



International Newsletter – September 2022



From the Trustees...

This newsletter brings the results of the Kenyan presidential elections, with reports on the successful progress of the two new projects reported in the last newsletter. The task remains huge, but what we are doing is making a real difference in the communities where we work. We hope you find it interesting, and look forward to comments and questions (paul@igi-integrity.com).

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Figure 1 - Kenyans queuing to vote

Kenyan Elections

Last newsletter, we reported on the work IGI Kenya did running Aspirants' Forums (hustings), and monitoring preparations ahead of the general elections on 9th August.

One hundred and twenty IGI-K volunteers helped monitor the elections, under the leadership of Sakwa and Robert. They observed selected polling stations in Nairobi and in western Kenya, to ensure that only those registered were able to vote, that none registered were turned away, and that the process was carried out fairly. They also

monitored the counting process and the electronic returns from polling stations. When the polls closed, Sakwa was based at the national tallying centre at the Bomas, to observe validation of the electronic returns with the hard copy returns. IGI-K had a distinctive role, particularly in the run up to election, but on polling day also worked with other civil society organisations who monitored other areas of the country.

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Thankfully, the election period was largely peaceful. As is usual, the main losing candidate challenged the result in the supreme court but unsuccessfully. Any irregularities seem to have been minor, with no evidence of significant fraud reported by local monitors or the international observers.



Figure 2 - Voting paper, showing party symbols alongside candidate photos.

That said, it is well-documented that the winner, William Ruto, has been associated with many alleged cases of corruption over a couple of decades, and in some cases has been required to make restitution. So, there is some nervousness amongst anti-corruption campaigners for the future. It is also thought-provoking that such a controversial figure was chosen by the electorate.

We pray that Ruto will deliver on the promises made during the campaign, to take action against corruption in this country that repeatedly ranks poorly in the Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index (128th out of 180).

For IGI-Kenya, the task is now that of holding local politicians to the promises they made during the run-up to the election – as well as the ongoing business of exposing corruption in local communities.

Agriculture in Cameroon

As reported in the last newsletter, IGI-Cameroon has been addressing corruption in the agricultural sector in South West Cameroon.

In Cameroon, agriculture contributes more than 20% of non-oil gross domestic product and employs up to 60% of the active population, 75% of which are women. The National Anti-Corruption Commission (CONAC) for the South West Region (SWR) recently rated the anti-corruption performance of the region below 27/100, a substantial fall since last year.

IGI-C has embarked on a two-phase programme supporting the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER-SWR) by creating anti-corruption capacity. The first phase has been completed, including a well-received two-day training workshop in June. The next phase includes developing additional tools, as well as supporting MINADER in creating feedback mechanisms and an anti-corruption unit.

Congo radio update

The radio project in North Kivu has now been running for some months. Three short radio messages about how to resist corruption, based on acted dialogues, are proving very popular. The first broadcasts were paid for by IGI-DRC as advertisements, but now several community radio stations have asked to re-broadcast them to their audience. As a result, the campaign has not only reached tens of thousands of people in Goma, the capital of North Kivu, but also Butembo, Rutshuru and Beni, other key cities in North Kivu. The campaign also generates feedback from listeners by advertising a free phone line.

The local government's Office for Good Governance and Fighting Corruption is now expressing interest in working with IGI-DRC. We hope that this will be a means of broadening the campaign and reinforcing the messages.

Meanwhile, the security situation remains tense in North Kivu, due to armed bands which have even been threatening the towns. The province is under a military governor. There is much disease with limited health care. There is also an serious environmental threat, now that oil has been found in the national park area on the border of Uganda. We need to pray for Christians to stand with faith and courage at this difficult time, and that wise statesmen and women who can find lasting solutions to what seem intractable problems in a vast area that is almost ungovernable.

Prayer points

- Praise for safe and apparently fair elections in Kenya – an improvement on the last three general elections.
- Prayer for the effectiveness of the radio project in DR Congo, wisdom for Martin engaging with local officials, and for Eastern DRC in general.
- For Hilaire: growth in the work of educating Rwandan children in integrity.
- For Stephen, as IGI-Cameroon follow up on the agricultural corruption project.
- For the Trustees, as they try to increase the UK support for IGI – we do not have the resources to support the increased number of good project proposals.

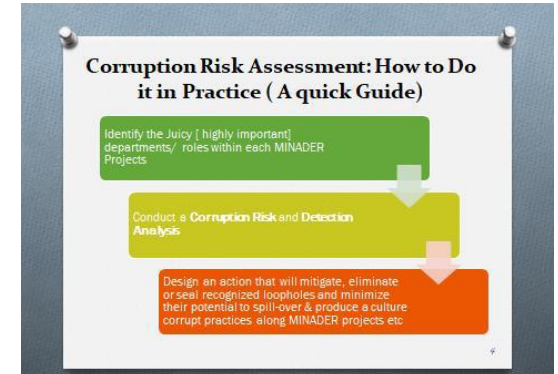


Figure 3 - Slide from training workshop, Cameroon