

# Examples of Success Stories



*“The Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII) has used the grant to educate, train, sensitize and build the capacity of 30 SMEs in the western region of Ghana on the UNCAC and its*

*review mechanism. As a result of this sensitization, the Regional Chamber of Commerce has indicated its intent to launch an anti-corruption desk in the Chamber.”* Linda Kwafo, Programme manager at GII

**Success Story on Private Sector Grants** The UNODC small grant scheme aims to develop innovative ways to involve small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the fight against corruption. GII, the Ghanaian NGO, which received one of the grants in 2012, explains the value of this initiative for its local community.

*“As one of the participants in the UNODC training on UNCAC, I was able to get a clear and constant flow of information about the review process before, during, and after the training. This enabled us to recreate a simulation of the whole training back in my country.”* Mona Salem, Senior Governance Specialist



**Success Story on Training** The Egyptian organization “Social Contract Centre” replicated the UNODC training in a regional workshop in cooperation with Transparency International, UNDP and UNODC’s Regional Office in Cairo. Some 40 representatives from Egyptian and Tunisian NGOs gathered to attend a four-day workshop to build the capacities of civil society organizations on the UNCAC and its review mechanism.



*“I have been appointed by the Cambodian Prime Minister as a member of the Steering Committee for the government’s UNCAC review process. This would not have happened had I not participated in the UNCAC training*

*organized by UNODC.”* Preap Kol, Executive Director of TI-Cambodia

**Success Story on Training** The Cambodian chapter of Transparency International (TI-Cambodia) has built a strong, credible and leading role in the fight against corruption in Cambodia. In its new role, TI Cambodia is going to be more involved by establishing a closer relationship with the government in order to push for a stronger implementation of the UNCAC. Its director, Mr. Preap Kol, participated in a civil society training on UNCAC and its review mechanism which took place in South Africa in March 2012.



*“We reach out to a younger generation and drive home the message in a hard-hitting manner. This is not a choice. It’s an imperative. We teach them that bribery and corruption are poison. We use that word. Then they take a pledge, sign a banner and go home and tell their parents.”* Vijay Anand, Co-founder and President of 5th Pillar

**Success Story on Campaigns** Every year on 9 December, the International Anti-Corruption Day is celebrated by individuals and communities across the world. In India, the NGO 5th Pillar carried out a campaign in 2012 with a rally in which their volunteers handed out ‘Zero Rupee Notes’ and distributed leaflets to the public about available alternatives to corruption.

## TRAINING

Since early 2011, UNODC has trained over 100 NGOs from around the world by providing them with the necessary tools to participate in the implementation of the UNCAC and the review mechanism of their own country. Through these training sessions, experts from UNODC and Transparency International equip participants with the requisite substantive expertise on UNCAC provisions, in order for them to contribute to the review of their country.

Following training sessions in 2011 and 2012, over 60% of the trained NGOs participated in their country review, while some 80% put in place follow-up activities in their communities and region. Starting in 2014, the UNODC Civil Society Team expects to create a new training programme which will focus on the upcoming review cycle which will focus on Prevention and Asset Recovery.

## PRIVATE SECTOR GRANTS

To effectively contribute to the global effort in tackling corruption, UNODC has launched a small grants scheme for CSOs with the aim of fostering innovative ways to involve the private sector, and in particular Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). Since 2012, UNODC has been encouraging CSOs across Africa and the Middle East to engage with SMEs in their country and has distributed grants of around 5,000 USD to CSOs for projects in D.R.C., Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, Mozambique, Tunisia, Sierra Leone and Kenya. These grants are one of many initiatives developed by the international community, which aim to contribute to the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the 10th principle of the United Nations Global Compact

## CONFERENCES

In close collaboration with its main partner umbrella organization, the UNODC Civil Society Team seeks to ensure effective participation of CSOs in intergovernmental meetings related to UNCAC in line with established rules and procedures. At its fourth session of the CoSP in Marrakech, Morocco, 200 CSO representatives took part in plenary sessions and organized various special events on topics such as CSO participation in the UNCAC review process and the right of access to information.

In addition, CSOs can openly share their experience and views on the review process during the Briefing that takes place on the margins of the Implementation Review Group, as decided by resolution 4/6 adopted in Marrakech. The Briefing serves to promote constructive dialogue between CSOs and governments.

## CAMPAIGNS AND DATABASE

Every year on 9 December, UNODC partners with UNDP to commemorate the International Anti-Corruption Day. This joint global campaign focuses on how corruption hinders development efforts to achieve the internationally agreed upon MDGs. CSOs are invited to use online tools to spread the message in their local communities.

To facilitate communications and interaction with Civil Society, UNODC has established a Database which contains over 3000 NGOs involved in the field of drug and crime prevention. This web based tool is useful for the public to find NGOs working on anti-corruption matters and for UNODC to provide information on our activities through this network. UNODC also uses Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to inform the public about various campaigns and other activities.