Fiscal Accountability and Sustainable Trade (FAST) Task 6: Effective Public Procurement for Kyrgyzstani Taxpayers Quarterly Updates, Q4 FY2022

During the last quarter of FY 2022, FAST delivered a three-day training on "Procurement Cycle Management". The objective of the training was to increase capacity of staff of department of public procurement (DPP) and other procuring entities in improving public procurement planning and management as well as strengthening accountability in the procurement cycle. The training was held between September 22-25, 2021, in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic.

FAST also finalized the E-procurement Technical Assistance Roadmap, a thorough assessment of the Kyrgyz Republic's e-procurement system. The document identifies the existing gaps in the e-portal including various modules and makes recommendations for improving system functionality, improving transparency and reducing avenues for corruption in public procurement. The team also conduced several round table discussions resulting in improving business process on electronic public procurement. Participants included procurement experts of state organizations, joint-stock companies with state share, representatives of civil society, members of the independent complaints commission, representatives of the Department of Public Procurement, and the Chamber of Accounts of the Kyrgyz Republic.

FAST conducted at least three workshops in the last quarter related to; (i) building consensus on e-procurement technical assistance roadmap and systems upgrades aimed at improved functionality of the e-portal; (ii) building the capacity of civil society organizations and improving accountability in public procurement; and (iii) disseminating findings and recommendations from FAST's earlier detailed assessments including Transparent Public Procurement Rating (TPPR), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and Methodology for Assessing Public Procurement Systems (MAPS). These workshops were held in Bishkek in the last week of September and were attended by DPP staff, representatives of CSOs and other procuring entities.



Photo: DevTech's Staff and Consultants in a group photo, Training September 25, 2021