GovTech Ecosystem of Uzbekistan: The Hidden Cost of Foreign Dependencies

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The Current State of Uzbekistan's GovTech Ecosystem

Limited local GovTech ventures and software providers

Dependence on imported digital public services platforms

Fragmented government ecosystem and lack of interoperability

- Government entities can't share data easily, so citizens must provide the same information multiple times
- Government services have different interfaces that confuse citizens
- Different agencies run similar systems that duplicate functions
- Technical standards don't match, preventing smooth integration

The Hidden Risks of Foreign Technology Dependence

Vendor lock-in and long-term cost implications

Security vulnerabilities in externally managed systems

- SQL injection attacks
- Forced protocol exploitation
- Unauthorized access to restricted files
- Remote code execution vulnerabilities
- Malware distribution channels

Loss of control over data sovereignty and compliance

Institutional Gaps Hindering Local GovTech Development

Shortage of digital leadership in public institutions

Weak procurement capability for agile tech projects

Lack of public-sector digital skills programs

Building Domestic Capacity for a Sustainable GovTech Ecosystem

Creating a national GovTech talent pipeline

Regulatory sandbox

Encouraging donor-funded capacity-building over tech procurement

Developing startup partnerships for co-creation of services

Global Lessons Adapted to Uzbekistan's Context

Estonia's X-Road and digital identity infrastructure

Singapore's GovTech Agency and in-house engineering teams

Rwanda's public-private innovation labs for service delivery

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