

**UNDP Final Evaluation of the 'Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies (ACPIS)' global project Recommendations and DFAT Response - December 2021**

**Program Summary**

The UNDP 'Anti-Corruption for Peaceful and Inclusive Societies in the Asia-Pacific' project (2016 – 2021) (ACPIS) was a \$6.5m project funded by DFAT and delivered by UNDP Advisors based in Singapore.

ACPIS aims to mitigate corruption risks and enhance social accountability in service delivery sectors; strengthen state and institutional capacity to implement the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) (particularly in relation to corruption prevention); and promote knowledge and advocacy to support anti-corruption efforts, including a better understanding of the link between violent extremism and corruption.

DFAT's funding was largely directed towards supporting activities including pilots of innovative anti-corruption approaches in six countries: Bhutan, Indonesia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Thailand.

In the last quarter of 2020, as part of the monitoring and evaluation of the programme, UNDP commissioned an independent final evaluation of ACPIS. The Final Evaluation (FE), which looks into the DFAT-funded components of ACPIS global project, considered what has (and has not) been working effectively with regard to the delivery of the outputs and objectives noted above.

Given the remote nature of the Final Evaluation, it was decided that the review would focus on semi-structured interviews via video platform. The Evaluation Team conducted approximately 20 interviews over a three-week period in January 2021.

The Final Evaluation concluded that the programme had achieved almost all the objectives and outputs it set out to achieve.

**All evaluation recommendations are supported by DFAT, noting that the implementation of these will be carried forward by UNDP. The program itself and DFAT's funding have concluded. DFAT's management response to the Final Evaluation recommendations, follows:**

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>DFAT Comment</u>
<i>Recommendation: Establish a Global Integrity Fund, managed by UNDP, that will be a facility for supporting innovative ideas on integration of anti-corruption into development objectives and SDG implementation. MEDIUM-TERM</i>	Agree	<i>This recommendation will be implemented by UNDP</i>
<i>Recommendation: Continue to identify cutting edge ideas and approaches to anti-corruption work that can be piloted for real world application, but with the intent of identifying those that can be scaled up/replicated. IMMEDIATE</i>	Agree	<i>This recommendation will be implemented by UNDP</i>
<i>Invest in a robust UNDP internal Community of Practice to support, inform and link anti-corruption expertise within the organisation. IMMEDIATE</i>	Agree	<i>This recommendation will be implemented by UNDP</i>
<i>Continue to integrate anti-corruption principles and approaches into the broader UN development agenda. IMMEDIATE</i>	Agree	<i>This recommendation will be implemented by UNDP</i>
<i>Expand UNDP support of integrity in public services to include new areas of work. MEDIUM-TERM</i>	Agree	<i>This recommendation will be implemented by UNDP</i>
<i>UNDP should expand outreach to corporations that have a proven commitment to business integrity and have already put in place corporate training and engagement departments in line with global anti-corruption priorities. MEDIUM-TERM</i>	Agree	<i>This recommendation will be implemented by UNDP</i>
<i>Position UNDP as the focal point for integrating anti-corruption in the UN development agenda. IMMEDIATE</i>	Agree	<i>This recommendation will be implemented by UNDP</i>
<i>Explore how digitalisation has positively impacted the role of women in the fight against corruption. MEDIUM-TERM</i>	Agree	<i>This recommendation and will be implemented by UNDP</i>
<i>Promote the adoption of national rules and systems to ensure Beneficial Ownership and transparency in corporate filings. MEDIUM-TERM</i>	Agree	<i>This recommendation and will be implemented by UNDP</i>