

Anti-corruption Authorities Initiative: Survey on the Effectiveness of Anticorruption

Background Information

1. Please enter country name in the space below

SIERRA LEONE

2. Name of the agency

ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

3. Date of establishment (please include any predecessors if relevant)

3RD FEBRUARY 2000

4. Contact Information

3 GLOUCESTER STREET, CATHEDRAL HOUSE
FREETOWN

5. Website

www.anticorruption.sl.org

Legal Framework

6. What are the main anti-corruption laws in your country?(please include year of entry into force)

ANTI-CORRUPTION ACT 2008
NATIONAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT 2004
AUDIT SERVICE ACT 2014
ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT 2012
GOVERNMENT BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2005
THE OMBUDSMAN ACT
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT 1965
IMPERIAL STATUTES CRIMINAL LAW ADOPTION ACT 1971
COMPANIES ACT 2013
BANKING ACT 2012
PAYMENT SYSTEMS ACT 2011
CREDIT REFERENCE ACT 2011
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2013
NATIONAL MINERAL AGENCY ACT 2012

7. Does your Government have a single or primary anti-corruption strategy? When was it last updated?

YES-THE NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY. UPDATED 2014, LASTING TO 2018.

8. Does your country have right to information legislation?

- Yes No

9. Does your country have conflict of interest legislation?

- Yes No

10. Does your country have a financial disclosure system to help prevent conflicts of interest?

- Yes No

11. Does your country have statutory or constitutional provisions granting immunity from criminal prosecution to elected or appointed officials?

- Yes No

12. Is your agency protected from political interference by law?

- Yes No

Institutional Framework

13. What functions does your agency perform?

Please check all that apply

- Research Prevention Investigation Prosecution Forensics Auditing Policy

14. Is there one agency in charge of coordinating AC efforts across agencies?

- Yes No

If yes, please specify: **NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY SECRETARIAT**

15. Does your agency have the ability to share information or data with

(a) Other agencies within your Government, and

- Yes No

(b) Government partners from other countries?

- Yes No

16. Please enter the current size of permanent staff. Do you have secondees? If so, are they counted separately?

196 (ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY SIX)

17. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)

8 (EIGHT)

18. Number of investigators including legal advisors (if applicable)

52 (FIFTY TWO)

19. Number of support staff (if applicable)

107 (ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN)

20. Are staff positions permanent? Or subject to periodic renewal? What percentage of each?

186 PERMANENT (94.6%) 10 CONTRACT (5.4%)

21. Does your agency keep records on its investigative activity? If it does not, go to question 22 If yes, please show the information you have on the following

a. Number of complaints received

521

b. Number of investigations conducted

254

c. Number of investigations completed

65

d. Number of cases recommended for prosecution

42

e. Number of cases prosecuted by –i) *Your agency* ii) DPP, AG, or other separate office

43

f. Number of convictions

15

22. Please state the number of learning activities and outreach events organized by your agency (if applicable)

4 Trainings AND 27 meetings

23. Please state the value of assets recovered by your agency (if applicable)

LE 10 BILLION

24. Please enter the names of other agencies with similar functions as this ACA

**LAW OFFICERS DEPARTMENT, OMBUDSMAN, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,
THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT,
NATIONAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY, AND THE AUDIT SERVICE.**

25. Does your agency have a system to monitor performance of staff?

- Yes** **No**

26. Are human resource management actions, i.e., recruitment, promotion, and termination based on staff integrity and professionalism?

- Yes** **No**

27. Are new vacancies for your own agency announced publically?

- Yes** **No**

28. Are the results of these recruitment processes announced publically by your agency?

- Yes** **No**

29. Who appoints the head of your agency?

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT AND APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT

30. Who has the authority to remove the head of the ACA?

PARLIAMENT

31. To whom does the head of your agency report to?

PARLIAMENT

32. Is there any term limit for the head of the ACA?

- Yes** **No**

If yes, please specify: **5 YEAR TERM, RENEWABLE ONCE.**

33. Is the agency subject to judicial review?

- Yes No

34. Is the agency subject to expenditure reviews?

- Yes No

35. Does your agency measure "performance"?

- Yes No

If yes, against which indicators?

- Number of investigations conducted**
 - Number of investigations concluded**
 - Ratio of number of investigations/staff
 - Percentage of total budget allocated to outreach activities and communication.**
 - Number of outreach activities delivered**
- Others, please specify

36. In practice is your agency protected from political interference?

- Yes No

37. Does your agency keep a comprehensive skill list of its staff?

- Yes No

38. Is the staff provided with regular training and refresher training to ensure that their skills are up-to-date?

- Yes No

39. What training has your agency received from foreign organizations or international agencies in the past year?

ADVANCED STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS

40. Are employees protected by law from recrimination or other negative consequences when reporting corruption (i.e. whistle blowing)?

- Yes No

41. Does your agency have a communication strategy?

- Yes No

42. Does your agency have a comprehensive corporate plan?

Yes No

43. Is there a strategy for formulating a partnership with outside agencies to fight corruption?

Yes No

44. Is there a strategy for dealing with the media?

Yes No

45. In practice does your agency has sufficient powers to carry out its mandate?

Yes No

46. Has your agency requests for additional powers or authorities pending in the parliament or before the executive?

Yes No

Resource Mobilization

47. Does your agency have budgetary autonomy?

Yes No

48. What is the annual budget of your agency?

7.6 MILLION UNITED STATES
DOLLARS

49. The annual budget is determined by (please choose the answer(s) that best fit(s) your agency)

<input type="radio"/>	Number of staff (YES)
<input type="radio"/>	Number of investigations (YES)
<input type="radio"/>	Budget is constitutionally mandated (YES)
<input type="radio"/>	Other, please specify- PUBLIC EDUCATION/OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, STEMS REVIEWS, AND ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO PLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY

50. Is there any receive any financing from donors?

Yes No

51. Does your agency use a computerized system to handle cases?

- Yes No

If yes, was it developed especially for your agency or was it purchased off-the-shelf? Are you willing to recommend to others? What is its name and where did you obtain?

RECENTLY DESIGNED. TOO EARLY TO RECOMMEND.

Social Framework

52. Does your agency provide a mechanism for citizens to report complaints anonymously or provide information on corrupt activities?

- Yes No

53. Does your agency or government provide a hotline to report corruption?

- Yes No

54. Does your agency produce regular public reports of its activities? Annually? More frequently? Less?

- Yes No

MORE FREQUENTLY

Innovation

55. Does your agency use any IT tools to

- Facilitate reporting of corruption and fraud by citizens (like www.Ipaidabribe.org) **YES**
- Share information with citizens about its own activities **YES**
- Share and/or obtain information for its own investigations **YES**
- Other – please explain **THE USE OF A MOBILE APPLICATION ACCESSED ON SIERRA LEONE APP ON GOOGLE PLAY STORE USING SMART PHONE.**

56. Does your agency use social media to raise awareness on corruption among the public?

- Yes No