

Dear friend of IGI,

On behalf of the Trustees, it's great to be able to update you on the work of community integrity in Africa.

Supporting our fellow-Christians in cleaning up corruption in their communities is the most important action we can take to help the suffering people in these countries. **It is part of our love for our neighbour – not to mention our love for our fellow-believers**, who put themselves and their families on the line to challenge evil. Please consider if you could help with a small donation: www.igi-integrity.com/support/, or accounts@igi-integrity.com. Even if you cannot help financially, please pray and make us known widely.



Empowering people to resist corruption

At last IGI Congo (DRC), led by Martin, is able to proceed with the next stage of their campaign to empower the people (see previous newsletters). This is despite the huge, and worsening, challenges of unrest and displaced persons in North Kivu. The project was delayed by funding needs.

Public notices will now be posted close to key official offices and other sites reminding people how to resist requests for bribes. This will be by agreement with the local authorities. Notices will bear the logo shown in the figure opposite, together with practical guidance.



This project builds on the successful broadcasts a couple of years ago, in which radio users were able to hear a simulated dialogue demonstrating how requests for bribes can be resisted.

Community forums continue in Kenya

IGI-K work focuses on enabling the public to hold officials to account for performance. Key local issues include failure to complete major infrastructure projects, “diversion” of money intended for school bursaries for the poorest, and apparent corruption in the *Kazi Mtaani* programme (jobs for unemployed young people in delivering urban hygiene services) – a target for us since its inception during COVID.

Holding officials to account is especially topical right now, with the widespread concerns about taxation levels, leading to rioting on the streets. This has been a groundswell of public opinion, sustained by social media, rather than the usual organised political opposition. It suggests an increasing grassroots demand among the young and educated that officials be held accountable.

We would like to be able to hold more forums, and more regularly, but more funding is required for venues, local travel and inspecting sites of corruption.



IGI Cameroon fights corruption on all fronts

IGI Cameroon is seeking partners to assist in leveraging the Bipromap roll-out. As reported previously, Bipromap is an easy-to-use software app for reporting corruption, particularly in the health sector. There will also shortly be strategy workshops led by Dr Stephen Asek, to review progress.

Meanwhile, we were pleased that Alain Bate was able to present the work of IGI-C at the 3rd Summit for Democracy in South Korea in March, held under the auspices of International Republican Institute/ National Endowment for Democracy.

Rwanda – for a cleaner future

Seven more schools were visited April - June, to give teaching on integrity and avoiding corruption. Integrity clubs are set up, to maintain the impact after the visit.

IGI Rwanda is now also using social media to communicate anti-corruption messages more widely to the people of Rwanda.

Prayer Points

- Praise that our people have been kept safe.
- Praise and prayer for the new project in Congo, for Christians to be an influence for good.
- Safety and lack of obstruction for Kenyan IGI staff and CTAs holding officials to account – and for funds.
- Widening influence of IGI-Rwanda, and Hilaire's work
- For Trustees, to widen UK support, and for good partners.

Best regards,

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