



German Development Cooperation's Support for the Fight against Illicit Financial Flows, for Civil Society and Investigative Journalism in Developing Countries

IFF in developing countries: Stolen Assets and the Role of the Media and Civil Society (CSOs)

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Fight against Illicit Financial Flows (IFF)

- **Aim:** Improvement of conditions to effectively prevent and combat IFF
 - In partner countries
 - Across sectors and regions
 - Through activities at national, regional and International level
- **Holistic Approach, covering:**
 - I. Prevention
 - II. Financial investigation
 - III. Recovery of illegal assets



Areas of Intervention I



Prevention

- Implementing global **Anti Money Laundering and financial transparency standards** to make it more difficult to hide stolen assets and enjoy the proceeds of crime.
- **Support Activities:**
 - Implementation of international standards (Financial Action Task Force, FATF)
 - Anti Money Laundering risk analyses
 - Strengthening regional networks to combat money laundering and terrorist financing



Areas of Intervention II



Financial Investigation

- Building the capacities **needed for efficient investigation** of IFF
- **Support Activities:**
 - Fostering interagency cooperation
 - Capacity development for financial investigation agencies
 - Support to investigative journalists



Areas of Intervention III



Asset Recovery:

- Supporting **successful freezing, confiscation and return** of assets to their rightful owners
- **Support Activities:**
 - Capacity development for financial investigators and public prosecutors
 - Support to CARIN-style asset recovery networks
 - Improving Mutual Legal Assistance through law enforcement networks
 - Support for civil society and investigative journalists



Support for Civil Society

Aim: Strengthening civil society forces in developing countries

- Stressing importance of **enabling environments** in the political dialogue with partner countries.
- **Mainstreaming** civil society participation cooperation projects
- **Improving conditions** for civil society actors as component of good governance approach



Support for Civil Society

Civil Society:

- Civil society has **key role** in fight against IFF, creating demand for **transparency and accountability**
- **Support to civil society activities, especially:**
 - Awareness and information campaigns
 - Sustainable structures at grass-roots level
 - Advocacy and lobbying for anti-corruption laws
 - Extra-judicial complaint mechanisms and provision of legal advice



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Examples:

- 'eData', 'ProZorro' and 'eInvestigation' in Ukraine
- 'Game Changers Initiative', 'Young Journalists' and 'J4T' at the IACC
- 'Deutsche Welle Akademie'
- 'Investigate the Mediterranean' and CiFAR