



International Newsletter – June 2016

From the Trustees...

Training and development is the theme of this edition: training professionals to stamp out the corruption of their own generation; training the citizens of tomorrow to avoid corruption altogether. Both are essential, and both are being done by IGI members. We hope you will feel able to help, either through prayer or supporting IGI more tangibly.

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Rwanda – better, but not complacent

Rwanda remains the least corrupt country in the East African Community according to Transparency International's 2015 corruption perceptions index. But corruption is by no means eradicated yet, and Rwanda Initiative for Governance (the local IGI FIT) is not complacent.

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RIG continues its programme of training on integrity in secondary schools. As Hilaire, the leader of RIG says, "The eradication of corruption is not an event; it's a long journey and requires patience... The youth of Rwanda need education in order to grow up with values that will allow them to become responsible in the management of the society."

Training has taken place this year in Kamonyi district, southern Province and Nyarugenge District, City of Kigali. So far, it has been delivered in sixteen schools. For the pupils, it proves an interesting and practical subject. Despite the bad example set by many parents, brought up in corruption, this growing training programme offers hope of a better future – an investment in the integrity, and therefore the health and prosperity, of Rwanda.

IGI Congo spreads its wings

IGI in DRC has worked for several years in Bukavu, South Kivu Province. So, it's a big step forward to be able to expand into North Kivu Province and run anti-corruption workshops in Goma for provincial officials.

Like many countries and provinces in Africa, North Kivu nominally has an official anti-corruption agency, OBLC (l'Office pour la Bonne Gouvernance et la Lutte contre la Corruption). But this office has had limited resources and limited impact. Invited by the governor of North Kivu, the IGI team worked with the OBLC from 15-21 March to identify the scope of its work, the extent of its capabilities, its strengths and weaknesses, and recommendations for improvement. This comprehensive review included round-table discussions, personal interviews and site visits, and led to a comprehensive report.

It is now anticipated that the government of North Kivu will be willing to build on this to enhance the capabilities and effectiveness of those fighting the battle against widespread corruption in that province.

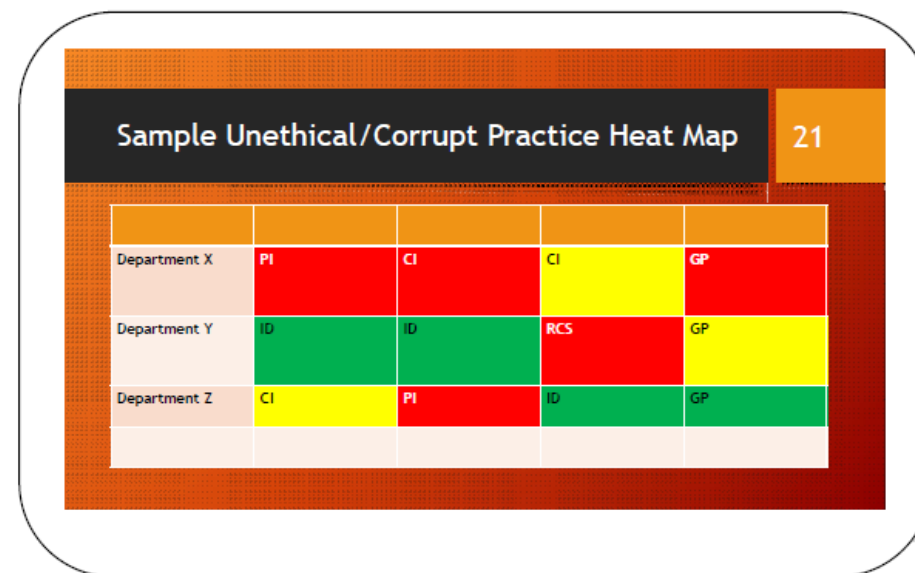
The Kenyan police – more sackings

We reported last September on the doleful state of corruption in Kenya, highlighted by statistics, and President Obama's comments during his visit. Internal organisations, including IGI Kenya, have also made strong representations to those in charge of police, which, as in Cameroon (September 2015 newsletter), is one of the most corrupt institutions in this country.

There are now signs of government action on police corruption. As a result of ongoing investigation, it was reported at the start of June that a further 302 officers had been sacked for non-compliance with anti-corruption measures.

Please pray...

- Continued efforts by Kenyan leaders to come to grips with corruption (especially in police and armed forces), and wisdom for IGI Kenya and other Christians in trying to promote and support this;
- Peaceful and fair Presidential elections in DR Congo in the Autumn;
- More opportunities to use the good materials developed by IGI for training;
- Wisdom for IGI Trustees promoting the work of IGI in UK;
- Giving thanks for great work in several countries educating the next generation in integrity.



Capacity building in the Cameroon oil industry

The oil and extraction industries have been particularly associated with corruption worldwide, and nowhere more so than in West and Central Africa. So it's good to hear of FITCAM being invited to present an "Ambassadors of Ethics" training event by SONARA (Société Nationale de Raffinage – Cameroon's oil refining corporation).

The two-day event was delivered twice. Material ranged from theoretical teaching on the definition and impact of corruption to practical case studies involving decision-making by the participants.

The modules included:

- The National Anti-Corruption Strategy and SONARA
- Corruption Risk Assessment and Management
- Code of Ethics and its Implementation
- Corruption Investigation & the Role of Intelligence
- Money Laundering
- Corruption Information Mapping & Monitoring

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