

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

## Background Information

1. Please enter country name in the space below

Lesotho

2. Name of the agency

Directorate on Corruption and Economic Offences  
(DCEO)

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

May, 2003

4. Contact Information

Former British High Commission's Building  
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5. Website

Still being developed

## Legal Framework

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

Constitution of Lesotho of 1993

Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act of 1981

Penal Code of 2010

Prevention of Corruption and Economic Offences Act of 1999

Prevention of Corruption and Economic Offences (Amendment) Act of 2006

Public Procurement Regulations of 2007

Money Laundering and Proceeds of Crime Act 2008

Public Finance Management Act of 2011

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

Lesotho has adopted the three-pronged “attack” strategy against corruption: Prevention, Public Education and Investigation. The strategy is currently under review with technical assistance from the Commonwealth Secretariat. However, a National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan (NACSAP) 2014/15 – 2018/19 involving all sectors of society, has just been developed , and formally launched.

8. Does your country have right to information legislation?

No-

9. Does your country have conflict of interest legislation?

Yes

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

Yes

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

No

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

No

## Institutional Framework

13. What functions does your agency perform?

Please check all that apply

Public Education  Prevention  Investigation  Prosecution  Policy

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

Yes

If yes, please specify: DCEO was established as the main AC agency leading all other sectors

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

(a) Other agencies within your Government, and

Yes

(b) Government partners from other countries?

Yes

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

62 officers. No secondees

17. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)

2

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

11 Investigators only

19. Number of support staff (if applicable)

37

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

Permanent

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

1237

b. Number of investigations conducted

278

c. Number of investigations completed

60

d. Number of cases recommended for prosecution

37

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

23

f. Number of convictions

18

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

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

Case not completed yet, still in

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

Lesotho Mounted Police Service, Ombudsman, Lesotho Revenue Authority and Finance Intelligence Unit

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

No

29. Who appoints the head of your agency?

The Prime Minister

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

The Prime Minister in accordance with the law. DG has security of tenure.

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

Minister of Justice

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

**Yes**

If yes, please specify: **5 Years renewable**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

**35. Does your agency measure "performance"?**

**Yes**

*If yes, against which indicators?*

**Number of investigations conducted**

**Number of public education activities undertaken**

**Number of reports alleging acts of corruption lodged with DCEO by members of the public.**

**Number of recommendations implemented from systems analysis (corruption audit)**

**Others, please specify-Number of Cases prosecuted**

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

**Never**

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

**Yes**

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

**Not**

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

**Monitoring and Evaluation**  
**Public/Community education and corruption prevention**  
**Forensic investigation**  
**Anti-Corruption Research**

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

**Yes**

41. Does your agency have a communication strategy?

**Yes**

42. Does your agency have a comprehensive corporate plan?

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

## Resource Mobilization

47. Does your agency have budgetary autonomy?

**Not**

48. What is the annual budget of your agency?

M18,672,000.00 (about\$200,000.00)

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

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

50. Is there any receive any financing from donors?

Yes

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

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?

## Social Framework

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

Yes

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

No

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

Yes

## Innovation

55. Does your agency use any IT tools to

- a. Facilitate reporting of corruption and fraud by citizens (like [www.Ipaidabribe.org](http://www.Ipaidabribe.org) )
- b. Share information with citizens about its own activities
- c. Share and/or obtain information for its own investigations
- d. Other – please explain

**NO**

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

No