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## Measuring Corruption



### SOURCE

[A Users' Guide to Measuring Corruption and Anti-corruption](#) was commissioned by the UNDP Global Anti-corruption Initiative (GAIN) and published in September 2015. It presents a series of methods, tools and practices that have been used and validated by the anti-corruption practitioner community over the last few years.

### KEY POINT

There is no single formula or one-size-fits-all approach that unravels the complexity and captures the progress and impact of anti-corruption programmes. Better knowledge is needed on how to make sense of measuring successes in the fight against corruption.

### BIG IDEAS

- Rapid increases in the use of governance and anti-corruption indicators over the past two decades indicates that measures of corruption and anti-corruption are increasingly recognized as essential tools for analysing trends in, and monitoring, anti-corruption efforts.
- But the evidence available on recent anti-corruption initiatives or national strategies is still too limited to judge their efficacy.
- Though vast amounts of resources are invested in curbing corruption, documenting, reporting and analysing impact remains a challenge.
- New approaches and tools that capture the incremental impact of anti-corruption programmes are required.

### RELEVANCE TO PUBLIC SERVICE

- The Guide responds to increasing demand from a wide range of stakeholders for updated guidance on measuring both corruption and its absence, specifically the phenomena of transparency, accountability, and integrity.
- It can be seen as a complement to the UNDP publication "[Governance Indicators: A Users' Guide](#)," compiled for non-specialist users, which provides fundamental information about indicators, data, and data collection, as well as existing data sources.
- While much of the regularly collected data on corruption and anti-corruption focusses on government activities, this Guide has a strong emphasis on anti-corruption measures in the public sector and its relationship to civil society.
- The Guide is aimed at public servants and development practitioners involved in anti-corruption work, especially those seeking alternatives to bare logic models and input/output indicators.

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