

ANTI-CORRUPTION ANNUAL REPORT

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Norwegian Church Aid has throughout 2023 continued to experience a high-level number of corruption complaint cases on a global basis. The complaints have been received from a multitude of sources: NCA country offices, NCA financial staff, local partners, auditors, whistle-blowers, anonymously and from international donors. The fundamental principle of zero-tolerance for corruption is making global impacts throughout our work.

1. New corruption complaint cases 2023

NCA received 7 new corruption cases in 2023. The cases are listed below. They are distributed per country and sorted by the corruption rank of Transparency International. (Corruption Perceptions Index 2023).

T. I. Rank ¹	Country	Complaint
158	DRC	Mismanagement/Breach of procedures
115	Malawi	Falsifications
98	Zambia	Breaches in EU-Project
98	Zambia	Fraud
98	Zambia	Breach of procedure
177	South Sudan	Kickbacks and procurement issues
162	Sudan	Outbreak of war
Total	7	7 cases

Norwegian Church Aid worked in 28 countries, through approximately 220-225 partners and with approximately 600 projects. Most of the 28 countries in which NCA works are rated as high risk of corruption as per the T. I. Rank. The contexts are challenging and complex. NCA meets these challenges with strict controls, financial procedures, close follow-up, and frequent monitoring.

NCA undertook one anti-corruption reviews, in Ethiopia. This was done using internal NCA staff.

Learning and **transparency** are vital parts of the fight against corruption. In order to **not** face a situation where the same mistakes and repeated, we put strong emphasis on learning. Each closed corruption case is therefore published on the NCA web site, with a description of what we have learnt from the case. Please note that only **closed** alert cases are published.

We continue to have an open, constructive dialogue and follow-up with our back-donors on the complaints and investigations.

¹ T. I. Rank refers to the Transparency International Corruption Perception Index where 180 is the most corrupt score a country can have. The numbers are from the most recent ranking. (2023).

2. Closed corruption complaints in 2023 (In the period 2019-2023).

NCA closed a total of 16 cases in 2023 with a repayment to back-donors of NOK 4 915 744. The equivalent amount in 2022 was NOK 677 954.

3. Ongoing corruption complaints per 31.12.2023

Country	Corruption type	Donor	Start date	Status
Angola	Mismanagement/breaches	Norad	21.10.22	Forensic audit to start
Somalia	Fraud	Norad	04.06.21	Under investigation
Mali	Falsifications	Norad/MFA	13.09.21	At Norad
Mali	Fraud and embezzlement	Norad/MFA	28.11.21	Under investigation
Tanzania	Breach	Norad	15.11.22	At Norad
Malawi	Procedural breach	Forut/Norad	01.09.22	At Forut/Norad
DRC	Breaches	Otcha	07.09.22	At NCA
DRC	Breaches	Norad	20.6.22	At NCA
DRC	Breaches	Norad	24.3.22	At NCA
Bangladesh	Procedural breach	MFA	28.01.22	At NCA/DCA
South Sudan	Procurement	Norad	07.06.23	At Norad
Sudan	War and related issues	Norad	April 23	At Norad

4. 2023 corruption complaint channels

In 2023 NCA received corruption complains through the following channels:

- A. Internal/Country offices: 43%
- B. NCA complaint channel: 29%
- C. Partner: 14%
- D. War: 14%

Thank you to all staff for your PERSONAL INTEGRITY and HARD WORK on fighting corruption throughout our organization.