



Technical Assistance for Institutional Development and Human Capacity Building of the Anti-Corruption Commission

'Helping promote transparency, efficiency and accountability in the management of public resources'

Overall Goal

The overall project objective is to support the Anti-Corruption Commission in establishing an effective system that promotes transparency, efficiency and accountability with respect to management of public resources.

Background

In preparation for the implementation of the first ever draft Constitution, the Royal Government of Bhutan established the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) on December 31, 2005 under a Royal Decree.

The Commission has been mandated to prepare national strategies and programmes to check corruption and misuse of public resources curb and root out corruption, and issue quality reports to the public for their information. The Commission has also been mandated to carry out investigation and inspection in any disproportionate change in income, asset and liabilities of public servants.

The Office of the Anti-Corruption Commission is independent and currently consists of a Chairperson and two Commissioners.

In order to ensure the continuation of a successful transition to democratic governance under the Constitution, it is important that this newly formed body is made capable of fully discharging its mandate by the time the Constitution comes into effect in 2008.

UNDP Support

On the 15th of March 2006, the technical assistance document was signed between the Anti-Corruption Commission, the Department of Aid and Debt Management and the UNDP. The Anti-Corruption Commission will be the implementing partner of this support.

The project has been supporting the Anti-Corruption Commission in establishing an effective system that promotes transparency, efficiency and accountability with respect to management of public resources.

In particular, the project provided:

1. Technical support in giving input to the final draft Anti-Corruption Bill
2. Technical support in formulating a Master Plan including a National Strategy Paper and Action Plan
3. Technical support in conducting review of systemic problems and recommending preventive measures through consultation and research
4. Technical support in formulating Rules and Procedures for operationalizing the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Anti-Corruption Bill
5. Assistance in sensitizing and creating awareness through mass media, website, in-country workshops/seminars on anti-corruption for key stakeholders
6. ICT equipment and helped develop their website.

7. Training of key Anti-Corruption officials on anti-corruption best practices/ participation in seminars/ workshops/ study tours

Tracking progress:

1. The Anti-Corruption Act has been passed by the 85th National Assembly on 3rd July 2006
2. The National Anti-Corruption Strategy developed.
3. Rules and procedures to operationalize Anti-Corruption Act have been drafted.
4. Relevant ACC officials and the commissioners underwent study tours to establish contacts and institutional networks and to study best practices
5. The ACC's human capacity and infrastructure has been enhanced

Project Brief

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