Since 2020, we have seen unprecedented global supply-chain disruption. Logistical challenges and shortages of key materials and rising prices have slowed the progress of projects and made successful project outcomes even harder to achieve. Supply Chain Management (SCM) has evolved into a highly complex, critical global issue requiring in-depth understanding of related risks and what it takes to mitigate them.

Many industries have been significantly impacted especially the infrastructure, healthcare, and food supply-chains. Given these current challenges and its experiences over the past five years, the World Bank is committed to help our Borrowers strengthen their approach to managing supply chains and build increased resilience.

Specifically, to assist Borrowers build Supply-Chain Management (SCM) capacity, the Bank has published a Guidance Document on SCM that has a special focus on infrastructure projects and provides:

- A comprehensive overview of best practices in SCM and how to apply them to each step of the procurement process
- Tools (such as Supply Chain Mapping) to identify vulnerabilities and risks in the supply chain
- Examples of legal clauses, chain of custody etc. to increase supply-chain security
- Examples of criteria to help successfully identify (through tendering) the supplier(s) best placed to deliver successful project outcomes

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