





FIGHTING CORRUPTION IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS











WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN DEFEAT CORRUPTION

What is corruption?

Corruption refers to any form of dishonesty or a criminal offence by organisations or people in positions of authority who abuse their power for personal gain.

Different types of corruption

- Bribery
- Nepotism
- Embezzlement
- Kickbacks
- · Abusing public funds
- Collusion
- Fronting
- Price fixing
- Tax evasion

Corruption is wrong because it:

- deprives people of quality education and job opportunities, it undermines all efforts to fight poverty, inequality and unemployment, and robs people of safety, health, infrastructure and a better quality of life.
- has the potential to cripple all facets of society and it prevents us from building a better tomorrow.
- perpetuates the cycle of poverty in the country as the money that is earmarked for service delivery enriches those who are involved in corrupt activities.

What we can do to stop corruption

- Government cannot prevent and fight corruption alone, it needs the help of business, civil society and all citizens.
- The first step in ending corruption starts with you. If you see any wrongdoing in your environment, say something and blow the whistle on corruption.
- Always obey the law, act with integrity and be an honest citizen and encourage those around you to do the same.
- Refuse to take or pay bribes for services that are supposed to be offered by government, for free.

- Be alert and talk openly about corruption to your children, friends, colleagues and community members.
- If you suspect that corruption is taking place, report it anonymously to the relevant law-enforcement agencies.

What government has done to fight corruption

- In 2010, the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster established the Anti-Corruption Task Team (ACTT), which is a multi-agency structure that fast-tracks high-priority investigations and prosecutions on corruption-related matters through a multidisciplinary and integrated operational approach.
- Government has established specialised anti-corruption units such as the South African Police Service Organised Crime Unit, the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, the Asset Forfeiture Unit in the National Prosecuting Authority, and the Financial Intelligence Centre. All these organs play a critical role in fighting corruption.
- There are also Specialised Commercial Crime courts where cases of corruption and fraud are heard and tried.
- Government has also established national and sectoral anti-corruption hotlines where the public can report corruption.
- Government approved the National Anti-Corruption Strategy in 2020, which is a 10year plan to fight corruption in the country.
- The ACTT case management committee was revived and serious corruption cases, in cooperation with all other stakeholders, are being addressed in various projects.

Contact the National Anti-Corruption Hotline: 0800 701 701 to report all forms of corruption.



