

## Tackling Corruption: A Toolkit for FCO Posts

### Purpose

To provide FCO posts with tools to support them in developing strategies and implementing initiatives to tackle corruption, in collaboration with local partners.

### Background

Corruption is wasteful, costly and a significant impediment to economic growth. It is often cited by UK business as a barrier to doing business in emerging markets and developing economies.

The precise economic cost of corruption is hard to define. The World Bank estimates that corruption adds as much as 10% to the cost of doing business globally; and can add up to 25% to the cost of procurement contracts in developing countries. There is evidence that the private sector grows significantly faster where corruption is lower and property rights and the rule of law are safeguarded.

We want to invite proposals from external implementers to help us to improve the support we provide to our network of posts overseas. A comprehensive toolkit will enable posts to work more confidently and with greater impact with local partners, drawing on expertise, best practice and innovative products to promote reform and to improve the business environment faced by UK business

Many FCO posts are already engaged in tackling corruption in their host countries – including through project work, capacity building and influencing. Much good work has been done, but there is potential to achieve far more by being more systematic and evidence-based about the way in which we support the network, enabling them to draw on relevant external expertise and innovative developments in the field through our central offer.

### Criteria

Projects should

- Contribute to increasing **openness in the global economy and/or creating opportunity** for the UK
- Demonstrate clear **benefits for the UK**
- Have clearly defined **outputs and outcomes**, which contribute to the openness and opportunity conditions for growth.
- Utilise well developed **metrics** which clearly demonstrate and quantify benefits to the UK, as well as to the domestic/global economy.
- Be **additional** – achieve an outcome which would not otherwise have been achieved without intervention.
- **Not duplicate** work being funded by other parts of the Prosperity Fund.
- Promote sharing of **best practice** across the network and facilitate **relevant replication** across the network.

- Be **practical and high-impact interventions** that will lead to a real and timely transformation in high level policy and action on the ground. Proposals focussing purely on research, analysis, seminars or workshops will not be relevant unless they lead to specific and measurable action.

## **Activities**

It will be down to implementers to propose activities that they assess to have the most impact, bearing in mind the criteria above.

Activities might include:

- Practical guidance on how to identify levers, stakeholders and map the current terrain of anti-corruption interventions in a given country.
- “What Works” manual or workshop for Prosperity officers and others at post, drawing on up-to-date evidence and best practice.
- More specific central “products” which can be offered to posts or adapted to local context to assist them in tackling a particular aspect of corruption, or to work with a specific set of stakeholders.

## **Timings**

Projects will need to start by November 2014 and finish by March 2015 at the latest.

## **Budget**

Up to £50,000

## **Application Process**

Please complete the proposal form (Part A only) and send to [Lynne.Charles@fco.gov.uk](mailto:Lynne.Charles@fco.gov.uk) by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October.