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- Specifically procurement, construction and consumer professional bodies

Many developing countries continue to lose billions of money since the structures are not in place to ensure they get value for money. The beneficiaries (consumers) do not have much interest as to how / service/ infrastructure or good are delivered and will on many occasions say it be done by certain parties hence there is need to strengthen consumers bodies.

On the other end the contractors and procurement professionals are easily compromised and their professional bodies are not strong enough or even lack the necessary legislation to operate and discipline errant members. The end result is shoddy work and no value for money. The works are awarded to contractors who do shoddy work which is certified and paid. The consumers is also ignorant hence cannot contribute meaningfully on the quality of work and value for money.

My input would be therefore first to establish a baseline for developing countries on the current status of professional bodies. Share the implications of absence of strong professional bodies and then finally coming up with a framework to strengthen the professional bodies especially the ones mentioned above.