

Republic of South Sudan (RSS)



PPDAA

Public Procurement &
Disposal of Assets Authority

Office of the Executive Director

Ref: RSS/PPDAA/ED/01

31st March, 2026

To:

All Accounting Officers
Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs)
Republic of South Sudan – Juba

RE: FORWARDING OF MINISTERIAL CIRCULAR NO. 05/2026 AND NO. 06/2026 ON STRENGTHENING PROCUREMENT GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE.

Dear Accounting Officers,

The Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority (PPDAA) hereby forward for your immediate attention and strict compliance two Ministerial Circulars issued by the Hon. Minister of Finance and Planning:

- Ministerial Circular No. 05/2026 – Coordination of Recruitment, Staffing, and Deployment of Procurement Officers in MDAs
- Ministerial Circular No. 06/2026 – Cancellation of Previous Circulars on Issuance of Letters of No Objection for Confirmation of Budget and Procurement Compliance

These Circulars constitute critical regulatory directives aimed at strengthening procurement governance, enhancing accountability, and ensuring full compliance with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Act, 2018 and the Public Financial Management and Accountability Act, 2011.

1. Significance of the Circulars

a) Elimination of Procedural Duplication and Strengthening Legal Compliance (Circular 06/2026)

Circular No. 06/2026 abolishes the practice of seeking Letters of No Objection from the Ministry for procurement and funding confirmation, thereby:

- Reinforcing that Accounting Officers bear full responsibility for confirming budget availability prior to procurement initiation
- Ensuring procurement processes strictly comply with statutory provisions rather than administrative practices
- Preventing unlawful procurements, which are declared null and void if undertaken without confirmed funding

b) Enforcement of Fiscal Discipline and Commitment Control (Circular 06/2026)

The Circular emphasizes that:

- No procurement shall commence without full funding availability confirmed

- Accounting Officers are personally responsible for ensuring adherence to budgetary provisions
- This strengthens alignment between procurement planning and fiscal discipline

c) Strengthening Transparency and Market Integrity (Circular 06/2026)

The directives reinforce:

- Mandatory registration of providers and contractors with PPDAA
- Disqualification of non-registered or non-compliant bidders
- Mandatory publication of procurement plans, opportunities, and awards in the PPDAA Tender Portal

d) Professionalization and Control of Procurement Staffing (Circular 05/2026)

Circular No. 05/2026 introduces a centralized and coordinated framework for procurement staffing by:

- Assigning PPDAA authority to coordinate deployment, transfer, and professional standards of procurement officers
- Restricting MDAs from independently recruiting procurement staff without coordination with PPDAA and the Ministry of Public Service
- Ensuring procurement functions are handled only by qualified and duly authorized personnel

e) Strengthening Institutional Control of Procurement Staffing (Circular 05/2026)

The directives further reinforce:

- Centralized coordination of procurement personnel by PPDAA, including deployment, redeployment, and transfers across Procuring Entities
- Mandatory adherence to professional standards and qualifications for all procurement officers
- Restriction on independent recruitment of procurement and disposal officers without coordinated clearance from:
 - PPDAA; and
 - Ministry of Public Service and Human Resource Development
- Requirement to regularize staffing arrangements and ensure only authorized officers perform procurement functions

2. Key Obligations of Accounting Officers

In light of the above Circulars, all Accounting Officers are hereby required to ensure that:

a) Budget Discipline and Procurement Initiation

- No procurement process is initiated or continued without prior confirmation of full funding availability
- Procurement activities are strictly aligned with approved budgets and procurement plans

- Any procurement undertaken without confirmed funding shall be considered null and void

b) Compliance with Legal and Regulatory Framework

- All procurement processes are conducted strictly in accordance with the governing legal framework
- Reliance on any previous circulars requiring Letters of No Objection is discontinued immediately

c) Procurement Planning and Transparency

- Annual Procurement Plans are prepared and implemented in accordance with the law
- Procurement activities remain within approved budget ceilings
- Procurement Plans, Tender Opportunities, and Awards are published in the PPDAA Tender Portal

d) Provider Registration and Eligibility

- Invitations to bid are issued only to registered providers and contractors
- Evaluation Committees verify compliance with registration and statutory requirements
- Contracts are awarded only to eligible and compliant providers

e) Procurement Staffing and Institutional Coordination

- Procurement functions are performed only by qualified and authorized personnel
- Updated lists of procurement staff are submitted as required
- No independent recruitment or deployment of procurement officers is undertaken without prior coordination

3. Enforcement, Oversight, and Accountability

PPDAA shall, within its statutory mandate:

- Monitor and enforce compliance with these Circulars and applicable laws
- Oversee adherence to provider registration and procurement procedures
- Coordinate procurement staffing and professional oversight
- Take corrective and administrative measures in cases of non-compliance

Accounting Officers shall be personally accountable for violations, including:

- Initiating procurement without confirmed funding
- Engaging non-registered providers
- Non-compliance with staffing directives
- Failure to publish procurement information

4. Implementation and Required Actions

All Accounting Officers are hereby directed to:

- Immediately review and align institutional procurement practices with the Circulars
- Ensure full integration of procurement planning with budget execution
- Regularize procurement staffing arrangements in line with statutory requirements
- Strengthen internal controls to ensure continuous compliance
- Take corrective measures to address any existing non-compliance

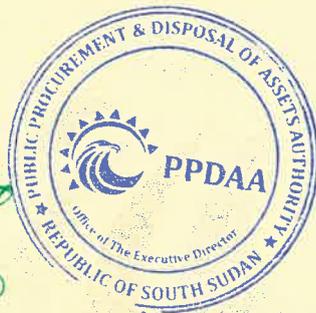
5. Conclusion

These Circulars represent a significant step toward strengthening discipline, transparency, and professionalism in public procurement.

All Accounting Officers are therefore required to accord these directives the highest priority and ensure immediate and full compliance.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication and confirm the measures taken to ensure compliance.

Best Regards,



Hon. Ajang Deng Daniel

Ag. Executive Director

Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority (PPDAA)

Republic of South Sudan – Juba

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & PLANNING
THE MINISTER

Date 24th march, 2026

REF: RSS/MoFP/J/M/03/2026/006

To: The Executive Director, PPDA,
and All the Accounting Officers of Public Spending Agencies

Subject: MINISTERIAL CIRCULAR NO: 05/ 2026 - Coordination of Recruitment, Staffing, and Deployment of Procurement Officers in MDAs

Dear All,

In accordance with the **Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Act, 2018**, specifically:

- **Section 8(1)(u)** – mandating the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority (PPDAA) to coordinate the management and deployment of procurement officers; and
- **Section 29(1-3)** states that Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Units (PPDA Units) shall be staffed with qualified officers who are employees of the Authority and are subject to transfer by the Authority.

and acknowledging the statutory authority of the **Ministry of Public Service and Human Resources Development (MoPSHRD)** over public service establishment and employment procedures,

The following directive is hereby issued:

1. Institutional Roles and Coordination

The **PPDAA** shall:

- Determine professional standards and qualifications for procurement officers;
- Coordinate deployment, redeployment, and transfers of procurement officers across Procuring Entities;
- Advise on appropriate staffing requirements for PPDA Units.

The **MoPSHRD** shall:

- Determine and approve establishment positions within the public service structure;
- Conduct and oversee formal recruitment and appointment processes in accordance with public service laws;
- Ensure that recruitment into procurement positions complies with professional standards set by the PPDAA.

Both institutions shall operate in coordination to ensure compliance with the PPDA Act, 2018, and applicable public service laws.

2. Restriction on Independent Recruitment

No Ministry, Department, Agency, Commission, or Public Institution shall independently recruit, appoint, promote, or contract Procurement or Disposal Officers without coordinated clearance from:

- The PPDAA (for professional compliance and deployment coordination); and
- The MoPSHRD (for establishment and employment authorization).

Any ongoing recruitment process inconsistent with this directive is hereby suspended pending review.

3. Deployment Authority

Procurement and Disposal Officers serving in Procurement Units remain employees of the PPDAA and are subject to deployment and transfer decisions issued by the Authority, in consultation with MoPSHRD, where required under public service regulations.

Accounting Officers shall support legal deployment decisions and shall not unilaterally retain, remove, or replace procurement officers.

4. Compliance

All Accounting Officers shall, within twenty-one (21) days:

- Submit to the PPDAA and MoPSHRD an updated list of procurement staff currently serving in their institutions; and
- Ensure procurement functions are performed only by duly authorized officers.

This Circular takes immediate effect. Non-compliance shall attract administrative measures under the applicable laws.

Issued at Juba, this 24 day of March 2026.




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Hon. Salvatore Garang Mabiordit
Minister of Finance and Planning, Republic of South Sudan
Juba

Cc. Hon 1st Undersecretary of Finance (MoFP)

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & PLANNING
THE MINISTER

Date 24th March 26, 2026

REF: RSS/MoFP/J/M/03/2026/009

To: The Executive Director, PPDA,
and All the Accounting Officers of Public Spending Agencies

SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL CIRCULAR NO: 06/ 2026 - CANCELLATION OF PREVIOUS CIRCULAR(S) ON ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF NO OBJECTION FOR CONFIRMATION OF BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT COMPLIANCE

Dear All,

After reviewing the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Act, 2018 (**the Act**) and the Public Financial Management and Accountability Act, 2011, and to ensure clarity, eliminate procedural duplication, and enhance compliance with the law, the following directives are issued:

1. Cancellation of Previous Circulars

All previous circulars and directives, especially Circular Ref. RSS/MOFP/J/M/06/2024/07 (June 11, 2024) and Circular Ref. RSS/MOFP/J/M/06/2025/05 (June 17, 2025), related to the issuance of Letters of No Objection for procurement and funding confirmation that require a Letter of No Objection from the Ministry of Finance and Planning for:

- Confirmation of budget availability; and/or
- Procurement compliance

are hereby **cancelled with immediate effect.**

2. Confirmation of Funding

In accordance with Section 56(2) of the Act:

- No Procurement Process shall be initiated or continued unless funding in the full amount over the required period is confirmed and available.

- Accounting Officers shall certify the availability of funds prior to the commencement of procurement.
- Any procurement initiated contrary to Section 56(4) of the Act shall be null and void.

The responsibility for commitment control and budget discipline remains with the respective Accounting Officers under the Public Financial Management and Accountability Act, 2011.

3. Mandatory Registration of Providers and Contractors

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Act- Functions of the Authority, including maintaining a register of providers; and Section 39 of the Act- Qualifications of providers and contractors, the following directive is hereby issued:

- Invitation to Bid:** All Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) shall only invite bids from Providers and Contractors that are properly registered with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority (PPDAA).
- Evaluation and Qualification:** Evaluation Committees shall verify, as a mandatory requirement, that each Bidder:
 - Appears in the official PPDAA register of Providers; and
 - Meets all statutory qualification requirements specified in Section 39 of the Act.

Failure to meet registration requirements shall result in automatic disqualification.

- Award of Contracts:** No contract shall be awarded to:
 - Any Provider or Contractor not registered by PPDAA;
 - Any entity not legally compliant under the laws of the Republic of South Sudan; or
 - Any entity suspended or debarred by PPDAA.

Any contract awarded in contravention of this directive shall be subject to nullification and administrative sanctions.

4. Compliance with Procurement Planning and Publication

All Procuring Entities shall:

- Prepare Annual Procurement Plans in accordance with Section 55 of the Act;
- Ensure procurement is strictly within approved budget ceilings; and
- Publish the Annual Procurement Plan, Procurement Opportunities, and Awards in the PPDAA Tender Portal

Compliance with procurement procedures under the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Act, 2018, shall remain the responsibility of:

- Procuring and Disposing Entities; and

- The Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority (PPDAA), within its statutory oversight mandate.

5. Oversight and Enforcement

PPDAA shall:

- Strictly enforce compliance with the Act;
- Monitor adherence to provider registration requirements;
- Take corrective measures under Sections 9 and 10 of the Act in cases of breach.

Accounting Officers shall be personally accountable for violations.

6. Effective Date

This Circular takes effect immediately from the date of signature.

All Government institutions are directed to comply strictly.

Issued in Juba, this 24 day of March 2026.



Hon. Salvatore Garang Mabiordit

Minister

Ministry of Finance and Planning

Republic of South Sudan, Juba

First Undersecretary of Finance **(MoFP)**

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & PLANNING
The Minister

RSS/MOFP/J/M/06/2024/07

June 11, 2024

REF: CIRCULAR ON ISSUANCE OF LETTER OF NO OBJECTION FOR PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL OF ASSETS CARRIED OUT BY THE PROCURING ENTITIES.

To: All Public-spending MDAs at the National Level

In accordance with Sections 6 and 11 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets (PPDA) Act 2018, His Excellency Salva Kiir Mayardit, the President of the Republic of South Sudan formed the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority (PPDAA) through Presidential Decrees **RSS/RD/J/44/2023** and **RSS/RD/J/45/2023** of 17th February 2023 appointing the Executive Director and Board Members respectively.

The PPDAA is an autonomous Institution under the Ministry of Finance and Planning, and following its establishment the responsibilities that were being carried out by the Procurement Policy Unit are now formerly shifted to PPDAA including providing advisory services on procurement and disposal of assets and issuing of letters of no objection while awaiting the issuing of Procurement and Disposal of Assets Regulations.

Upon issuance of the Regulations, the PPDAA Act 2018 will be fully operational and all procurement will be carried out as required by the Act where the Accounting Officer of your entities shall be fully responsible for all procurement and disposal of assets carried by the entity without the need to obtain a no objection from PPDAA.

Therefore, as an interim measure, while awaiting the issuance of Regulations, as a Minister responsible for the implementation of PPDA Act 2018, I am directing that effective from this date of my signature, all letters of no objection for the procurement and disposal of assets carried out by Procuring Entities shall be issued by the Executive Director of PPDAA.

Signe _____
Awow Daniel Chwang
Minister,
Ministry of Finance and Planning





REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & PLANNING
The Minister

REF: RSS/MoFP/J/M/06/2025/05

June 17, 202

**To: The Executive Director of the PPDA
: All Public Spending Agencies**

REF: CLARIFICATION ON THE ISSUANCE OF THE LETTER OF NO-OBJECTION

This circular amends Paragraph 4 of circular No. RSS/MOFP/J/M/06/2024/07, dated June 11th 2024, issued by the then Minister of Finance and Planning, Hon. Awow Daniel Chuang, mandating the Executive Director of the PPDA *inter alia*; to issue all letters of **no objection** as an interim measure, while awaiting the issuance of Procurement Regulations.

However, under **Section 56(2) of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Act, 2018**, all Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets shall **ONLY** be initiated by the Authority upon **confirmation of availability of funding by the Ministry of Finance and Planning**. This provision has been further encapsulated by the provisions of **Section 29(2) of the Public Financial Management and Accountability Act, 2011** which provides that any Government contract **shall not be valid without prior approval of the Ministry of Finance and Planning, committing that there is funding available to that effect**. Thus, any procurement process initiated without obtaining a letter of **no objection from the Ministry of Finance and Planning shall be deemed a nullity as per the provisions of Section 56(4) Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Act, 2018**.

While the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Act, 2018, bestows upon the Authority the functions and powers to oversee public procurement and advice Government spending agencies on the same, as outlined under sections 7, 8 and 9 of the Act, it is the exclusive legal mandate of the Ministry of Finance and Planning to issue **letters of No objection** on availability of budget of a procuring entity as provided **under Section 56(2) of the said Act, which cannot be delegated to another legal entity**.

Therefore, this circular directs the Executive Director of the PPDAA and all Government spending agencies to strictly adhere to the law and this amendment.

Issued in Juba, this 17th day of the Month of June in the Year, 2025


Marial Dongrin Ater, Ph.D
Minister



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