Establish a coordination framework to stop the duplication of activities by various construction authorities.
- Establish a separate department which deals specifically with the CIP

Weak Points

- There is no law or regulations to effect the implementation mechanism for CIP
- Inadequate capacity (finance and skills) among CIP implementing institutions
- There is no specific department in the Ministry of Works specifically for CIP

Packaging of Contracts

- Local contractors fail to win high value projects unlike their foreign counterparts
- Stakeholders want procurement regulations amended to build the capacity of local contractors
- Corruption influences the design of packaging of contracts

Message

Empowering Tanzanian contractors to meet the challenges ahead must be a priority for the construction industry to grow to new heights!