

Foreword

Building integrity by strengthening systems, procedures and regulatory provision is a longstanding Commonwealth priority. It is through such positive approaches that we tackle the negative and destructive impact of corruption on the lives, livelihoods and well-being of people in all our member countries.

The resources amounting to billions if not trillions of dollars which are misappropriated by the corrupt practices of the greedy and pernicious few are the very funds we need in order to answer in practical ways the hopes and aspirations contained in our Commonwealth Charter 2013 and to deliver on the commitments adopted by our members in 2015 through the Sustainable Development Goals.

This publication draws together examples of action taken by Commonwealth countries in Africa to tackle corruption, examining what works and also sharing lessons of interventions that have proved less successful.

Our aim is for our member countries to build together in a spirit of goodwill and mutual support, putting the 'common' into 'wealth', and 'wealth' into 'Commonwealth', for the greater good and progress of all communities and people.

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