

Uganda Program Summary

Uganda’s program is focused on fighting corruption by improving public procurement and financial management practices, increasing the effectiveness of investigations and prosecutions and strengthening the role of civil society.

Program Highlights

- ★ In order to improve procurement and audit practices, an independent procurement professionals institute was established and an agreement with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority was reached on the selection of a Uganda-based private audit company for the outsourcing of 17 procurement audits. This approach will not only increase the number of performed audits but also increase the capacity of Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority both to perform such audits itself in the future or outsource this function more effectively.
- ★ Thirty-eight members of Uganda’s National Fraud Squad participated in a three week Basic Computer Applications training program in Kampala. The officers acquired knowledge and skills in basic computer applications and are now in position to use the computers they received earlier in the program. This training will also provide a basis for more specialized computer based training in the recovery, preservation and presentation of computer based evidence. It will be conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- ★ Progress was sustained in mobilizing civil society and the private sector in the fight against corruption. The Uganda Threshold Program officially launched an Interagency Forum (IAF) Communication Strategy for changing public perceptions of corruption in Uganda. The program has held a workshop on strategic communications for 39 IAF and civil society representatives and two regional workshops on managing public advocacy campaigns.
- ★ The threshold program’s engagement of the private sector in the fight against corruption has now enlisted the active participation of several of Uganda’s leading private sector associations including the Private Sector Foundation of Uganda and the Federation of Ugandan Employers.

Threshold Status	
Status.....	Implementation, Year 1
Threshold Information	
Total Amount.....	\$10.4 million
Agreement Signed.....	March 29, 2007
Country Information	
Population.....	28,800,000*
GNI Per Capita Income.....	\$280

*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2005