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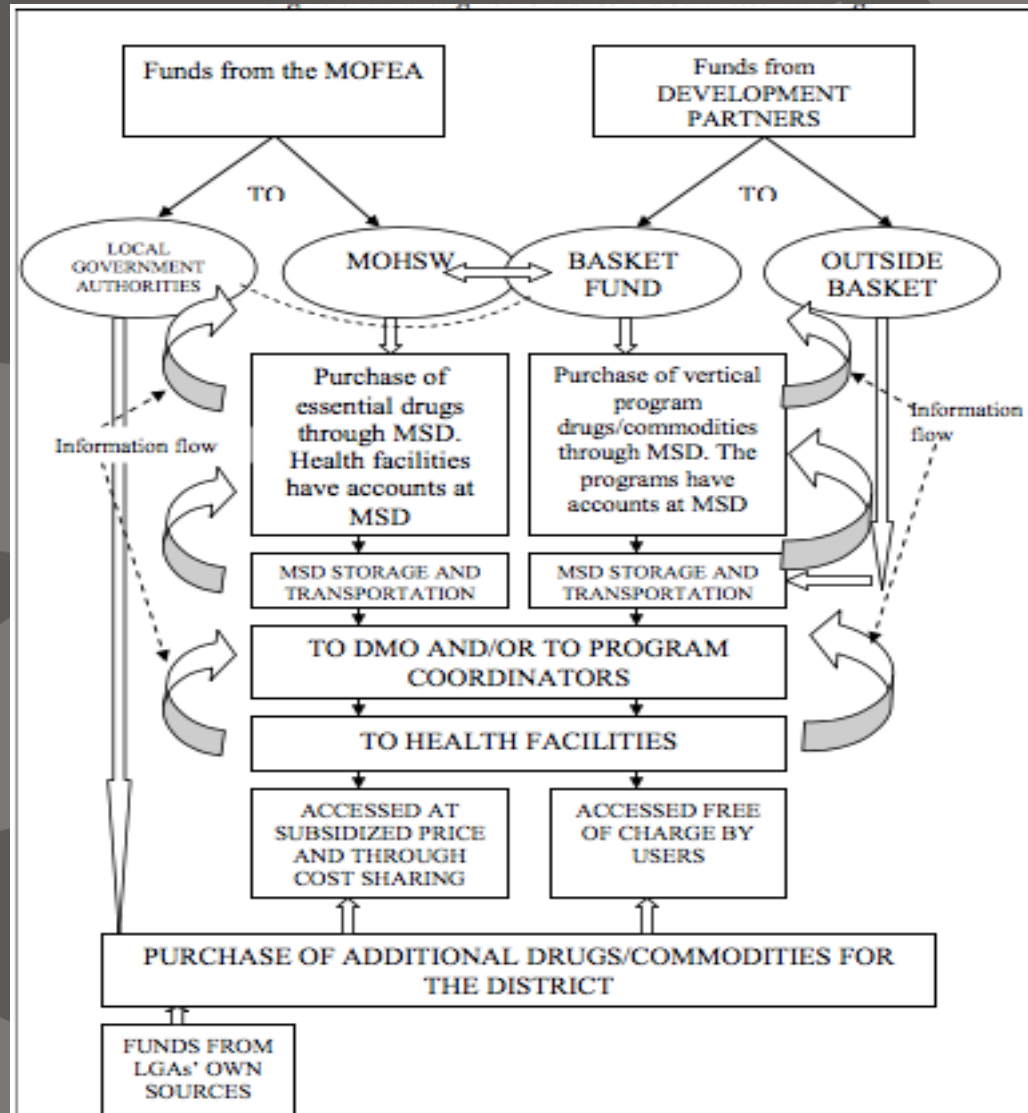
# ADDRESSING POLICY BARRIERS TO CONTRACEPTIVES AVAILABILITY: THE CASE OF TANZANIA'S PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT, 2016.

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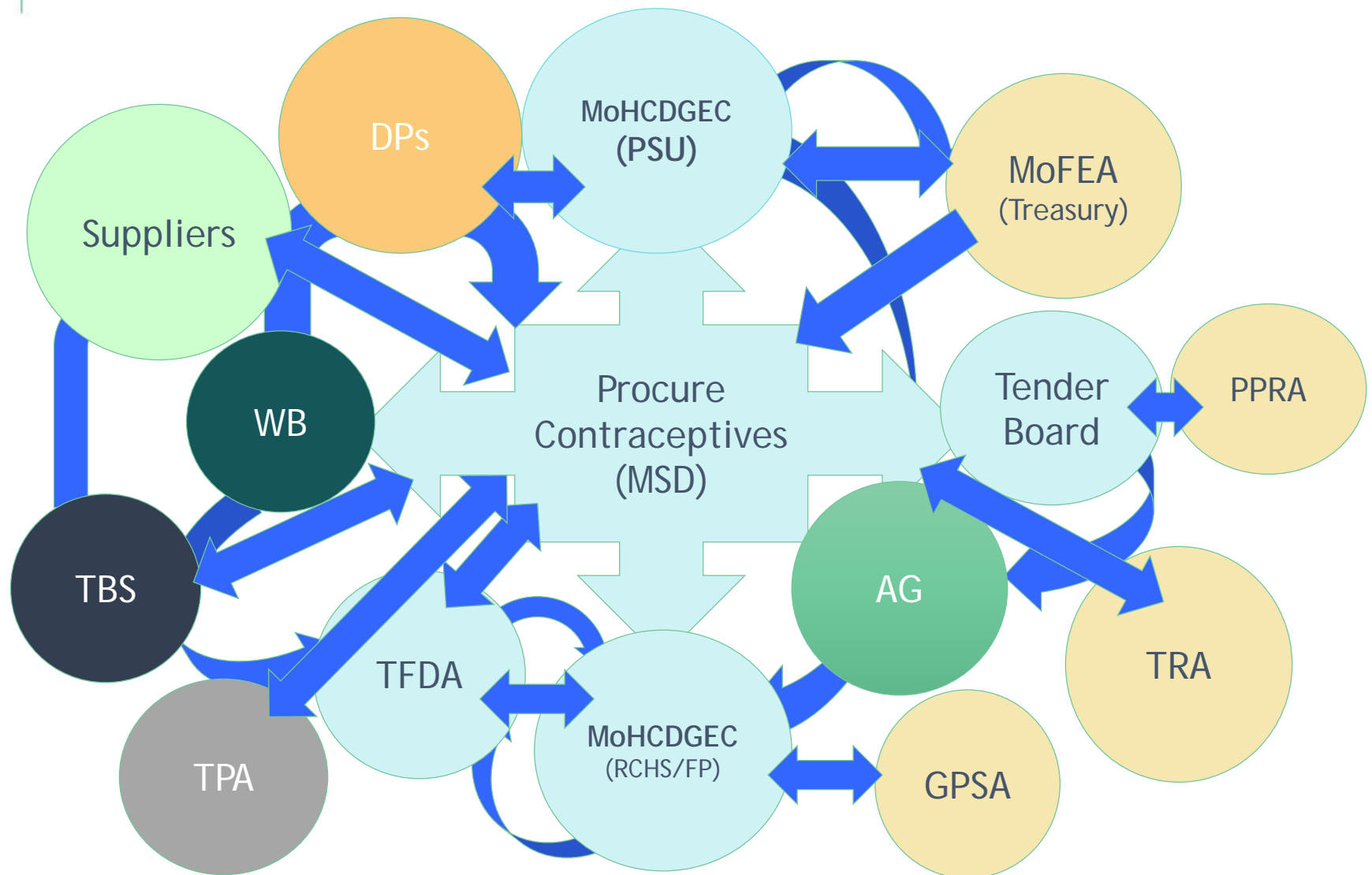
# Background and context

- Tanzania has had persistent contraceptive stock-outs for many years, impacting on service delivery at the Last Mile
- A study in 2011 attributed the situation to long procurement lasting six to 18 months.
- Also, procurement contraceptives was similar to that of other products e.g. machinery, metal or furniture

# Flow of funds for procurement



# Institutions involved in procurement



# What did AFP do?

Attaining a change in the Public Procurement Law

## What Advance Family Planning (AFP) did:

- Assessed the procurement process under the 2014 Public Procurement Regulations
- Bottlenecks were based on the 2011 Public Procurement Act and its Regulations
- Bottlenecks included multiple and overlapping roles of government departments and agencies in procurement, importation, and distribution
- Proposed fast-tracking for life-saving commodities including contraceptives

## Advocacy process

- December 2015: President ordered an overhaul the procurement law
- Tanzania's Law Reform Commission (TLRC) called for public views on the law
- AFP utilized this advocacy opportunity: submitted opinions and recommendations

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- Main proposal: a *Special Provision to fast-track the procurement of lifesaving health commodities including contraceptives*
- Showed evidence on possible savings in time and costs from fast-tracking commodities.
- Project team rallied Members of Parliament to work closely with, used example of procurement of military equipment in the law



# MPs who Championed the change



# Results: change attained!

- In June 2016, Parliament passed the Bill containing the Special Provision
- President signed it into Law, a month later.
- As a follow-up, AFP advocated for drafting corresponding regulations to operationalize the Law - another win was scored
- The Provision provides for procurement procedures that account for commodities' nature and purpose.

*“... if commodities are delayed for more than four months, the results may be unwanted pregnancies for a woman using family planning. I therefore, call upon Members of Parliament to support the inclusion of this article in the Act.”*



**Hon. Hawa Ghasia.** – Chairperson for the Parliamentary Budget Committee, Member of Parliament for Mtwara Rural Constituency, and Former Cabinet Minister.