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FITCAM PROGRAM REPORT**

FITCAM 2012 Program Activity Overview

The main focal point of work for the financial year 2012 for FITCAM was to engage in a logical follow up of earlier projects executed so as to scale up and deepen their impact and also to build on a solid track record of engagement and achievement within that program intervention area.

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Although most of the projects initially carried out by FITCAM have been implemented in the education sector as well as in strengthening of democratic processes in Cameroon such as the monitoring of Democratic Elections;

a new window of opportunity was opened for FITCAM to extend its expertise in the monitoring of public contract execution in rural Cameroon- following a request from the Government Agency Responsible for Regulation of Public Contracts in Cameroon.

Therefore our activities and operations in Cameroon for the year 2012 fell under two main priorities:

1. Follow up action and impact monitoring and evaluation of earlier projects in the education sector
2. Monitoring of public contract execution and denunciation of corruption in the field.

Under the two key priorities FITCAM was involved in 8 separate activities

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY FITCAM

1. Survey and Assessment of Cameroon State University Projects carried out by FITCAM (notably-University of Buea and Siantou University)
2. Voters Registration Process Monitoring
3. Monitoring of procurement in Rural Cameroon
4. Organisation of a National Sensitization Campaign on Financial Transparency and accountability in the control and use of public resources
5. Organisation of International Donor Project Impact Assessment Workshop
6. Organisation of Education Resource Expenditure and Accountability Workshop

Participation in National and International Events

- Participation in State Budget Review and Elaboration Workshop-Cameroon
- Participation in International Anti-Corruption Conference –Brazilia, South America
- Participation in Global Youth Against Corruption Forum, Brazilia, South America

Cameroon Higher Education Sector Project Follow UP

4 Sectors were follow up and monitored for progress. These sectors within the universities include:

- Recruitment and internal appointments
- Budget management
- Professional conduct
- Supervision of thesis
- Student criminal networks
- Pressure on staff from parents

PROGRESS RESULTS AND IMPACT

Cases of Corruption prevailing	Y2009	Y2011 Changes	Fall in corruption
Supervision of thesis •Extortion and bribes by lecturers •Award of underserved script marks	20 39	(cases of corruption found) 16 3	4 36
Students criminal networks •Payment of bribes to invigilators to conceal cheating during exams •Use of fraudulent documents and impersonation •Theft of student union dues/mismanagement	25 5 15	(cases of corruption found) 0 1 5	25 4 10
Pressure on staff from parents •Threats to pass an undeserved student •Bribes to guarantee admission into the university	8	(cases of corruption found) 2	6



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Cases of Corruption prevailing	Y2009	Y2011 Findings	Fall in corruption
Recruitment and Employment •Internal appointments •recruitment of assistant lecturers •support staff	30	(cases of corruption found) 28	2
Budget Management •Fake mission orders •Allocation of undeserved allowances •Payment of fake suppliers •Debts accrued from corrupt practices	30 40 16 1	(cases of corruption found) 15 10 0 0	15 30 16 1
Professional Conduct •Stealing of cleaning reagents •Sexual harassment	5 27	(cases of corruption found) 1 5	4 22



Voters Registration Process Monitoring

The voter registration process monitoring was coordinated by FITCAM volunteer John Wala Mua in North West Region: The new reform in the registration of voters in Cameroon involve computerised biometric registration of voters



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MONITORING OF PROCUREMENT IN RURAL CAMEROON

	Public contracts where corruption was found in the field of award	Purpose of Contract	Reason for corruption	Action undertaken by FITCAM
1	public contract: 007/ONIT/TC/TCTB/MAN/SWR/2012	Maintenance of Earth Roads and Opening of New Tracks in Tinto	Tender board and Lord Mayor were corrupted by Contracting Companies to award contract in their favour	Denunciation of corrupt practices in the Tinto Council contract award process were lodged to ARMP and CONAC leading to the revision of the award decision and sanctioning of the Lord Mayor of Tinto Council
2	05/ONIT/SDO/DTB/KM/SWR/2012	For the construction of Special Security Police Station	Failure to adopt a clear assessment grid before transmission of the offers to the subcommittee for analysis of bids.	Corrupt practices in the contract award process expose including fake Licenses of registration, fake bank statements, fake references found in the tender documents of some contractors. These contractors were eliminated in the process and later sanctioned by ARMP



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3	06/ONIT/SDO/DTB/ KM/SWR/2012	For the construction of Finance Building	<p>None transmission of administrative offers of bids to the sub-commission for analysis of bids.</p> <p>The tender files contained numerous falsified documents notably from SIDCAM, NKWEDI and NETCAM Enterprises.</p>
4	07/ONIT/SD O/DTB/KM/S WR/2012:	For the construction of the Divisional Delegation of Agriculture and Rural Development	Failure to follow the procedure for rejecting offers that are abnormally based or with abnormality.
5	04/ONIT/SD O/DTB/KM/S WR/2012-Lot 1:	For the Equipment of the Mother and Child Care Unit of Tombel District Hospital.	None respect of the evaluation criteria contained in the Document for Analysis of Offers (DAO).



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Organisation of a National Sensitization Campaign on Financial Transparency and accountability in the control and use of public resources

The objective of the national sensitization campaign organised by FITCAM on transparency and financial control in the usage of public resources was to conduct public education and sensitization meetings with finance controllers and managers of public corporations, heads of budget within various regional and departmental administrative offices, civil society organizations and the general public to take an active role in denouncing corruption as a public right and civil responsibility



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•3000 anti-corruption posters and hands bills were distributed and 14 meetings organised by FITCAM in 3 key towns : Limbe, Buea and Kumba. The meetings gathered traditional rulers, military officials, students, senior divisional officers, government delegates and public servants



Organisation of International Donor Project Impact Assessment Workshop

A two-day workshop entitled “Lessons learned and future prospects for anti-corruption activities in Cameroon” was held from September 17 – 18, 2012 in Limbe, Cameroon. The workshop, was jointly organized by the Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF) and the International Governance Institute-Focal Integrity Team for Cameroon (IGI-FITCAM). Following the completion of a number of PTF-funded projects, this second workshop focused on concrete activities and lessons learned over the past two years by the following 3 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Cameroon:

1. Action Group for Democracy and Good Governance (AGDGG or “Action Group, Cameroon”);
2. Assembly of Youths for a Sustainable Environment and Development (ASYOUSED);
3. IGI Focal Integrity Team for Cameroon (IGI/FITCAM).

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❖ The workshop help share experiences of the 3 CSOs who carried out PTF-funded projects during the period 2010-2012, to extract lessons learned, and present preliminary findings of their project achievements to the donors present. It did not only build donor confidence on the impact of the projects funded in Cameroon but equally enabled the 3 CSOs to:

- Build synergies;
- Discuss the way forward and outline steps for scaling up lessons learned at a larger and more generalized level;
- Propose elements for future action and collaboration between multiple stakeholders.



Organisation of Education Resource Expenditure and Accountability Workshop

As part of a strategy to improve transparency and curb corruption in the management of school funds FITCAM will be organising a workshop for School Management Board and PTA members in Buea from December 4th-5th, 2012

Participation in National and International Events

- FITCAM participation in State Budget Review and Elaboration Workshop-Cameroon organised by the Cameroon Ministry of Finance for Trainers of Trainers on the reformed State Budget Process
- FITCAM also represented IGI abroad by taking part in two international events:
 - The International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC 15th Edition) – Brazilia, South America
 - Participation in Global Youth Against Corruption Forum, Brazilia, South America organised by the World Bank Institute

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION AND BEST REGARDS!!!

