

RTI's Anti-Corruption Approach

RTI fights corruption by opening governance to public participation and scrutiny. We enhance the capabilities of citizens to participate in public policy making and build coalitions of citizens, civil society organizations (CSOs), the media, and public officials to press for reforms and neutralize opposition. We promote changes that limit opportunities for corruption, increase transparency and controls, establish effective sanctions, and realign official incentives to public ends. RTI addresses corruption at the national and local levels through our extensive decentralization and local government work. These initiatives are complemented by our cross-sectoral efforts to counter corruption in the education, environment, and health sectors, and in conflict and post-conflict settings.

RTI's key areas of anti-corruption work include:

- **Participatory governance:** open institutions and participatory planning, budgeting, and investment.
- **Citizen oversight:** civic dialogue, social audits, open meetings, commission hearings, surveys, and diagnostic tools.
- **Information communication and technology:** access to information, media campaigns, public awareness, and outreach.
- **National policy reform:** legal reform, electoral transparency, and rationalization of fiscal systems.
- **Financial management systems:** audits, procurement, and budgeting processes.
- **Anti-corruption indicators:** diagnostics that measure transparency in local government, education, and other sectors.

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Democratic Governance

RTI's democracy and governance projects use innovative approaches to fight corruption. We currently conduct corruption diagnostics using unit costs related to bidding for services in **Armenia**. In **Benin**, we provide grants to CSOs for anti-corruption advocacy efforts, and assist the Supreme Court's Chamber of Accounts and the new Public Procurement Verification Commission. RTI provides technical assistance to the **Ghana** Responsible Mining Alliance to promote extractive industry transparency (funded by the Newmont and Goldfields mining companies). We support procurement, electoral, and freedom of information reforms in **Indonesia**; develop codes of conduct and promote local credit ratings in **Morocco**; increase citizen access to information in **Peru**; develop transparency indicators in **Bulgaria** and **Peru**; and in **South Africa** implement the national anti-corruption strategy in 23 municipalities. In **Ukraine**, we train local and national level officials, including the Ministries of Finance, Economy, Health and Agriculture in performance program budgeting.

RTI also recently supported public and participatory municipal budgeting in **El Salvador**; trained citizens to perform social audits in **Guatemala**; produced an Anti-Corruption Toolkit for Public Procurement of Goods and Services in **Indonesia**; trained municipal leaders in financial management in **Mali**; and promoted transparent intergovernmental fiscal policies in **Mexico**.

Education

Through education management information systems in **Pakistan** and **Nigeria**, RTI has expanded the flow of information to parents, teachers, and politicians in ways that have dramatically increased transparency and accountability in public education resource distribution. We tailor information to stakeholders' needs, including products for those who cannot read, creating widespread demand for information and turning the spotlight on the misuse of scarce public resources. In **Indonesia**, RTI supports transparent decision making and accountability by working with schools and communities on transparent school budgeting and financial reporting and with local governments on school mapping, school data collection, data- and analysis-based participatory planning, and formula-based funding to schools.

Environment

RTI's environmental scientists and engineers promote transparent regulatory development, stakeholder involvement, and increased public knowledge of the environment. In **Belize**, **Benin**, **Bolivia**, **Cote d'Ivoire**, **Ecuador**, **Morocco**, and **Tunisia**, RTI created partnerships between technical staff, decision makers and communities through workshops, surveys, community-implemented micro-projects, training of trainers, evaluations, and national or regional scale-up.

Health

In **Uganda**, RTI decreased the illicit diversion of goods from the public health system by removing the outer packaging of insecticide-treated bed nets, thereby decreasing market value such that illegal sale on commercial markets became unattractive (funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). In **Rwanda**, RTI is working to train 150 local councilors, sponsor 30 executive exchanges, and support media outreach to reduce corruption in the health sector.

Conflict and Post-Conflict

In **Iraq**, RTI involved over 20 million people in policy discourse; introduced a computerized government procurement system in *Baghdad*; established an accounting/auditing office in *Kirkuk*; and strengthened fiscal operations of Treasury Departments, Supreme Audit Boards, tax offices and service departments in *Al Basrah*, *Al Muthanna*, *Maysan*, and *Nasiriyah*. We developed and installed financial management information systems in *Al Basrah* for the Education Directorate to automate payroll for 24,000 employees and for the Health Directorate to monitor financial transactions of 11 hospitals and over 40 health clinics. In *Babil*, RTI hired local auditors to help local councils conduct external audits of 54 governorate departments. In **Kosovo**, RTI developed a 9-point plan to address corruption and transparency, which included public hearings and the creation of a Citizen Service Center and "transparency window" to facilitate public access to information.