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ANTI-CORRUPTION AWARENESS TRAINING REPORT

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1. Executive Summary

Transparency Somalia Initiative (TSI) successfully concluded a one-day Anti-Corruption Awareness Training on January 29, 2025, at the Hayat Hotel in Mogadishu, Somalia. This training brought together 25 civil society leaders representing lawyers, women's groups, and Youth and research centers. The training aimed to bolster participants' understanding of anti-corruption principles, practices, and their role in promoting transparency and accountability within Somali society. The interactive sessions covered various aspects of corruption, its impact, and strategies for combating it. This report details the training's objectives, methodology, content, outcomes, and recommendations for future initiatives.



2. Background

Somalia faces significant challenges related to corruption, which undermines development, erodes public trust, and hinders progress towards good governance. Recognizing the critical role of civil society in addressing this issue, TSI organized this training to empower key actors with the knowledge and skills necessary to advocate for transparency and accountability. This training aligns with TSI's broader mission to promote good governance and combat corruption in Somalia.

3. Training Objectives

The primary objectives of the Anti-Corruption Awareness Training were to:

- Enhance participants' understanding of the nature and scope of corruption in Somalia.
- Equip participants with practical tools and strategies for combating corruption.
- Strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations to engage in anti-corruption initiatives.
- Foster collaboration and networking among civil society actors working on anti-corruption issues.
- Raise awareness about the importance of transparency and accountability in public and private sectors.

4. Training Methodology

The training employed a participatory and interactive approach, combining presentations, group discussions, case studies, and Q&A sessions. This methodology encouraged active participation from attendees, facilitating knowledge sharing and peer learning. The training also incorporated real-world examples and case studies relevant to the Somali context to enhance understanding and practical application of the concepts.



5. Training Content

The training covered a range of key topics related to anti-corruption, including:

- **Understanding Corruption:** Definitions, types, causes, and consequences of corruption. This section explored the various forms corruption can take, from bribery and embezzlement to nepotism and abuse of power. It also examined the root causes of corruption in Somalia, including weak governance structures, lack of accountability, and a culture of impunity.
- **Impact of Corruption on Society:** The training highlighted the detrimental effects of corruption on various aspects of Somali society, including economic development, social

services, and public trust. Participants discussed how corruption hinders access to essential services like healthcare and education, exacerbates poverty, and undermines the rule of law.

- **Legal and Institutional Frameworks for Anti-Corruption:** This section provided an overview of the existing legal and institutional frameworks for combating corruption in Somalia, including relevant laws, regulations, and institutions. It also examined the challenges and opportunities associated with strengthening these frameworks.
- **Strategies for Promoting Transparency and Accountability:** Participants learned about practical strategies for promoting transparency and accountability in both the public and private sectors. This included exploring tools such as access to information laws, whistleblower protection mechanisms, and public procurement reforms.
- **The Role of Civil Society in Anti-Corruption Efforts:** The training emphasized the crucial role of civil society organizations in driving anti-corruption efforts. Participants discussed how CSOs could engage in advocacy, public awareness campaigns, monitoring, and research to promote transparency and accountability.
- **Building Alliances and Networks:** The training encouraged participants to build alliances and networks with other civil society actors working on anti-corruption issues. This included sharing experiences, best practices, and strategies for collaboration.

6. Participants

The training participants comprised 25 representatives from diverse sectors of Somali civil society, including:

- Lawyers specializing in human rights and governance.
- Representatives from women's groups advocating for social justice and equality.
- Researchers from think tanks and academic institutions focusing on governance and development.



7. Training Outcomes

The training achieved several significant outcomes:

- Increased participants' understanding of the complexities of corruption and its impact on Somali society.
- Enhanced participants' knowledge of anti-corruption principles, legal frameworks, and best practices.
- Equipped participants with practical skills and tools for combating corruption in their respective fields.
- Fostered networking and collaboration among civil society actors working on anti-corruption issues.
- Generated a renewed commitment among participants to advocate for transparency and accountability in Somalia.

8. Evaluation

Participants provided feedback on the training through evaluation forms. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with participants praising the relevance of the content, the interactive methodology, and the expertise of the trainers. Participants also expressed a strong desire for follow-up training and support to further enhance their capacity in the fight against corruption.

9. Recommendations

Based on the training outcomes and participant feedback, the following recommendations are made:

- **Follow-up Training:** Organize follow-up training sessions on specific anti-corruption topics, such as investigative journalism, asset recovery, and public procurement monitoring.
- **Capacity Building:** Provide ongoing capacity building support to civil society organizations working on anti-corruption issues, including technical assistance, mentorship, and funding opportunities.
- **Networking and Collaboration:** Facilitate networking and collaboration among civil society actors, government agencies, and international partners to strengthen anti-corruption efforts.
- **Public Awareness Campaigns:** Support public awareness campaigns to educate citizens about the dangers of corruption and the importance of transparency and accountability.
- **Advocacy and Policy Reform:** Engage in advocacy and policy reform efforts to strengthen the legal and institutional frameworks for combating corruption in Somalia.

10. Conclusion

The Anti-Corruption Awareness Training conducted by TSI was a valuable initiative that contributed to strengthening the capacity of Somali civil society to combat corruption. The training provided participants with the knowledge, skills, and networks necessary to advocate for transparency and accountability in their respective fields. TSI remains committed to supporting ongoing efforts to promote good governance and combat corruption in Somalia. This training serves as a crucial step in empowering Somali citizens to demand and ensure a more transparent and accountable society.

The enthusiasm and engagement of the participants underscore the strong desire within Somali society for a future free from the scourge of corruption. TSI will continue to work alongside its partners to realize this vision.



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