

## Corruption and Nepal

Corruption is the abuse of position, power or trust for personal or private benefit. Corruption, in Nepal, is prevalent in the forms of commission payment, bribe, nepotism, favoritism, immoral acts, bureaucratic wrongdoing, political excesses, contractual irregularity, smuggling, trafficking, ill-intentioned gifts, damage to public and private properties, and dereliction of duty etc.

Corruption has hindered Nepal's political and economic development. It has diminished resources for public programs, eroded ethos of work culture, created barrier to development, earned disrespect for governments, damaged productive potentiality and promoted materialistic attitude.

In 2010, Transparency International ranked Nepal 146 out of 178 countries, with a score of 2.2 out of 10, in its *Corruption Perceptions Index*. It listed Nepal in the category of countries with 'rampant corruption'.

During the last few years of political transition, governments and political parties have not been able to address issues related to corruption, lack of accountability and transparency. The transitional period has been a challenge for governance and anti-corruption agenda. Since all attention has remained on constitution framing and government formation, anti-corruption work has not received due priority. Hence, people, in general, perceive corruption to be on the rise in Nepal.



Promoting awareness through street dramas

## How can I get involved?

1. By becoming a member;
2. By contributing financially to TIN;
3. By becoming a volunteer; and
4. By filing a corruption complaint (see number below)

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President of Nepal Rt. Hon. Dr Ram Baran Yadav with TI- Nepal President Mr Bishnu Bahadur K.C and officials

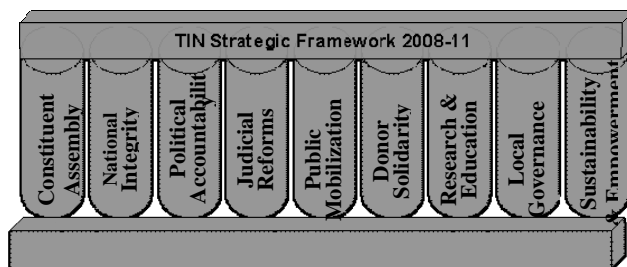
## What is Transparency International?

Transparency International, a global civil society organization leading the fight against corruption, brings people together in a worldwide coalition to end the devastating impact of corruption on men, women and children around the world. Since its founding in 1993, TI has played a leading role in improving the lives of millions around the world by building momentum for the anti-corruption movement.

Transparency International Nepal (TIN), founded in 1996, is part of the TI global network of more than 90 locally established national chapters and chapters-in-information. It is registered with the Kathmandu District Administration Office and affiliated with the Social Welfare Council as a not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to work towards a corruption-free Nepal. The core values of TIN are Democracy, Integrity, Transparency, Accountability, Justice, Solidarity and Courage.

## Strategic Framework 2008-11

Grounded on nine key pillars, TIN's Strategic Framework 2008-11, is a holistic four-year plan designed to tackle corruption using multi-stakeholder partnerships.



Framework focuses on political, administrative, legal, social, educational and institutional approaches designed to combat corruption and its ill effects.

## Current and upcoming activities 2010-12

TIN is currently engaged in a number of activities:

- Obtaining a **Political Consensus** to position anti-corruption and governance as national priority;
- Evaluating **National Integrity System** to prompt a holistic anti-corruption approach;
- **Review of national-level anti-corruption plans, programs and strategies;**
- **Multi-agency-advocacy to strengthen anti corruption provisions in the new constitution;**
- Building a **National Code of Conduct** for integrity across all sectors of the society;
- Compliance of **Code of Conduct** in professional and private sector for better ethical behavior;
- Review of **Nepal's Foreign Aid policy** for better accountability and transparency in aid;
- Assessing **Development Projects and Consultant Costs** for setting criteria on project selection and execution;
- Advocating **Financial Discipline** to build a compliance culture;
- Risk mapping government **Revenue Collection and leakages;**
- Lobbying to support for the **Ratification of UNCAC;**
- **Governance and Corruption Research** to inform and educate the people;

- **Mapping anti-corruption agencies** to analyze challenges and opportunities for integrity building;
- **National and International Engagements** to highlight Nepal's governance, transparency and accountability status;
- **Media Campaign** appealing people to contact TIN for public service delivery problems;
- **News scan** to monitor and analyzes corruption news in print media;
- **Anti-corruption Outreach** to link Support Organizations outside Kathmandu;
- **Advocacy and Legal Advice Center (ALAC)** to help victims file formal anti-corruption complaints for their redressal;
- **Experience Sharing** through exchange of personnel between six TI chapters in South Asia;
- **Strategic Planning for 2011-14** and resource mobilization;
- Accountability through use of **Development Pacts** between communities and their government authorities;

## Past Achievements 1998-2008

TIN celebrates some of these achievements:

- Reviewed government strategy against corruption and proposed **Code of Conduct** for ministers and civil servants;
- Submitted **31 point memorandum** for constitutional and legal reforms to the Interim Constitution drafting committee;
- Provided **legal advice to Parliament** concerning drafting of anti-corruption laws;
- Conducted campaigns during elections, **appealing to voters** to elect clean candidates;
- Replicated **Integrity Pacts** in municipalities and District Development Committees;
- Launched anti-corruption programs in schools to instill integrity in Nepal's youth;
- Promoted **anti-corruption investigative journalism** through fellowships and training programs;
- **Increased public awareness** through media campaigns and public service announcements;

- Conducted **policy discussions** on various thematic topics related to corruption;
- Assessed corruption levels in Nepal through **user surveys and news scans;**
- Developed **Transparency Index** for government ministries and departments;
- Established partnerships with **support organizations** throughout Nepal;
- Prepared **Anti-corruption Training Manual** for trainers and volunteers; and
- Publicized reports about Nepali judiciary, private sector and water issues in Global Corruption Report.

## Organizational Structure

**General Assembly (GA):** The GA is comprised of all TIN members and chaired by the President. It is the supreme governing body of TIN. It elects the President and Executive Committee (EC) members, provides instructions to the EC on policy matters, and approves Annual and Financial Reports. Current GA membership totals 45.

**Advisory Council (AC):** The AC provides advice to the EC.

**Executive Committee (EC):** The EC, also chaired by the President, is comprised of 9 members elected for two-year term. EC issues policy guidelines, formulates/executes action plans and monitors plans/programs. Secretary General coordinates the EC and the Secretariat.

**Management Sub Committee (MSC):** MSC executes TIN operations. President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer and Executive Director make the MSC.

**Secretariat:** The Secretariat, led by Executive Director (ED), is responsible to implement organizational plans, programs and projects approved by the EC and MSC.

**Local Partners:** Local NGOs based in 8 major cities of Nepal, represent TIN at the grassroots.

## Sources of Funds

TIN is currently receiving funds from four primary sources:

1. Transparency International (TI);
2. Norwegian Embassy, Kathmandu;
3. Fredkorpset (FK) Norway, Asia Office;
4. Membership fees.