

Ukraine Program Summary

Ukraine's program is focused on reducing corruption in the public sector through civil society monitoring and advocacy, judicial reform, increased government monitoring and enforcement of ethical and administrative standards, streamlining and enforcing regulations, and higher education testing.

Program Highlights

- ★ Under the Civil Society component of Ukraine's Threshold Program, the second survey on corruption in the university admission process was completed and reported a substantial decrease in perceived and experienced corruption during the admission process. Only 48% of students polled believe the corruption in admissions is very or rather widespread compared to 70% in 2007.
- ★ The initial seven Public Anti-Corruption Advocacy Networks completed their activities. These networks brought together 45 top Ukrainian NGOs and through these NGOs' advocacy campaigns, 23 reforms were in progress and 8 of these reforms were adopted. In the upcoming months 30 new grants will be provided to local NGOs to support activities of the Public Anti-Corruption Advocacy Networks.
- ★ The first notice on public sales of seized properties appeared on the Ministry of Justice website on January 22. The website is gaining momentum and has had dozens of additional public sales announced.
- ★ The Policy Excellency Centers at the State Customs Service and Ministry of Transportation and Communications have drafted 27 acts and 12 have been implemented by the Government of Ukraine exceeding the target of 22 drafted acts. One-Stop-Shop toolkit-based training was provided to 13 oblasts to assist in streamlining their operations.
- ★ Through the program's combating corruption in higher education component, the 2009 External Testing Registration Campaign ended in March with over 450,000 persons registered. The implementer (USETI) and the Ministry of Education agreed to transfer the management of the admissions database to the Center of Educational Policy in April 2009. This reflects the Ministry's increasing engagement with civil society in the management of the Ukraine educational system.

Threshold Status

Status.....Implementation, Year 2

Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$45 million

Agreement Signed.....May 22, 2006

Country Information

Population.....47,110,920*

GNI Per Capita Income.....\$1520*