



Threshold Quarterly Report  $\star$  August 2008

# **Program Summary**

Ukraine's program is focused on reducing corruption in the public sector through civil society monitoring and advocacy, judicial reform, increased government monitoring and enforcement of ethical and administrative standards, streamlining and enforcing regulations, and higher education testing.

## **Threshold Status**

Status.....Implementation, Year 1

#### **Threshold Information**

Total Amount......\$45 million Agreement Signed......May 22, 2006

### **Country Information**

Population......47,110,920\* GNI Per Capita Income.....\$1520\*

# **Program Highlights**

- In preparation for the spring 2008 university external testing which is being implemented to reduce corruption in higher education, the Threshold program helped to develop and distribute a test taker compendium, sponsored 35 town hall meetings on the testing reaching over 6.500 participants, and sponsored public education campaigns to inform test takers about external testing requirements.
- Over 150 NGO projects have been sponsored under the Threshold program to raise awareness and focus attention
  on corruption. In addition, over 30 journalists were trained in early 2008 on investigative journalism and the use
  of confidential information.
- Television and radio information campaigns about the costs of corruption were conducted, reaching over 1.5 million people.
- Discussions and revisions to the judicial examination, complaint and discipline processes continue, in an effort to make these processes more fair and transparent. Work continues on improving transparency in four pilot courts, including design and installation of a case management system.
- Analysis of the construction permit process was completed, and streamlined permitting procedures are being drafted.