

MEMORANDUM FOR: United Nations
FROM: Group 3 at ATHGO International Conference: The Role of Good Government in Economic Development
SUBJECT: Anti-corruption programs

I: Action-Forcing Event

Corrupt practices hurt the 1.5 billion people the United Nation's millennium goals seek to protect. Corruption weakens the foundations of government and stifles political and economic development. It is in the interest of the international community to stop these morally corrupt practices and install systems of good governance. Anti-corruption initiatives must be implemented in order to meet the World Bank's goal of eliminating global poverty.

II: Background and Analysis

Currently the World Bank has grassroots projects designed to bring anti-corruption tools to the public, like the VDP program used to encourage the disclosure of corrupt business practices. While these tools exist, there are still many issues regarding their effectiveness. There are problems with monitoring, compliance, and the willingness of the government and people to accept the reforms.

III: Recommendation

We recommend the implementation of a global education campaign designed to increase the awareness of corruption. The elements of the campaign should include the following:

1. An education program that educates the public at large.
2. An education program that is delivered to all civil servants.
3. Continuing educational programs delivered to the judiciary body.
4. An education program delivered to the youth population.

We also recommend the creation of a media campaign designed at combating corruption. We recommend the campaign include the following:

1. A global public relations campaign promoting anti-corruption tools.
2. Establishment of a cooperative between developed and developing nations implementing journalism education programs in high schools to create a positive environment for the free press

Many developing countries struggle to employ anti-corruption programs. Programs of education as well as awareness may be met with resistance from some countries due to their level of censorship. We suggest that the World Bank and international community should work with developing countries to design the education and awareness projects to ensure that they actively combat corruption.

We propose that funding for this project may be obtained through a combination of NGOs, governmental aid programs, and international loans.

In order to successfully fight corruption, everyone in the development process must be involved. Educating the global population is the first step we must take.