



# THE INSPECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT

## INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY 2018



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### "Citizens Participation in the fight against corruption: a sustainable path to Uganda's transformation"

Today Uganda joins the International Community to commemorate the International Anti-Corruption Day 2018. This year, the International Community is commemorating the day under the theme **"Say No to Corruption; Every No Counts"**. In Uganda, we identified a theme that is aligned to the International theme and it is **"Citizens' participation in the fight against corruption: A sustainable path to Uganda's Transformation"**. This asserts that, when citizens say NO to corruption and they get involved in the effort to combat corruption and maladministration, the country will definitely experience sustained economic transformation.

Under the leadership of the President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and in exercise of the legislative role of Parliament of Uganda, Uganda has made huge strides in building the legal and institutional framework to combat corruption.

In 1986, President Yoweri Museveni established the Inspectorate of Government as a Department in the Office of the President under the Inspector General of Government Statute of 1988, it became the Office of the Inspector General of Government. When the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda was promulgated in 1995, the Inspectorate of Government became a Constitutional Body enshrined therein under Chapter Thirteen. The Functions of the Inspectorate of Government are stipulated under Article 225 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda while the special powers are laid down in Article 230 of the Constitution.

Over the years, the Inspectorate of Government has registered a number of achievements in the fight against corruption and mal-administration as follows:

- Investigation and prosecution:** A total of 142 public officials were prosecuted and 99 convicted accounting for 69.7% of the cases prosecuted. All the officials who were convicted were ordered to leave office.
- High profile cases:** Some of the high profile cases prosecuted include: Ministry of Local Government, UNRA Fraud including the Mukono-Katosi Case, Rural Electrification Agency and Ministry of Health. These involved high profile persons, and money

over UGX 500,000,000 (Uganda Shillings Five Hundred Million).

- Case completion and recovery of funds.** Out of the **10,641** complaints received on corruption, maladministration and dysfunctional systems, **7319 (69.5%)** have been completed.
- Recoveries and Savings:** A total sum of **UGX 1,985,031,400** was recovered and deposited on the IG Asset Recovery Account and **UGX 107 Billion** which could have been lost was saved when the IG intervened.
- Enhancing Transparency, Accountability and Anti-Corruption (TAAC) in NUSAFII** The IG participated in the prevention of corruption in the NUSAF Project in 55 Districts in Northern Uganda. The amount of funds expended with support of the World Bank was USD 100 million and GBP 30 million. The Inspectorate in collaboration with Civil Society Organisations trained 65,000 citizens to monitor the implementation, report corruption and mismanagement of resources and projects in real time. As a result, under NUSAFII Government registered an **exceptional accountability level of 99.8% both financially and during the project implementation**. The project turned out to be one of the most corruption-free Government programs in the world. Many government representatives have visited the IG to benchmark and learn how this was achieved. In 2017, TAAC was identified as the best government project by Office of the Prime Minister (OPM). OPM also recommended that Government studies the processes under TAAC for possible implementation across government throughout the country.

The TAAC model has been rolled out to NUSAF 3 valued at USD 130 million and other projects namely Development Response to Displacement Impact being implemented in 11 Districts at USD 50 million, Regional Pastoral Livelihood Resilience Project at USD 40 million and Uganda Support to Municipal Infrastructure Development Program being implemented in 7 Districts valued at USD 150 million.

- Enforcement of the Leadership Code through automation of the Declaration of Income, Assets and Liabilities.** The Declaration process was automated in 2017 and that year the highest response rate ever of 95% up from 76% for over 25,000 public officials was registered. This created a substantial impact on the fight against corruption.
- Verifications:** Declarations of 170 leaders valued at approximately **UGX 107 Billion** were verified and 16 of them were investigated for breach of the Leadership Code Act. With the enhancement of the computerised system, the IG in the current FY 2018/19 will verify the declarations of 300 leaders compared to 170 done for the last three financial years.
- Implementation of a joint Cross Border Anti-corruption Programme.** We partnered with Directorate for Ethics and Integrity (DEI) and Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU) to improve community awareness on the effects of corruption across the border. This intervention is being implemented for the Karamoja and Turkana Region in Uganda and Kenya respectively with support from UNDP-Uganda. This initiative has led to improved community awareness of accountability initiatives.
- Stakeholder Engagement.** Various engagements were carried out to address issues related to maladministration/system failure which predispose institutions to corruption with the following:
  - Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs (MODVA),
  - Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES),
  - Ministry of Health (MOH),
  - District Local Governments (DLGs),
  - Office of the Prime Minister (OPM),
  - Uganda Police Force (UPF),
  - Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries. Ministry of Works and Transport
  - Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development among others have been initiated.
  - Inter-Religious Council of Uganda
  - Various media houses
- Strengthening Capacity of the IG.** With the support of Government of Uganda and Development Partners namely DANIDA, DFID, GIZ, UNDP-Uganda, EU and World Bank, the IG has put in place strategies and measures to strengthen the Institutional capacity to implement the five year Strategic Plan and execute its mandate as follows:
  - Established the Directorate of Special Investigations to expeditiously investigate grand corruption cases for the purpose of prosecution and recovery of stolen funds.
  - Established an Asset Recovery Unit to recover illicitly acquired wealth.
  - Established a Project Monitoring Division to implement Transparency, Accountability and Anti-Corruption (TAAC) component in government projects.
  - Recruited over 70 additional staff members to strengthen IG capacity.
  - Upgraded the Complaint Registration and Case Management System to manage complaints processes and procedures, to track progress and provide feedback to the complainant on their cases.
  - Hired a document analyst/handwriting expert and a property Valuer to speed up investigations.

We therefore take this opportunity to thank His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda, Parliament of Uganda, Development Partners and Citizens of Uganda, for the unwavering support given to combating and eliminating corruption in Uganda.

In line with the theme, we call upon the citizens of Uganda to embrace the measure and strategies the Inspectorate of Government has put in place and have a Zero Tolerance to Corruption!

**The General Public is hereby invited to attend the address by H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda on the Fight against Corruption today, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds starting at 12 noon.**