

Strategic priorities for Transparency International Ukraine for 2016-2018

Priority «Effective corruption fighters»

EXPECTED IMPACT: Ukrainian citizens actively condemn corruption and take actions to tackle it, first of all through personal participation in strengthening transparency, accountability, and integrity of the people in power at all levels.

OUR ROLE: We work with organized groups of citizens that have the desire to combat corruption and are ready to take actions on their own or in collaborative networks. We also support them with methodology and communication.

Millions of Ukrainian citizens demand more openness and transparency from the government and institutions in power. We work with organized groups of citizens around the country in order to help them reduce the impact of corruption on their daily life. Our targeted support is provided to those who deal with corruption, and we will educate them to detect, fix, and prevent corrupt actions in the most important areas of life of Ukrainian citizens. We will closely collaborate with corruption whistleblowers, civil investigators, and journalists working on anti-corruption issues. We are determined to constantly communicate about corruption cases and to shape citizens' intolerance to this problem. We believe that organized communities can change the situation of accountability for corrupt activities and inspire others to fight by their example.

In regard to this priority, we are concentrating on the following initiatives:

- developing thematic and regional collaborative networks for corruption fighters;
- leading communication and mobilization campaigns against corruption at the national level;
- educating organized communities about the instruments to combat corruption;
- providing communication and advisory support to corruption fighters;
- providing legal and organizational support for corruption whistleblowers.

Priority «Effective justice»

EXPECTED IMPACT: Corrupt officials are punished for their misdeeds by properly functioning court system.

OUR ROLE: We attentively follow the process of reforming Ukrainian courts and directly participate in the selection of judges from the pre-specified courts of the country. We also demand that judges abide by specific standards of integrity.

In order to prevent the unpunished use of unlawfully obtained goods by corrupt officials, it is required that the judiciary has the corresponding capability to handle corruption cases. An independent judiciary that is free from excessive political influence and corruption risks is the foundation for introducing a due punishment for corrupt officials. Therefore, Transparency International Ukraine will monitor the process of reforming the judicial authorities and will directly participate in the selection of judges in accordance with integrity criteria. Parallel to this, we will constantly monitor the newly appointed judges' actions in order to help them abide by the standards of integrity and justice in their work.

In regard to this priority, we are concentrating on the following initiatives:

- reforming Ukrainian courts and recertifying their employees;
- monitoring the integrity of the judiciary judges.

Priority «Zero tolerance to political corruption»

EXPECTED IMPACT: Any conflict of interest that arises for senior officials are met with appropriate social and legal recourse.

OUR ROLE: We detect and effectively prevent corruption, conflict of interest in activities for politicians and senior officials of the country. We are developing high standards of transparency for political funding and the detection of conflicts of interest.

Corrupt financial flows are based on the unpunished theft of state property in large amounts and the violation of human rights, which results in damage to entire groups of citizens. In fact, corrupt officials have already become experts in hiding stolen assets and belong to the networks of organized crime. When the system of justice is not effective, we take on the responsibility of publicly denouncing them. To accomplish this, we will work with journalists, investigators, whistleblowers, and our other allies to detect and effectively prevent corruption, as well as conflict of interest in activities for politicians and senior officials of the country. In order to anticipate political corruption and the excessive influence of wealth, we are developing high standards of transparency for political funding, public procurement, and the detection of conflict of interest. We will demand accountability for businesses to the citizenry, because private sector self-regulation is insufficient.

Therefore, we are concentrating on the following initiatives:

- monitoring the effectiveness of the investigation on the crimes of the Yanukovych regime;
- monitoring potential conflict of interests for senior officials and politicians;
- providing access to governmental databases and registries for effective prevention of conflicts of interest;
- conducting research on corruption and creating content rankings for corrupt persons;
- introducing mechanisms for controlling the transparency of political assets;
- strengthening the integrity of Ukrainian business.

Priority «Efficient anti-corruption infrastructure»

EXPECTED IMPACT: Well-coordinated and properly organized anti-corruption institutions which effectively prevent and combat corruption in the country.

OUR ROLE: We attentively follow the process of creating and launching key anti-corruption agencies and directly participate in implementing best practices of integrity in their work in various regions of Ukraine.

Stable anti-corruption infrastructure both at national and local levels is vitally important for preventing corruption. Political corruption and lack of integrity by public servants directly influence citizen trust in their actions. Governmental bodies, political parties, and individual politicians are required to work for public good and to be accountable to the citizenry. Therefore, we are prepared to directly participate in creating and organizing the work of governmental anti-corruption agencies, introducing constant external supervision of their actions, etc. Having said that, we are determined to spread the standards of integrity as well as open and independent governance as much as possible in Ukraine.

In regard to this priority, we are concentrating on the following initiatives:

- launching the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption and other anti-corruption bodies;
- introducing standards of integrity in the regions of Ukraine;
- creating conditions for competitive participation of all interested people in the process of making public decisions.

Priority «Open and independent government»

EXPECTED IMPACT: The standards of open and independent government are successfully applied in all key governmental bodies of Ukraine.

OUR ROLE: We are attentively following the introduction of the Prozorro public procurement system, and new electronic services, as well as the disclosure of governmental data both at the national and regional levels.

Introducing standards of open and independent government is the basis for developing proper and effective governance that corresponds to the demands of an open democratic society and regulates the relationships between public authorities, citizens, and businesses. Proper governance provides for implementation of the following governance principles: transparency and accountability, intolerance to corruption, citizen participation, predictability, and professionalism. For these reasons, we will continue observing proper implementation of these standards by the Parliament and the Government of Ukraine, and we remain committed to promoting citizen participation in shaping and executing state policy. Through the efforts of TI Ukraine and our partners, we will introduce instruments for controlling public procurement and electronic services, and we will encourage the introduction of high-quality services to the citizens.

In regard to this priority, we are concentrating on the following initiatives:

- deploying the initiative «Open Parliament»;
- properly introducing the standards of the global initiative «Open Government Partnership» in Ukraine;
- developing the electronic system of public procurement Prozorro and online instruments for controlling the procurement process;
- building the capacity of civic initiative iGov in terms of providing electronic services, with the aim of its further integration with the state portal of administrative services;
- implementing data accessibility and quality standards.

Priority «Leading anti-corruption organization»

EXPECTED IMPACT: Transparency International Ukraine conducts its activities in accordance with the highest standards of professionalism, in a stable and open way and with a constant orientation on changes.

OUR ROLE: We will invest in our organizational capabilities in accordance with our goals in order to promote better management, as well as develop and introduce new organizational models in order to secure our presence and role in strategic priorities.

Our tradition of investigating corrupt activities will be preserved, and our investigations will become even more substantial. We will make knowledge about best practices of the global anti-corruption movement easily accessible to our team and close partners. We constantly learn from our colleagues and improve our own policies and practices, which makes us a leader in the management sector. We are developing financial stability by means of mobilizing various sources of funding. At the same time, we invest into risk management systems in order to strengthen organizational stability, because our organization and its impact are growing. We will strengthen the presence of Transparency International Ukraine in regions and local decision-making places on anti-corruption issues. In addition, regional centers will play the role of hubs specializing in a certain topic or campaign.

In regard to this priority, we are concentrating on the following initiatives:

- creating a strong main office in Kyiv and network of regional partners;
- introducing effective mechanisms of internal audit;
- revising and constantly updating internal procedures and activities;
- deepening presence in thematic partnerships and networks;
- actively integrating into the global anti-corruption movement;
- renewing and constantly developing our staff;
- systematizing organizational products and services;
- diversifying sources of funding;
- strengthening internal inspection.