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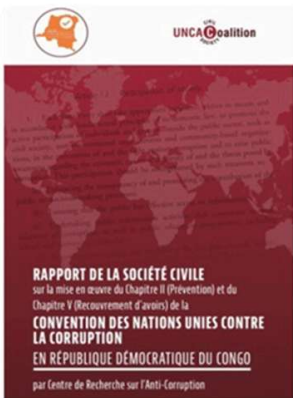
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 International Governance Institute <i>...building integrity in acquiring and exercising public duty...</i>	Dear friend of IGI, I'm pleased to be able to share further encouraging work in all four countries where IGI works. On the other hand, raising funds to grow the work continues to get more difficult, due to worldwide reductions in overseas aid budgets. The spectacular cancellations by the new US administration accompany large reductions in Germany and UK.	
UNCAC Cameroon IGI-Cameroon (IGI-C) was appointed by UNCAC Coalition to write the independent parallel report on implementation in Cameroon of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) over the recent five-year period. The 2003 Convention is the only global, binding anticorruption mechanism. 191 states are parties. Its Implementation Review Mechanism (IRM) is a multi-stage review of how well a particular state has implemented the Convention. The IRM for the recently completed review period particularly covers Preventive Measures and Asset Recovery. In parallel with the peer review by external states parties, there is a civil society (CSO) report, which is what IGI-C was asked to write. The CSO report provides an independent perspective, able to fill gaps and be more critical than the national one. It gives recommendations, supplying additional impetus for reform efforts. Such reports make an essential contribution to national and international dialogue and advocacy on UNCAC implementation and anti-corruption efforts more generally. They also: > Point the UNCAC peer reviewers to key areas that need to be addressed. > Support advocacy work at the national level. > Inform financial or material donors. The report is in the final stages of publication. IGI-C's involvement reflects the standing of IGI Cameroon and Stephen Asek, its leader. It highlights IGI-C's profile as a serious contributor to reducing corruption.		
Congo unrest In DRC, we started a new project in collaboration with local government in North Kivu, proactively to promote integrity with officials and the public. Sadly, this has had to be paused due to the violent invasion of the Kivu provinces by Rwandan-supported rebels. We very much hope for a quick solution and lasting security in that very troubled region.	Still holding officials to account in Kenya Our Community Taxpayers' Associations continued to hold local officials to account at public forums (although limited by funding). Please pray for better health for Sakwa, for safety for Robert as he travels about Kenya, and for our efforts to identify more funding to extend the forums and increase their frequency. We also have plans for a major project on the procurement and delivery of public infrastructure – an area very open to corruption.	
	Rwanda update Hilaire and colleagues steadily continue the work of visiting schools to educate children and set up Integrity Clubs – a further five schools before Easter. They are also involved in other initiatives with young people, including social media messaging.	Prayer, please! > Stephen and the team, as they develop IGI-Cameroon. > Safety for Martin and family in Kivu, DRC. > Better health for Sakwa, safety for Robert as he travels about Kenya, and for our efforts to identify more funding. > Growth and diversification in Rwanda, led by Hilaire.

Best regards,

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