AUDIT OF THE AWARDED CONTRACT TO SECURIPORT

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ABOUT GAMBIA PARTICIPATES

Gambia Participates actively supports the growing demand for enhanced public accountability. Our organization has been involved in various initiatives focused on promoting good governance. These initiatives encompass a wide range of areas such as Fiscal Transparency, Anti-Corruption, Elections, Strategic Litigation, Advocacy, Access to Information, and Research.

Within the realm of Fiscal Transparency, a significant aspect of our work involves conducting comprehensive budget research, and the information we provide offers valuable opportunities for government and Non-governmental Institutions in enhancing budget transparency and accountability in The Gambia. In addition to our fiscal transparency and accountability work, we extend pro bono technical assistance to budget stakeholders. Through our work on budgets, we strive to create a more informed and engaged citizenry, thereby fostering a culture of transparency and accountability in public finance management.
FLAWED PROCUREMENT PROCESS
ENTERING AN UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL WITHOUT REGARD TO COMPETITIVE TENDERING FINDING

The Office of the President issued directive to award the contract to Securiport without following due process and involving relevant stakeholders.

RISK LEVEL
HIGH

FLAWED PROCUREMENT PROCESS
ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE OF ASSESSMENT OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSAL OF THE PROJECT PRIOR TO SIGNING OF CONTRACT

The office of the president and the Ministry of Interior failed to provide evidence of technical and financial proposal prior to signing of the contract.

RISK LEVEL

HIGH

FLAWED PROCUREMENT PROCESS
NO PROJECT MONITORING & EVALUATION MECHANISM
NO MONITORING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTRACT

There was no monitoring and evaluation team by the Government of the Gambia to ensure that services provided by Securiport are delivered continuously and of high standard, in accordance with the contract.

RISK LEVEL
HIGH
GCAA’S HANDS TIED
Receipt books are controlled and managed by Securiport (A Private Company) as opposed to Accountant General.
OPENING OF BANK ACCOUNTS WITHOUT GCAA BEING A SIGNATORY

As per the contract, The GCAA will open, conjointly with Securiport a bank account designated for the management of funds. However, Securiport opened 4 bank accounts with Guaranty Trust Bank without GCAA having access and control over the accounts.

RISK LEVEL
HIGH

GCAA’S HANDS TIED
SECURITY FEE COLLECTIONS

As per the contract, GCAA and Securiport are supposed to jointly collect security fee. However, Securiport solely collected security fees from arriving and departing passengers and as a result the audit could not ascertain full transparency of the fees being collected.

RISK LEVEL
HIGH

GCAA'S HANDS TIED
Securiport deposited a total of D3,029,045, USD 12,000 and CFA 21,500.00 to the operational account of Securiport as opposed to the cash collection account. Management claimed it was “simply a human mistake”.

RISK LEVEL

HIGH

GCAA’S HANDS TIED
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM COLLECTION ACCOUNT TO OPERATIONS ACCOUNT

As per the contract,

The Government receives 25%
Securiport receives 75%

However, there are instances where monies totaling USD207,600 equivalent to D10,948,824.00 were transferred to Securiport operational accounts before sharing revenues with the government.

GCAA’S HANDS TIED
The audit found that GCAA only received its 25% share 7 months after revenue collections totaling D16,452,987.3 and there was no evidence of payment being made in the dollar, pound, and Euro accounts in the same period.
ILLEGAL
SPECIAL
TREATMENT
Diplomatic and service passport holders were exempted from paying the $20 or D1000 security fee even though they are not part of the list of exempted people on the contract, causing loss of revenue to the government and Securiport.
UNDER-REPORTING OF REVENUES COLLECTED
The audit noted differences of D5,580,985.00 and USD160,093.00 between receipts captured in the point of sale and what was deposited in the cash collection accounts.
The audit found Securiport underreporting an amount of $250,315.93 which is equivalent to D12,928,817.70 between expected revenue and revenue reported by Securiport.

RISK LEVEL
HIGH

UNDER-REPORTING OF REVENUES COLLECTED
The audit finds cash collection sheets totaling D47,000, EUR12,045 and GBP3,190. However, this collection did not reflect in the system receipt records.
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CASH COLLECTION SHEET AND THE POINT OF SALE

The auditors found amounts totaling to D444,540.00 and USD 130,768.00 respectively as differences between cash collection sheets and the point of sale.

RISK LEVEL

HIGH

UNDER-REPORTING OF REVENUES COLLECTED
NO EVIDENCE OF REPORTED CASH COLLECTION
UN-PRESENTED RECEIPTS

Between 9/12/2020 to 17/12/2020, a total of USD 3,235 and GBP 6,780 were deposited by Securiport. However, there was no evidence of cash collection in the same period.

RISK LEVEL
HIGH

NO EVIDENCE OF REPORTED CASH COLLECTION
A BLOW IN THE FACE
INAPPROPRIATE PAYMENT OF ACCRUED ARREARS

The government of the Gambia paid a total of D164,053,036.00 equivalent to USD 4,529,220 for the period 1/10/2019 – 31/08/2020 to Securiport as a full compensation “due to late start of the project”.

RISK LEVEL HIGH

A BLOW ON THE FACE