

# Survey on the effectiveness of Anticorruption Authorities

## **Background Information**

1. Please enter country name in the space below

Afghanistan

2. The name of the agency

Independent Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Committee

3. The date of establishment

28 December 2010

4. Contact Information

House # 30 Park Street, Shahre Naw, Kabul

5. Webpage

www.mec.af

## **Legal Environment**

6. What are the main anticorruption laws of your country?

- The Anti-Corruption Law
- Annex 4 to the Penal Code
- The Criminal Procedure Code
- The Law on the Campaign Against Major Crimes

7. Does your government have a single or primary anticorruption strategy?

Yes, the primary anti-corruption strategy is the National Anti-corruption Strategy (aka Azimi report) drafted in 2008. There is also an anti-corruption cross-cutting strategy within the Afghan National Development Strategy (ANDS) also published in 2008.

8. Does your country have freedom of 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

## **Institutional Environment**

11. What are the main functions and operations of your agency? Please check all that apply

Research  Prevention  Investigation  Prosecution  Forensic  Accounting  Policy

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

Yes  No

If Yes, Please specify: De jure the High Office of Oversight is mandated to play this coordinating role but de facto each agency in the Government pursues its own role.

**13. 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

**14. Please enter current size of permanent staff in the space below**

**6 Committee Members, 11 technical and 7 admin**

**15. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)**

0

**16. Number of investigators (if applicable)**

0

**17. Number of cases handled annually (if applicable)**

**We don't handle cases**

**18. Please enter the name of other agencies with similar functions.**

**1. High Office of Oversight 2. Anti-Corruption Unit of Attorney General's Office,  
3. Mobile Task Forces of Ministry of Interior, 4. Anti-corruption Tribunals**

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

Yes      No

**20. Are the human resource management, i.e. recruitment, promotion, termination built on the emphasis of staff integrity and professionalism?**

Yes      No

**21. Who appoints the head of your agency?**

**The Committee Members appoint the Chair and the Members themselves are nominated by the international community and approved by the President. The Secretariat Executive Director is appointed by the Committee**

**22. Who has the authority to remove the head of the ACA?**

The President.

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

Yes      No

If Yes, Please specify: \_The terms of reference of the MEC stipulate that Committee members are appointed for 2 years and the Chairmanship of the Committee is for 6 months passing between antional and international Committee members.

**24. Is the agency subject to judicial review?**

Yes  No

**25. Is the agency subject to expenditure reviews?**

Yes  No

**26. Does your agency publish an annual report of activities?**

Yes  No

**27. Does your agency measure performance?**

Yes  No

***If yes, against what 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
- Other, please specify The MEC develops its own Benchmarks

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

**31. Does your agency have a communication strategy?**

Yes  No

**32. Does your agency have a comprehensive corporate plan?**

Yes  No

**33. Is there a strategy in formulating partnership with outside agencies in fighting corruption?**

Yes  No

**34. Is there strategy in dealing with media?**

Yes  No

**Resource Mobilization**

**35. Does your agency have budgetary autonomy?**

Yes       No

**36. What is the annual budget of your agency?**

<b>1.2 million USD</b>
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**37. Is the annual budget determined by (Please choose the answer/s that best fits your agency)**

<input type="radio"/>	Number of staff
<input type="radio"/>	Number of investigations
<input type="radio"/>	Budget is constitutionally mandated
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Other, please specify –donor support

**38. How much does it roughly cost to (please enter the dollar amount per stated activity)**

\$	File a case	\$	Manage a paper case	\$	Analyze a case
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**39. Any Donor Involvement?**

Yes       No

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

Yes       No

**Social Environment**

**41. Does your agency offer a mechanism for citizens to report anonymously complaints or offer information on corrupt activities?**

Yes       No

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

Yes       No

**43. Does your agency produce regular public reports of its activities?**

Yes       No