EDUCATION IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT AND A MAJOR DRIVER OF HUMAN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Integrity in research underpins knowledge generation and evidence-based policy-making. Together education and research shape the societies in which we live.

Corruption and poor governance is a major impediment to realizing the right to education, and to reaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Dakar Education for All Framework for Action by 2015. Corruption not only distorts access to education, but affects the quality of education and the reliability of research findings. From corruption in the procurement of school resources and nepotism in the hiring of teachers, to the skewing of research results for personal gain, major corruption risks can be identified at every level of education and research systems. Conversely, education serves as a means to strengthen personal integrity, and is essential for addressing corruption effectively.
THE GLOBAL CORRUPTION REPORT ON EDUCATION

The Global Corruption Report is one of Transparency International’s flagship publications. The Report brings the expertise of the anti-corruption movement to bear on a specific corruption issue or sector. In the next report in the series, the education sector will be the focus, providing essential analysis for understanding corruption in the sector and highlighting the significant work that has already been done to improve governance and educational outcomes. This will be an opportunity to pull together cutting edge knowledge on lessons learnt, innovative tools and solutions that exist in order to fight corruption in the education sector.

The Global Corruption Report on education will present more than 50 articles from experts in the fields of corruption and education, from universities, think-tanks, business, civil society and international organisations. It will draw on both qualitative and quantitative research to advance our understanding of the dynamics of corruption in the sector and focus on providing examples of practical solutions.

FROM PRIMARY TO HIGHER EDUCATION, NO SECTION OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IS IMMUNE TO CORRUPTION

The Global Corruption Report focuses on forms of corruption in education and innovative solutions in four key areas:

Corruption in school education
Examining the many corruption risks in primary and secondary education, from resource leakages in education budgets and children being denied the right to attend school, to poor teaching practices, nepotism and manipulation of assessments.

Corruption in higher education and research
Analysing corruption risks associated with higher education institutions, including trading in academic titles, lack of transparency in management, and undue government and private sector influence on research agendas.

Innovative tools to tackle corruption in education
Identifying tools to measure corruption in education and academic research, highlighting tools that assist in addressing corruption, and presenting new and innovative solutions to tackle corruption in education.

Education for integrity
Focusing on ways in which education in ethics and anti-corruption can be utilised in the fight against corruption and exploring different approaches to teaching children and future leaders about ethics and integrity.

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Transparency International’s Global Corruption Report series provides an authoritative look at the state of corruption throughout the world. It includes an in-depth analysis of a key corruption issue each year and presents case studies from its national chapters worldwide to showcase the latest insights into the dynamics of corruption. Published by Earthscan from Routledge, the Global Corruption Report is a highly visible reference and essential reading for policy-makers, practitioners, businesspeople, scholars and civil society. The Global Corruption Report on education will be published in early 2013.

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