

Response to Tearfund's campaign to end corruption in developing countries

The Department for International Development (DFID) agrees with Tearfund on the importance of tackling corruption and has led the G20 efforts in this regard. The G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group is currently completing the first year of implementation of its 2013-14 Action Plan and is making good progress towards fulfilling its shared commitments. See the [current action plan and details](#) of the progress made in the past year.

We are working with the Australian presidency of the G20 in 2014 to ensure continued vigorous implementation of the Action Plan.

DFID works with countries to prevent public funds from being siphoned off or stolen, and has also stepped up efforts to combat corruption. For example, DFID is helping Mozambique to implement a new law on public probity which includes specific measures to tackle corruption. In Malawi, DFID is working with local police and farmers to monitor seed and fertiliser distribution and ensure any corrupt officials are arrested.

DFID is also supporting global work on tax issues. In November last year, we announced funding for four international projects to improve revenue collection and help authorities in developing countries to tackle tax evasion and avoidance. This funding will help set-up a database of expert tax inspectors who can be deployed to developing countries to advise them on complex audits. It will also include advice on transfer pricing rules that will make it harder for multinational companies to avoid tax. Pilot schemes of this project have seen a 76 percent increase in revenues from multinationals in Columbia and an additional £14.8 million of revenue in Kenya. The £6 million of UK support could help to boost revenues by up to £100 million over the next four years.

I hope this reassures you that the Government is acting on the international stage to tackle corruption and help developing countries collect the taxes they are due.

JUSTINE GREENING