

# Survey on the effectiveness of Anticorruption Authorities

## **Background Information**

**1. Please enter country name in the space below**

Bhutan

**2. The name of the agency**

Anti-Corruption Commission

**3. The date of establishment**

1<sup>st</sup> January 2006

**4. Contact Information**

Anti-Corruption Commission,  
Thimphu, Bhutan,  
P/O Box- 1113

**5. Webpage**

www.acc.org.bt

## **Legal Environment**

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

1. Anti-Corruption Act (ACA) of Bhutan 2011
2. Constitution of Bhutan
3. Asset Declaration (AD) rule 2011
4. Debarment rule 2012 (draft)
5. Gift rule 2012 (draft)
6. Civil and Criminal Court Procedure (CCPC) 2001
7. Penal Code of Bhutan 2004
8. Audit Act of Bhutan 2006

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

Yes, National Anti-Corruption Strategy Framework (NACSF).

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

68

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

Nil

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

28

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

In an average 20 cases per year

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

Royal Audit Authority (RAA).

**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?**

Nominated by the Speaker of National Assembly, Prime Minister, Opposition Leader, Chief Justice and Chairperson of National Council.  
Appointed by His Majesty the King of Bhutan

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

Head of the ACA can be removed through the impeachment (bill)

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

Yes  No

If Yes, Please specify:

5 years

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**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 performance of ACC is measured by reviewing the 5 year and Annual work plan quarterly, half yearly and annually. The submission of the Annual Report on the performance of ACC to the Parliament is also an indicator that measure the performance of ACC.*

**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?**

About 70-80 million/year

**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 checked="" type="radio"/>	Budget is constitutionally mandated
<input type="radio"/>	Other, please specify- Based on the Annual Work Plans

**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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The record of the cost have not been analysed based on the stated activities. But normally investigation of a case cost approximately \$ 3000.

**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