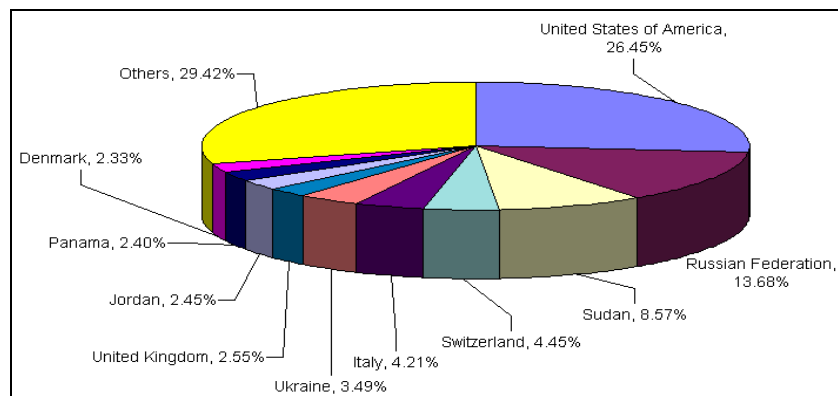




United Nations Secretariat procures goods and services to support its activities at its Headquarters, Offices away from Headquarters (such as Regional Offices, Commissions, Tribunals, etc.), as well as in the Field Missions (Peacekeeping Operations and Special Political Missions). Our objective is to provide responsive and effective procurement services while achieving best value for money and ensuring a competitive, fair and transparent process.

United Nations Secretariat does business with vendors from all over the world and is actively working at increasing its sources of supply from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. As a result of our outreach programmes, the overall procurement volumes from these countries have increased significantly in the last years. The recent Cooperation Agreement with the International Chamber of Commerce – World Chamber Federation (ICC-WCF) will boost the UN’s efforts in increasing procurement activities from these countries.

2010 Procurement by Country

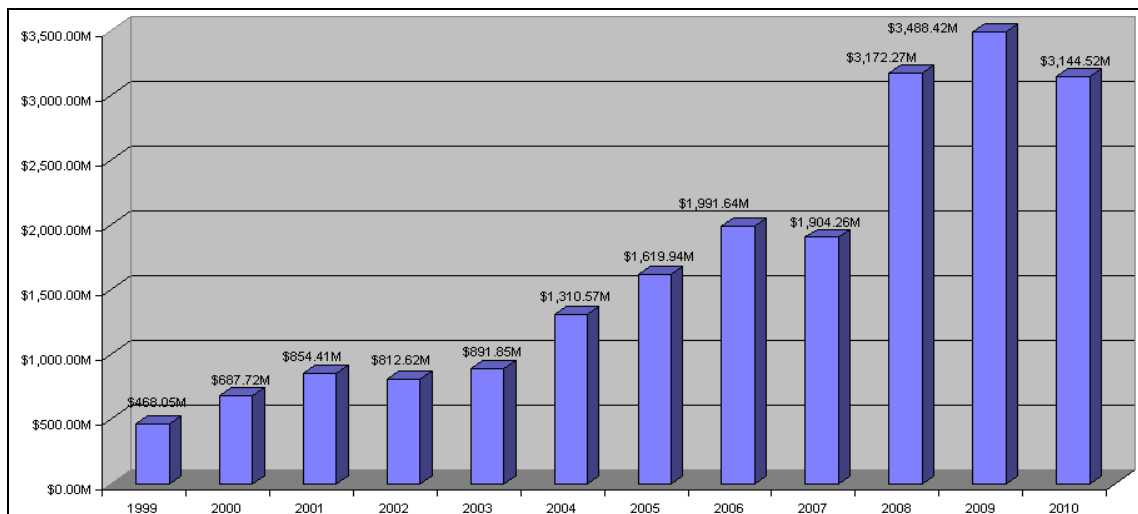


Procurement value

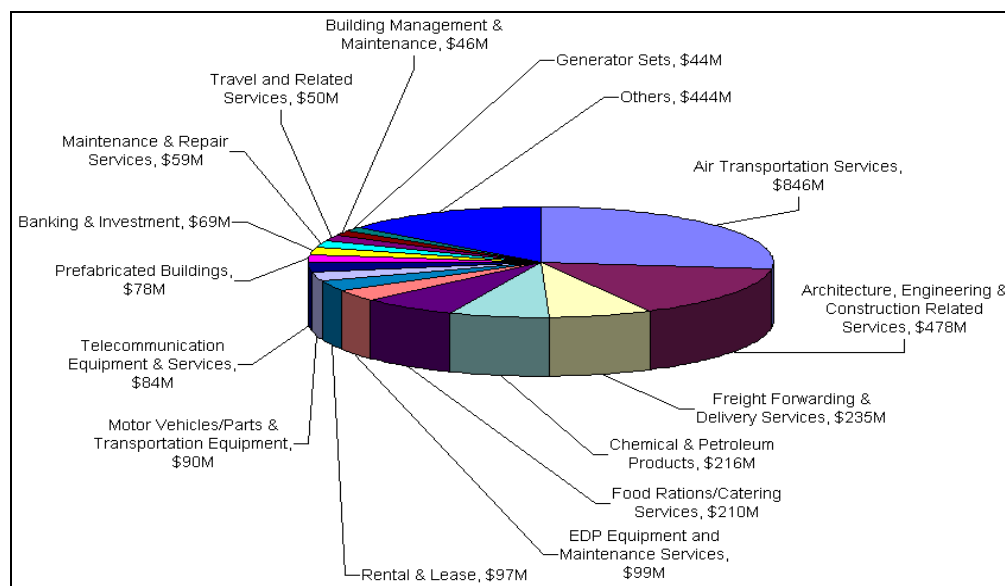
As a result of the recent expansion of the peacekeeping operations, a major portion of activities has been devoted to procurement of goods and services for the peacekeeping and political missions.

In recent years the overall value of procurement has risen significantly, mainly due to unprecedented surge in peacekeeping operations. The total value of procurement went from less than US\$ 500 million in 1999 to US\$ 3.1 billion in 2010. Of this, approximately 80-85% was procured for peacekeeping operations’ requirements.

Procurement trend 1999-2010



Major Goods and Services Purchased in 2010 in Million US\$



Procurement reform

Procurement has been one of the major areas of focus in the United Nations reform.

Our proposals aim to:

- Strengthen internal control measures
- Optimize United Nations acquisition and procurement management
- Strategically manage United Nations procurement function

Major procurement initiatives:

- Establish the Senior Vendor Review Committee to provide independent advice on course of action in cases of allegations of fraud, corruption or unethical behavior on the part of registered vendors
- Streamline vendor registration process to facilitate online registration on the United Nations Global Marketplace website (UNGM – www.ungm.org)
- Establish an Independent Award Review Board to address challenges to procurement awards and ensure transparency, fairness and integrity of the procurement process. This mechanism will enable unsuccessful vendors to better understand procurement awards
- Establish a Regional Procurement Office in the vicinity of the large peacekeeping operations. This will enhance service delivery of the acquisition process while maintaining internal control and segregation of duties between Requisitioners and Procurement Staff.

Sustainable procurement

The Secretary-General has proposed a phased approach towards **sustainable procurement practices** in the United Nations. As a result of the deliberations by the General Assembly during its the 65th session, the General Assembly has requested an update for consideration at the first part of its resumed 67th session.