Building Partnerships for Integrity in Fiji

Established in 2015, Civic Leaders for Clean Transactions Integrity Fiji (Integrity Fiji) is part of the Transparency International global coalition against corruption. The TI Movement brings together chapters and partners operating in more than 100 countries worldwide with an international Secretariat based in Berlin, working towards a shared vision: a world free of corruption.

With support from the TI Indo-Pacific Partnership for Strong, Transparent, Responsive & Open Networks for Good Governance (TI IPP STRONGG) 2020 – 2023, Integrity Fiji aims to build partnerships with the public and private sectors and other civil society organisations to raise awareness of corruption risks and drive transparency and accountability across Fiji.

Building on their existing work with youth groups, government bodies, academic institutions and civil society organisations, Integrity Fiji will work across sectors to build partners’ capacity to raise awareness of and address corruption risks. Integrity Fiji’s association Youth Group, Youths for Integrity, will be supported to develop and disseminate compelling anti-corruption messages and to build a culture of transparency across Fiji.

Project At A Glance

- Topic of focus: Building Partnerships to strengthen anti-corruption interventions in Fiji
- Project timeframe: 1 August 2020 – 31 December 2021
- Locations & project outreach: Integrity Fiji will engage with communities across Fiji.
- Budget: 55,016 EUR

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BACKGROUND

In Fiji, there is limited reporting of corruption by citizens due to a lack of public awareness of anti-corruption concepts and mechanisms. High levels of poverty also fuel corruption and Integrity Fiji believes that cultural norms reduce the rates of reporting. There is a need to strengthen the capacity of anti-corruption actors, including Integrity Fiji and their partners, and to build a civil society coalition against corruption to address the current weak levels of collaboration, while also raising awareness of anti-corruption organisations.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Objectives

1. Enhanced capacity within CLCT Integrity Fiji and partners to engage in anti-corruption activities.

2. Strengthened relationships with key stakeholders in government, private sector and civil society.

3. Increased visibility of CLCT Integrity Fiji as a credible actor on anti-corruption in Fiji.

Main Activities

Activities under this project include:

- Integrity Fiji will work with key partners to build their knowledge and capacity and support them to proactively and dynamically engage the general public on Anti-Corruption. This includes capacity building for Youths for Integrity to develop and disseminate effective anti-corruption messaging.

- Integrity Fiji will build coalitions and partnerships with key anti-corruption actors in Fiji, including government bodies, academics, civil society, and young people. This will lead to enhanced collaboration with key national and regional partners to conduct joint engagements on anti-corruption initiatives.

- Integrity Fiji will actively showcase its work together with key stakeholders and as a result, achieve increased visibility among anti-corruption actors, government, civil society, the private sector, media, and the general public.

Integrity Fiji’s response to the COVID crisis

Heavily reliant on tourism income, Fiji’s economy has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, although cases in the country have been low. In 2020, the Fijian government declared two states of emergency: one in response to TC Harold and, a week later, to respond to the pandemic.