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## International Anti-Corruption Day

UNITED AGAINST CORRUPTION



for development, peace and security



Prevention and Education



School Programme



Judge Gaswaga, ACCS

### ACCS Chairman's message for the 9th December, 2019 UN International Anti-Corruption Day

In an effort to highlight the negative impact of corruption on economic development and government stability the United Nations General Assembly in 2003 designated 9<sup>th</sup> December as the United Nations International Anti-Corruption Day and it is celebrated annually. The aim was to avoid the threats posed by corruption and the theme for this year is "United Against Corruption For Development, Peace and Security". This day showcases the role of the United Nations' Convention Against Corruption in preventing further corruption with highlights activities such as Musicals, plays, keynote speeches etc that focus on the theme in order to drive the message home. In the same vein, an expert in the area of anti-corruption from the Commonwealth Secretariat will be our keynote speaker on this occasion. The day also presents an opportunity for people around the world to unite in the fight against corruption and seriously reflect on the negative effects of corruption and our behaviours as well as ethics. If there is a need for a change in attitude and mind set, so be it. You are all invited to stand with the Anti-Corruption Commission Seychelles (ACCS) in this fight and re-affirm our commitment to eradicate this vice. For fighting Corruption is not just an aspect of good governance. It's self-defence and patriotism. I wish you very fruitful celebrations.

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COME AND JOIN US!

International Anti-Corruption Day (event) 2019.

Tuesday 10th December 2019

Venue: Palais de Justice, Conference Room, Ile du Port

Time : 1000hrs - 1300hrs

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### Head of Anti-corruption Commission Seychelles: we all can do our part in preventing corruption in our society.

On the International Anti-Corruption Day, I wish to acknowledge the integrity of some public sector workers who have come forward to report corrupt practices during the course of their work. From their action we recognise that each one of us has the responsibility to do what is right; we all can do our

part in preventing corruption in our society. Corruption is a crime. Bribery is a crime. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the unsung heroes who assist in preventing, detecting and investigating financial crime and corruption in Seychelles.

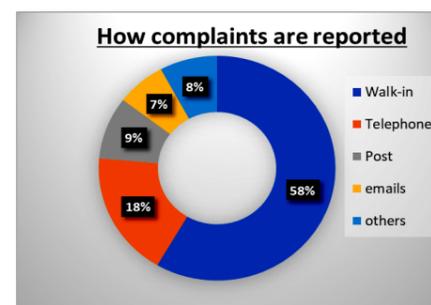
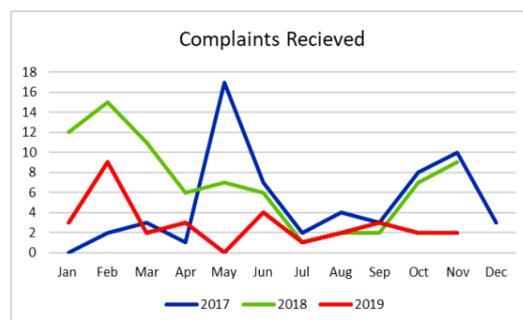


May De Silva, Chief Executive Officer of the Anti-Corruption

### Summary of Complaints Received

The Anti-Corruption Commission Seychelles (ACCS) has received a total of 178 complaints till November 2019. Of the 178 cases, 75 are under investigation, 31 are still being process awaiting supporting documents, while 8 has been referred to

the Prevention and Education department to address Policy and Procedural issues. There has also been 64 cases that has been closed by the board. After Investigations they were not found to contain any elements of corruption.



# Prevention and Education

## What is corruption?

.....The abuse of power for private gain – where power is a position of trust conferring authority to act on behalf of an institution.

Corruption is a complex social, political and economic phenomenon that affects all countries. Corruption undermines democratic institutions, slows economic development and contributes to governmental instability.

Corruption attacks the foundation of democratic institutions by distorting electoral processes, perverting the rule of law and creating bureaucratic quagmires whose only reason for existing is the soliciting of bribes. Economic development is stunted because foreign direct investment is discouraged and small businesses within the country often find it impossible to overcome the “start-up costs” required because of corruption.

### Some common types of corruption

**Bribery:** money or services offered illegally to get something in return

Active: When you offer a bribe

Passive: When you accept or demand a bribe

**Kickback:** illegal form of commission

**Nepotism:** favoritism granted to family, relatives or friends

**Conflicts of interest**

**Facilitation payments:** asking for money for legally free services

**Collusion:** secret agreements by at least two parties for illegal gain

**Embezzlement:** misuse of someone else's money

**Extortion:** using force (physical or psychological), blackmailing, ...

**Misappropriation** (..fraud)

**Abuse of power**

## How does corruption affect us?

### Corrodes institutions and affects the national economy

Corruption can reduce state revenues, increase state expenditures, diminish economic development and impair the capacity of public services

### Corruption undermines democracy

Corruption in many forms undermines good governance, public security, respect for human rights and economic development' of affected nations.

### Destroys moral values and principles, Impedes/delays development

It can also undermine nationhood/society by destroying the confidence in public administration and political process, impoverishing communities and denying opportunities.

## Why Prevent and Educate on Corruption?

D. C. Joubert

Prevention & Education Manager

Corruption *Prevention and Education* is detection and elimination of the causes and conditions of corruption through the development and implementation of a system of appropriate measures as well as deterrence of persons from committing the act of corruption.

The purpose of Corruption *Prevention and Education* is to minimise, as much as possible, its crippling effect on economy, democracy, promotion of social welfare, consolidating national security and improving the quality of provision of public services.

Another mainstay of *Prevention and Education* is the education of the youth. This includes campaigns, pupil conferences, seminars, symposiums, workshops, debates and developing curricula for schools and Post-Secondary Institutions, so as to develop the moral attitudes and capabilities necessary to shape the civic anti-corruption attitudes of young people, provide knowledge about the phenomenon of corruption and the problems posed by and the ways of dealing with corruption.

## Anti-Corruption Awareness School Project

Dorothy Pool

Prevention Officer

The youth is expected to play an active role in preventing and eradicating corruption thereby enabling themselves to act/ behave with integrity in their surroundings. Children and youth, in the battle against corruption must have values and integrity instilled in them from a very early age.

With this in mind an Anti-Corruption Awareness Programme/Project for schools was developed. It was initially supported by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). With further support from European Union (EU) through our local NGO Transparency Initiatives Seychelles (TIS) we were able to cover all institutions.



We have been working with both the public and private schools targeting the Secondary two (S2) to Secondary five (S5) level students because, it must be understood that our workforce depends on students from private schools too.

We also reached out to Post-Secondary institutions/ Academies and Professional Centres.

To date we have covered all institutions with the exception of one secondary school which is under renovation.

## The Prevention of Corruption in PUBLIC SECTORS AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES



### Aim of the programme

- Empower individuals, communities, and governments
- Assist in building institutional capacity and improving service delivery.
- To encourage governments to work more efficiently greater government accountability and transparency
- help the entire society participate in building an enabling environment for equitable and sustainable growth
- To provide timely and cost-effective service delivery to its public.

# SAY NO TO CORRUPTION