



# Engaging Civil Society To Tackle Corruption



**WITHOUT STRONG  
WATCHDOG INSTITUTIONS,  
IMPUNITY BECOMES THE  
VERY FOUNDATION UPON  
WHICH SYSTEMS OF  
CORRUPTION ARE BUILT.**

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# CORRUPTION



- **Major impediment** to reaching **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
- Adopted in **2015**
- Call on **world leaders** to **end poverty, protect planet** and ensure **global peace and prosperity** for all by the year **2030**



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





# CORRUPTION



- **Major obstacle** to reaching **17 goals** **193 countries** committed to achieve *ambitious* **global development agenda**
- **Hamper economic growth**, increase **poverty** and fuel **political and social instability**



# SDGs 16



- **Peace, justice and strong institutions**
- **Corruption, bribery, tax evasion and illicit flows** deprive developing countries of estimated **US\$1.26 trillion *per year***



# SDGs 16

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- **Substantial reduction** of all forms of corruption and bribery
- Efforts to **curb corruption** need to be **broad-based** and **go beyond SDG 16**





# CORRUPTION



- Cut across **all SDGs**
- **Undermining** efforts to achieve health, education, gender equality, climate action, land rights, water and sanitation and all other goals
- Compelling case for **mainstreaming** *anti-corruption efforts* across entire **SDG framework**
- **3 approaches**





# 1. MAINSTREAM ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS



- Across **SDG Framework**
- *Providing citizens with **access** to *public services**
- **Core of SDG agenda**
- Tied to realization of **fundamental human rights**
- **Corruption in service delivery** *most affect* citizens in interaction with state



# CSOs



- Support **government planning** and **priority setting**
- **Advocate** for inclusion of national anti-corruption SDG targets into country development strategies
- Lobby for **allocation** of dedicated budgetary resources to achieve targets
- **Monitor impact** of corruption on progress towards SDG targets



# CSOs



- Play more **hands-on** role in promoting **integrity** in public service delivery — health, education and water
- Reducing **leakages** to corruption at various levels of public service delivery



## 2. ADVOCATE AND SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSION OF GOVERNANCE INDICATORS



- **Promote and monitor** selection of relevant **corruption indicators** at national and sub-national level for all SDGs
- Work with **range of alternative** indicators, proxies and data sources
- Capture **impact of and progress** against corruption across SDG framework



### 3. TRACKING PROGRESS ON ANTI-CORRUPTION ACROSS SDG FRAMEWORK



- CSOs participate in **national level monitoring**
- Contribute to official government **Voluntary National Reviews (VNR)** by analysing official data as peer reviewers
- **Comment** on each official VNR report



### 3. TRACKING PROGRESS ON ANTI-CORRUPTION ACROSS SDG FRAMEWORK



- Develop and monitor country-specific corruption indicators **not officially** be selected by governments
- Conduct **parallel reviews** and produce **CSO shadow reports**



**“THE TRUTH WILL  
ALWAYS BE OUR SHIELD  
AGAINST CORRUPTION.”**

—  
**Oprah Winfrey**

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