

Policy Recommendations *for* Corruption Prevention and Institutional Accountability

Context

The anti-discrimination protests of July 2024 marked a transformative moment in Bangladesh's history, leading to a regime change and a focus on systemic reforms. The country is now in a transitional phase, with key stakeholders prioritizing equitable and sustainable development to address long-standing challenges.

In the past, the **Institute of Informatics and Development (IID)** have advocated for anti-corruption reforms, collaboration with CSOs, public participation and social accountability to rebuild a more inclusive Bangladesh and combat corruption.

Drawing on years of research, policy dialogues, and consultations with policymakers, stakeholders, and youth, this document compiles **actionable policy recommendations** to drive reform. Alongside these recommendations, it highlights **examples and best practices from other countries**, demonstrating how similar challenges have been successfully addressed globally.

This compilation serves as a strategic guide and resource for policymakers, civil society, and development partners. It aims to inspire informed action and align Bangladesh's governance and development framework with the nation's aspirations for equity, sustainability, and resilience.

Recommendations

Key policy measures address systemic challenges and advance transparency, accountability, and public trust in Bangladesh's anti-corruption framework. **Each recommendation is paired with examples of successful global practices**, offering practical insights for impactful reform.

Policy Measures

Global Examples



Collaboration with Civil Society Organizations

Partner with CSOs to enhance transparency, monitor spending, and raise anti-corruption awareness.

Indonesia's KPK partners with CSOs to drive community-based anti-corruption efforts, enhancing transparency and public trust.



Ensuring Independence in ACC Operations

Enhance ACC independence by appointing retired senior judges as leaders and creating an independent board for staff recruitment.

Hong Kong's ICAC operates autonomously, free from political influence, ensuring effective anti-corruption enforcement.



Enhancing Accountability and Transparency

Enhance accountability by regularly disclosing ACC officials' wealth and making annual performance and financial reports public.

South Korea's ACRC ensures transparency through published reports and an open data platform.

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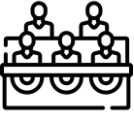
Global Examples



Public Participation in Anti-Corruption Efforts

Create platforms for citizens to report corruption and incorporate anti-corruption education into national curricula.

Rwanda's Ombudsman Office engages citizens with reporting hotlines and public awareness campaigns.



Enhancing Autonomy in Decision-Making

Amend legal provisions to grant the ACC more autonomy in initiating investigations and filing cases without needing prior government approval.

The Philippines' Ombudsman operates autonomously to investigate corruption cases effectively.



Strengthening the Legal Framework

Strengthen the legal framework by fast-tracking judicial processes and enforcing stricter penalties for corruption offenders.

Singapore's anti-corruption laws ensure swift prosecution and severe penalties, leading to low corruption levels.

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