

MEIA-Amparos — Guatemala's Judicial Branch Spends Q1.3 Million on AI Case-Analysis Tools Through 15 Fragmented Contracts

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Guatemala

Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Guatemala's Organismo Judicial spent Q1.3 million (~US\$167,000) on AI tools to analyse amparo petitions, awarding all 15 contracts to one vendor in increments just under the competitive-bidding threshold, with no public performance results after 14+ months.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	0/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

[Organismo Judicial \(OJ\) de Guatemala](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

[Prensa Libre – investigation into the AI pilot's fragmented contracts](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

[La Hora – AI use expands across the Organismo Judicial](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

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