

1. Fact Sheet

Project title	Transparency International – Core contribution (2014-2016)	SDC priority theme Other priority theme (i.e. anti-corruption)
Project no.	7F-03775.12	Country or region Global
<p>Lead (max. 5 lines)</p> <p>Transparency International (TI) is the leading global Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) working against corruption. It has succeeded in placing and maintaining the fight against corruption on the international agenda. TI's overall goal is to stop corruption and promote transparency, accountability and integrity at all levels and across all sectors of society. To achieve this, the TI Movement focuses on promoting reforms within the public and private sectors that increase transparency and accountability, and on empowering civil society to advocate for and monitor such reforms.</p>		
<p>Context (general and related to relevant area):</p> <p>Corruption is a major impediment to economic growth, social stability and poverty reduction. It erodes public trust in government, it leads to sub-standard services and it wastes scarce public resources. The impact of corruption is particularly damaging for developing countries which lose billions of dollars every year through corrupt acts such as bribery, embezzlement, misappropriation or other diversion of property or abuse of functions.</p> <p>SDC recognises that tackling corruption is a vital part of the development process. Hence, SDC is committed to setting up programs to prevent and combat corruption.</p>	<p>Overall goal</p> <p>SDC's support is a core contribution to the Transparency International Secretariat (TI-S). The overall goal of the TI-S is to support the TI Movement in achieving its strategic aspirations by leading the global and regional advocacy for the TI Movement. Specifically TI-S will :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shape the international anti-corruption agenda, ➤ Promote the development and enforcement of international norms and standards, and ➤ Demande the transparency and accountability of international and regional institutions. 	
<p>Key results and insights from previous phases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Advocacy: The partnership helped to put corruption as well as in general the topic of illicit financial flows high on the agenda of many developing and developed countries through TI's constant global advocacy work. ➤ TI's solid expertise and experience in the field of anti-corruption is unrivalled by any other civil society organization. Their reports and indices (e.g. the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) or Global Corruption Barometer) are worldwide used as a reference. ➤ TI has developed successful and practical tools which support many stakeholders to focus on and implement concrete anti-corruption initiatives. For example 88 Advocacy and Legal Advice Centres in 58 countries enable citizens to seek advice when they are faced with corruption in their daily lives. Or, the Transparency in Corporate Reporting (TRAC) analyses the transparency of corporate reporting on a range of anti-corruption measures among the 105 largest publicly listed multinationals. 	<p>Outcomes (objectives) of the planned phase</p> <p>TI specific:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TI is the leading global voice and critical change agent in the demand for world-wide transparency, integrity and accountability. ➤ TI research products provide compelling analysis for anti-corruption advocacy and learning ➤ TI contributes significantly to effective global enforcement of anti-corruption measures and reduced impunity for corrupt acts ➤ TI has responded effectively to the most critical emerging corruption risks and policy issues. <p>SDC specific:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enhanced access of the Global and Regional Cooperation and Eastern European Cooperation to TI's expertise (thematic reports, dialogue, priority sectors (climate change, forestry, service delivery, health, local governance, education, etc.) in implementing multilateral and bilateral programs. ➤ Enhanced Learning on anti-corruption topics for all divisions of SDC 	
<p>Key outputs of the planned phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of TI advocacy recommendations taken up by regional and global institutions (e.g. UNCAC, OECD Bribery Act). ➤ Number of cases using TI research products (e.g. academia, media, CSOs) 	<p>Target group/s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ People - Increased empowerment of people and partners around the world to take action against corruption. ➤ Institutions - Improved implementation of anticorruption programmes in leading institutions, businesses and the international financial system. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TI-S is viewed by external evaluations / indices as world-wide leader in governance, accountability and integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Network - Strengthened ability to work together with 100 National Chapters.
<p><u>Contract partner/s</u> Transparency International Secretariat in Berlin (Germany)</p>	<p>Coordination and synergies with other projects and actors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SDC has made strong commitments to the governance agenda more broadly and the anti-corruption and asset recovery agenda in specific. GI is setting up a coherent program aligned with TI with support to the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, to the Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative of the World Bank and the International Centre on Asset Recovery (ICAR). ➤ SDC's Analyse & Politik is together with SECO supporting the Swiss Chapter of TI. SDC (Globalprogramm Wasser) also supports the Water Integrity Network (WIN) which is supplementing TI's work in this regard. ➤ SECO supports various other programs with synergies such the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) or the OECD's Anti-corruption network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia which conducts peer reviews evaluating the countries' anti-corruption measures and implementation. ➤ Switzerland also promotes respect for human rights. Corruption undermines human rights, democracy and the rule of law by compounding political exclusion: if votes can be bought, there is little incentive to change the system that sustains poverty. TI fights for greater freedom of and access to information to minimize corruption risks in areas such as legal reform (i.e. access to information laws), transparency in political party financing and in the monitoring of electoral processes. ➤ With respect to the UNCAC review cycles, TI is a key player reminding governments to stick to commitments, while encouraging them to be transparency about the UNCAC review findings. This is a specific topic which is important to Switzerland's position in the UNCAC (responsible FDFA/ASA) .
<p><u>Start of phase:</u> from 1.1.2014</p>	<p><u>End of phase:</u> to 31.12.2016</p>
<p><u>SDC Budget of phase</u> CHF 1'800'000</p>	<p>Total SDC expenses already spent since 1st phase (w/o current phase) CHF 5.88 million</p>
<p><u>Total budget of phase including local partners and external contributions</u> EUR 71.5 million (estimate) EUR 24,5 million for 2014</p>	<p>Estimated Swiss/SDC budget for the duration of the whole intervention (all phases combined, indicate total duration) CHF 7.68 million (long-term support to TI is envisaged beyond 2016)</p>