



Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit

Civil society experiences and emerging strategies



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Editor's Note

We hope that the *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit* fosters discussion, sparks ideas, and inspires individuals and organisations fighting corruption around the world. For more information on any of the tools presented here, or to adapt a tool to your specific context, please contact the responsible organisation in order to benefit from their invaluable experience. All contact details are available from the Fact Sheets that accompany each description.

The *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit* is a practical instrument designed to facilitate the sharing of experiences and to accommodate the new initiatives that will be included in future years. Each year descriptions of new tools will be added to the *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit* until their volume exceeds the capacity of this Binder, at which time a new Binder will be produced. Accordingly, the *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit* is divided into a number of sections, each of which begins with a new numerical sequence. In future years new sections may be added.

To order descriptions of tools when they are ready in 2003, please make sure to send in the pre-addressed post card found in the pocket of this Binder. In 2003 the inserts will be available free of charge and with no charge for postage. Returning the pre-addressed post card also assures that you will be notified when a new Binder is published.

An Introduction to the Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit

By Peter Eigen
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The *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit*, first produced as an international edition in CD-ROM format in 2001, is a compendium of practical civil society anti-corruption experiences described in concrete terms and accessible language. It presents innovative anti-corruption tools developed and implemented by TI National Chapters (NCs) and other civil society organisations (CSOs) from around the world. Every single tool is testament to the creativity and commitment of the diverse groups engaged in the fight against corruption. The tools also confirm coalition building as the hallmark of effective work combating corruption.

Since 1993 the NCs of Transparency International have been fighting corruption – and, in so doing, using and developing practical tools with clearly defined goals. In 2001, the Transparency International Secretariat co-ordinated the collection and documentation of these experiences with the objective of sharing information and experiences, of building on past achievements and minimising duplication in this area of work. Thanks above all to the work and leadership provided by TI NCs, there are now more CSOs than ever engaged in this struggle. Therefore, tools developed and implemented by other CSOs are included here as well.

The *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit* highlights the potential of civil society to create mechanisms for scrutiny and control of public institutions, and to demand and promote accountable and responsive public administration. It will provide ideas and inspiration for those within and outside the TI movement. It is an attempt to answer the question “How do you fight corruption?”, a question which all those engaged in this struggle are asked daily. The results of the individual tools also demonstrate a great leap forward in strengthening the ability of the coalition against corruption to answer the question: “What impact does your work have?”

In reading the *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit*, you will be introduced to tools geared towards creating public awareness about the problem of corruption, monitoring public institutions, encouraging citizens' participation in key decision-making processes and opening channels of communication between governments and their citizens, among others.

For example, operating in a country of extraordinary size, Transparencia Brasil has turned to the airwaves - designing radio spots to raise awareness among the public about the risks of everyday encounters with corruption. In Lebanon,

where the construction sector has been identified as one of the most corrupt in the country, the TI chapter-in-formation has designed a manual to help citizens through the process of acquiring construction permits. The circumstances may be challenging, but in Kazakhstan our colleagues have developed a programme to raise standards in the judicial system. Not content to be merely bystanders to democracy, TI Bangladesh is monitoring the proceedings of the Parliament in Dhaka. In the *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit* you can also learn how TI Kenya made an impact with the design and implementation of an urban bribery index, a tool to diagnose bribery in Kenya's urban centres. These are but a few of the creative and practical tools you will find in the *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit*.

The tools presented in the *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit* inspire us and we think they will inspire you as well.

The *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit* provides a vehicle through which you can learn about new tools and consider their adaptation to your local context. I encourage you to learn from these experiences, to share ideas with the organisations presented here, and to think about the application of these tools in your own country.

Infusing transparency and accountability into the global value system as generally recognised norms is an ongoing process, so this publication is viewed as work in progress. The work of corruption fighters around the world is continuous and developing, so we will continue to add tools every year to this print version and to the TI website. To make sure you receive updates, don't forget to send us the postcard included in this binder.

We consider the *Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit* a 'living work'. Despite our efforts to be as inclusive as possible in preparing this publication, we know that there are creative tools making a profound impact that we have not included. Please contact us if there are civil society efforts you know about that you believe should be considered for inclusion in future editions.

We commend all corruption fighters for the tools they have implemented to date, and hope that the descriptions contained here will serve to inspire and motivate experienced activists, as well as those just joining us.

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