ACPIS Flagship Initiatives


2. Global knowledge guidance and lessons learned on anti-corruption (eg, study on anti-corruption and preventing violent extremism, online course on anti-corruption and the Sustainable Development Goals, and guidance note on methodology to integrate anti-corruption in Global Fund programs and overall national health sectors).

3. Global advocacy and awareness (eg, the UN's International Anti-Corruption Day Campaign 9 December).

UNDP Partners


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ACPIS aims to reduce bribery and tackle corruption to build inclusive and peaceful societies in line with Sustainable Development Goal 16. ACPIS works globally to strengthen commitment to UNCAC and nationally to support anti-corruption solutions in key service sectors such as education, health and water, infrastructure, and justice and security.

Why ACPIS?

Despite the significant progress that has been made in fighting the global scourge of corruption in recent years, corruption continues to harm national development processes and undermine democracy and the rule of law, contributing to the culture of impunity and violence.

For example, in the Asia-Pacific region, almost all countries are party to the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) and many have now reached middle-income status, yet they still face challenges in enforcing UNCAC preventative provisions and delivering essential services to the most marginalized and vulnerable groups like youth and women. Indeed, public sector bribery is still seen as a key concern in the majority of the countries.

What is ACPIS?

Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS) (2016-2020) is UNDP’s successor anti-corruption project to Global Anti-Corruption Initiative (2014-2016).

The ACPIS project aims to support countries to strengthen national capacities to integrate anti-corruption measures into national development processes and to enhance integrity in service delivery.

UNDP closely works with UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to implement the ACPIS project.

UNDP Strategies

In implementing ACPIS, UNDP uses various strategies:

- Corruption risk mitigation approach, particularly in service delivery sectors such as health, education, water, infrastructure and justice.
- Social accountability approach of enhancing community and civil society monitoring of services, promoting the use of ICT technologies.
- Empowerment approach through gender, youth and private sector engagement to enhance broader transparency and accountability.
- Institutional capacity development approach, including supporting Anti-Corruption Agencies (ACAs) to monitor budgeting for, spending on and delivery of public goods.