

Survey on the effectiveness of Anticorruption Authorities

Background Information

1. Please enter country name in the space below

Sierra Leone

2. The name of the agency

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC)

3. The date of establishment

3rd February, 2000

4. Contact Information

3, Gloucester Street, Freetown

5. Webpage

www.anticorruption.gov.sl

Legal Environment

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

- The 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone as amended
- The Anti-Corruption Act 2008
- The National Public Procurement Act ,2004 and its Regulations of 2006
- The Criminal Procedures Act, 1965
- The Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2005
- The Finance Act, 2009
- The Banking Act, 2000
- And other Common Law offences relating to financial accountability
- Government & Accountability Act 2006

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

Yes- The National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2008-2013

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: The Anti-Corruption Commission

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

161

15. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)

8

16. Number of investigators (if applicable)

35 including intelligence officers

17. Number of cases handled annually (if applicable)

Approx. 140

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

The Police, the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, the Law Officers Department

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 President subject to the approval by Parliament

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

The President for reasons of inability to perform the functions of the office of the Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner subject to recommendation by a tribunal and approved by a two-thirds majority in Parliament.

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

- Yes No

If Yes, Please specify: _ A term of 5 years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of 5 years only

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-Number of Systems Review conducted, Number of Public Sensitization conducted, Percentage Compliance on NACS Implementation

5 Systems Review concluded; one customized civil society meeting every week; 4 Radio Talk Shows per week; 80% compliance with the setting up of integrity management Committees

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?

37. Is the annual budget determined by (Please choose the answer/s that best fits your agency)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of investigations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget is constitutionally mandated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify- Parliament

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

<input type="text" value="\$ 1,000"/>	<input type="text" value="File a case"/>	<input type="text" value="\$ 2,000"/>	<input type="text" value="Manage a paper case"/>	<input type="text" value="\$ 2,000"/>	<input type="text" value="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