



International Newsletter – March 2011

From the Trustees...

Congratulations to members in South Sudan, which voted overwhelmingly for independence in January! IGI has much to offer South Sudan as it establishes a new state – one we hope will be open and democratic, without fraud and corruption.

In *International Newsletter* we tell you about some of the projects planned and seeking funding. To support any of these projects, or the continuing growth of IGI, please go to www.igi-integrity.com/support.aspx. Even if you cannot support financially, please pray. Also, news of last December's AGM is at: www.igi-integrity.com/AGM2010.aspx.

Congo (DRC)

"The history of DR Congo has been one of civil war and corruption." (BBC profile). Despite its vast natural resources, people are desperately poor. A way to start breaking down the corruption, and use the resources for the health of the people is to widen access to power, increase accountability, and improve decision making.

To do this Martin Zadige and the IGI team want to increase the participation of women in the upcoming elections. They are now engaged in a programme to attract funding, and **need support** for their running costs and the costs of seeking major funding for this project.



Cameroon

Following the success of the Anti-Corruption Projects at Buea University (2009) and Siantou University (2010), Stephen Asek and FITCAM are setting up an exciting new collaboration to share the experience of these projects with IGI leaders from other countries.

Later this year the team are also planning to help monitor the Presidential Elections. Then there is further expansion of the University Anti-Corruption project....

They now need remaining funding for the Anti-Corruption collaboration project (50% already promised).

Kenya

The CTAs continue to develop. It was good to be able to revisit two with Sakwa Buliba, our General Secretary, on the AGM weekend. We were warmly received and heard full reports at first hand in the Kawangware and Korogocho estates in Nairobi. These CTAs are bringing civil society leaders together, helping them to get informed, training them and even, in some cases, providing local services (e.g. security) on the big estates.



Immediate needs: we have external funding for only a few of these CTAs. The others struggle for lack of resources. Sakwa needs more support so that he can engage better with potential funders and for his work as our Secretary.

South Sudan

The world's newest country is due to be formally inaugurated in July. Social and physical infrastructure is minimal and chaotic. A proposal has been developed to empower local people in Juba and to work with the local authorities and community leaders to improve basic service delivery and local living conditions - Led by Garang Miir and our new local leader Lino Garang.

Immediate needs: better office accommodation in Juba (rents are high), so that IGI can work efficiently.



Zimbabwe

Corruption is a big issue in Zimbabwe. A champion has been found for a project with the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA). Tsitsi Mutasa is finalizing a proposal for funding, and needs seed-corn funding to enable us to get major funding and launch this project properly.

"Extortion turns a wise man into a fool, and a bribe corrupts the heart." Eccles. 7:7 (NIV)