

What can I do to Reduce Corruption?

Fighting corruption is the responsibility of every Cambodian. Corruption can be reduced if we all work together. You can help to reduce corruption in a number of ways:

- Refuse to accept bribes or pay bribes
- Always ask for a receipt when paying a government fee or other fees
- Ask officials what they use unofficial payments for when you are asked to pay them
- Allow time for official procedures to be followed and refuse to pay the speed fee
- Encourage local government offices to publicize official fees
- Let your commune council members know that you are concerned about corruption
- Take an active interest in the development of projects in your commune
- Ask your commune council for copies of official project budgets and documents
- Advocate for the passing of an Freedom of Information Law
- Let your member of parliament know that you are concerned about the government passing an international standard anti-corruption law

What is the Clean Hand?

The "Clean Hand" represents the fight against corruption. The white represents purity, and the blue background represents wisdom. The logo is not associated with any political party, and it is not owned by any one organization.

The Clean Hand campaign provides education and awareness campaigns aimed at reducing corruption in Cambodia. This campaign involves publications, radio shows, television, posters and many other materials.

We encourage you to help spread the Clean Hand brand using stickers, wearing t-shirts and talking with your friends and local officials.

Corruption is one of the biggest problems in Cambodia today, and by working together we can reduce it!



Working Together to Fight Corruption

What is Corruption?

Corruption occurs when someone uses their position, power or influence to obtain personal benefits for themselves or anyone connected with them. These benefits can be money, objects or other materials. The size of these benefits or how powerful someone is do not matter. A low level government employee who takes a small amount of money is still as corrupt as a high level government employee who takes large amounts of money. Corruption can take place in all sectors of society.

How will reducing corruption benefit you?

- Greater income and more food for your family
- More jobs in the future for your children
- Improved education and health care services for your family
- Equal and affordable access to all government services
- Greater trust in the government



How does corruption affect me?

Corruption effects everyone in Cambodia. Corruption:

- Takes away funding for our schools and health centers
- Creates instability in and distrust of our government
- Prevents our businesses from growing and employing more people
- Increases the cost of government services to us



Corruption in Cambodia

- For every 10,000 Riel you earn, you will lose 500 Riel to corruption
- It is estimated that our government loses approximately \$1,000,000 a day to corruption
- 100 of Cambodia's top companies recently identified corruption as the biggest problem for doing business
- Cambodia is ranked as one of the most corrupt countries in the world as stated in Transparency International's 2005 Corruption Perceptions Index



What Commitments has my Government Made?

Fighting corruption is a central part of our Government's "Rectangular Strategy" for Growth, Employment, Equity and Efficiency. During the First Cabinet Meeting of the Third Legislature of the National Assembly, Prime Minister Hun Sen stated, "The key thrust of the Royal Government of Cambodia's strategy to fight corruption is to take concrete actions that attack the roots of corruption".

At the Consultative Group meeting in December 2004 between the Cambodian government and donors, our government agreed to pass an international standard Anti-corruption Law by the end of 2005.

The most important part of the Anti-corruption law will be the establishment of an independent anti-corruption body that will investigate and prosecute cases of corruption. If the government is to meet its commitment to an international standard law, the selection and operation of the anti-corruption body will need to be free from outside interference and coercion.

As citizens of Cambodia from government, private and civil society sectors we have the right to ensure that the government keeps its commitments to pass an international standard law on anti-corruption, and that the efforts to fight corruption are implemented.

