



TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL SIERRA LEONE (TISL)

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FORWARD

This report sets out exactly all the activities carried out by Transparency International Sierra Leone (TISL) formally National Accountability Group (NAG) as from July 2011 to June 2012.

For decades now corruption continues to be a major problem hindering effective growth and development in the country.

The evidence is clear that eradicating corruption cannot be achieved without major public investment, alongside the improvement and expansion of public service providers cooperation with domestic providers to ensure that corruption is minimized at all levels.

Over the past year, TISL has continued to effectively engage government, the private sector, civil society and the general citizenry at large to ensure understanding, cooperation and commitment to the curb this menace at all levels.

There is still the challenge of governance resistance to anti-corruption efforts and public apathy that nothing could be done about it.

Notwithstanding, TI-SL firmly believes that conscientious effort, engagement and commitment can bring about the necessary change ultimately leading to the strengthening and enforcement of anti-corruption standards, beliefs and practices.

I therefore urge all to make it their duty to join the fight against corruption for our prosperity and ultimately that of our beloved country Sierra Leone.

CHAPTER ONE:

OVERVIEW OF TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL SIERRA LEONE

Transparency International Sierra Leone, formerly the National Accountability Group is a local non-profit, non-governmental anti-corruption advocacy civil society organization established as a taskforce in 2001 under Campaign for Good Governance after 7 professional Sierra Leoneans participated in the Annual Members Meeting and International Anti Corruption Conference in Prague, Czech Republic organized by Transparency International. The trip was funded by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Sierra Leone and the Open Society Institute (OSI) in New York and was organized and led by the then Coordinator of Campaign for Good Governance and former Executive Director of NAG, Mrs. Zainab Hawa Bangura.

In July 2004, TISL formerly NAG was reorganized as an independent organization with a mandate to achieve greater accountability, transparency and integrity in private and public affairs. Its work is dedicated to curb corruption by holding local and national governments and public duty bearers accountable to the people of Sierra Leone.

In September 2001, after duly serving as a local in the formation and completing a Self Assessment of TI for Full Chapter status, TISL was granted Full Accreditation by TI Secretariat as the Local Chapter in Sierra Leone. This has led to the change of name and logo in April 2011 at a ceremony held at the head quarters at 20 Dundas Street by the Vice Chairperson of the TI Movement, Barrister Akere Muna head panelist of the Panel of Eminent Persons of the Peer Review Mechanism process in Sierra Leone, and the former Executive Director, Hon. Haja Zainab Hawa Bangura, former Minister of Health and Sanitation.

Vision Statement

TISL's vision is to have a country in which the Government, the business community, private sector, civil society and the daily lives of the people are free from corruption and its negative effects.

Mission Statement

To empower the citizenry of Sierra Leone through education, participation and opportunities to demand accountability, transparency and integrity from government, private sector and civil society, and inculcate these values themselves to curb corruption, promote good governance to improve living standards.

CORE VALUES

Integrity, Accountability, Transparency, Commitment, Comportment, Impartiality, Courage.

OBJECTIVES

- To educate and raise public awareness of key stakeholders in Sierra Leone to understand corruption issues and their negative impact on the society.
- To build/strengthen the capacity public officials, civil society, the media and general public to understand the dynamics of corruption issues to enable them take appropriate measures to curb it.
- To provide adequate and credible evidence on corruption issues within the public and private sector.

- To develop advocacy tools for the elimination of the factors that lead to corruption, impropriety and injustice.
- To facilitate opportunities for specific vulnerable groups/victims of corruption to overcome their predicament.
- To foster linkages and partnerships with national, sub regional and intergovernmental stakeholders whose aims and objectives are inconsonance with those of the Transparency International Sierra Leone and the Transparency International Movement.

TISL STAFF

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
1.	Lavina Banduah (Mrs.)	Executive Director
2.	Alimamy Bangura	Finance/Admin Officer
3.	Sahr Tobie Sokena	Finance/Admin Assistant
4.	Edward Koroma	Senior Program Officer
5.	Adenike Cole (Ms)	Program Officer
6.	Abdulai Taylor Kamara	Program Officer
7.	Charles Keif-Kobai	Program Officer
8.	Memuna Monye (Mrs.)	Secretary/Admin Assistant
9.	Michael Bangura	IT Officer
10.	Shuwai Deen (Mrs)	Secretary/Admin Assistant
11.	Amadu Bangura	Despatch Clerk
12.	Ayo Akpan	Receptionist/Office Asst.
13.	Philip Laggawo	Messenger/Cleaner

TISL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

1. Mr. Emile Carr - Chairman
2. Dr. Donald A. Bash –Taqi
3. Mr. Victor E.A. Kabia
4. Sheik Imam Abu Bakarr Kamara
5. Christian R.B. Kweku Hagan
6. Mrs. Cassandra Garber

TI-SL in Activities



Forum with local councils, civil society, and the media



Program officer; Edward Koroma meeting with mayor of Freetown.



Staff of TI-SL during the strategic planning workshop for staff



Staff of TI-SL with consultant on the strategic plan (the late) Mr. Ken Kawa



A participant during general discussion at a focus group meeting with local councils.



Staff of TI-SL and executive members of the media alliance against corruption



Executive Director of TI-SL giving the opening remarks at the public procurement summit.



Training for the private sector on the UNCAC and private sector integrity

CHAPTER TWO: PROJECT ACTIVITIES

PROJECT: National Integrity Systems Survey

TI-SL continues to undertake the research towards the National Integrity Systems Survey (NIS) of thirteen pillars of integrity in Sierra Leone. The NIS is a study which through a process of assessment uses an evidence-based and consultative approach to evaluate the The primary aim of the NIS Assessment is to provide in-country anti-corruption stakeholders with a holistic evaluation of the regulations governing the actions of key governance actors as well as their actual behaviour. In addition, it seeks to utilize the assessment process as a springboard for action among the anti-corruption community in terms of policy reform, evidence-based advocacy or further in-depth evaluations of specific trouble spots.

TI-SL recruited a new Lead Researcher to coordinate the gathering of data and compilation of the draft report.

The Lead Researcher, Mr Charlie Hughes conducted a desk review and additional research required and compiled the draft final report which was forwarded to TI-SL for review and onward submission to Transparency International for their review.

The draft report was also submitted to the NIS Advisory Board for their input.

PROJECT: POVERTY AND CORRUPTION IN AFRICA

main public and non-public governance actors in a country in terms of their own integrity, transparency and accountability and their contribution to the overall integrity of society at large.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING ON LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING

Within the Poverty and Corruption in Africa Project two training workshops were organized in each of the two targeted districts: Kono and Kenema Districts. The first training was focused on developmental issues, specifically anti-corruption, the decentralization process, the role of local councils in community development and livelihood skills development. The knowledge participants gained from this training gave participants an insight into a lot of development related issues happening in their communities. The training also helped participants to be au-fait with developmental issues to help them in their monitoring exercise.

A Second training was also conducted focusing on monitoring, developing monitoring templates and writing monitoring reports and advocacy and lobbying skills. The same group of participants was targeted to ensure that they were adequately capacitated to conduct the monitoring exercise.

Monitoring Local Council Activities

As a follow up to the trainings under the Poverty and Corruption in Africa (PCA) Project, TI-SL conducted bi-monthly monitoring exercise to follow up on the council activities. The Monitoring was conducted by monitoring groups that had been trained. These groups comprised 20 members who were further sub-divided into smaller groups to monitor the health, education and agriculture sectors as well as the council's project implementation sites. At the end of each monitoring exercise, the monitors submitted their findings in the form of a monitoring report.

Participatory Video Training for Staff of TI-SL.

Three Staff from TI-SL, the Executive Director, the Program Officer of the PCA Project and one of the Field Officers in Kenema District, participated in Training on Participatory Videoing as part of one of the activities of the PCA Project in Uganda. The TI-SL Field Officer in Kenema District and the Program Staff also benefitted from an intensive Training on Participatory Videoing in Uganda and a refresher Training in Ghana. The trainings were facilitated by Insight share, from the United Kingdom.

Participatory Video Training for Local Communities

TI-SL conducted a three day training on Participatory Videoing for 10 participants from the Gaima Community, Dama Chiefdom, Kenema District. The training was facilitated by the PCA Project Coordinator and the TI-SL Field Officer in Kenema District. The purpose

of the training was to provide the opportunity of local community residents to tell their stories. At the end of the training, the community people trained produced a short film on sanitation problems within their community. The film was first screened to them and to the local council authorities who promised to take the necessary action to address the problem.

Project Management Team Monitoring Visits

Project Monitoring visits were also conducted within the Poverty and Corruption Project. These monitoring visits were carried out by the TI-SL Project Management Team. This team comprises the Executive Director, the Project Coordinator and the field officers. The essence of the monitoring visits was to assess the work of the monitoring groups formed in the two districts: Kono and Kenema Districts, in line with the goal and objectives of the project. During the visit, the monitors, local council officials and stakeholders were interviewed. In addition, the team visited the some of the council's project sites that the monitors were monitoring. The outcomes of these monitoring visits were video documented in order to get documentary evidence from respondents. This initiative of video documenting stories was also an experience and capacity gained as part of the Participatory Video Training which was part of the PCA project.

Public Dialogue Forum

Public Dialogue fora were organized on a bi-monthly basis following the monitoring exercise. These fora were held on a rotational basis, in all the

communities where the monitors were stationed. Representatives from the local council, community people, the monitors, and other relevant stakeholders attended the fora. During these fora, findings from the monitoring exercise and other community development issues are discussed and solutions are proffered. This creates an opportunity for the community and their elected officials to interact openly and freely in discussing developmental issues.

Radio Discussion Programs

PROJECT: Local Council Service Delivery Perception Survey

Activities

TISL conducted a Service Delivery Perception Survey targeting local councils in Kambia District, Koinadugu District and Western Area Urban and Rural Districts. Local Community members, community based organizations, nongovernmental organizations/civil society organizations in each district perception. Questionnaires and Focus Group Discussions were conducted to gauge participants views and perception of the effectiveness of the local council's delivery of services.

On the whole, there was a general view of dissatisfaction with regards the services delivered by the local so far as participants noted the issues of lack of information on projects undertaken, incomplete projects, inadequate monitoring of contractors work, hence the use of poor standard materials.

A Stakeholders Dialogue Forum was organized for local community members and local council authorities to discuss the finds of the study.

Radio Discussion Programs were held bi-monthly. Representatives from the council, the monitoring group and the community participated in the one hour discussion program. During the program, findings from the monitoring exercise and outcome of the dialogue forum and other related issues were discussed. During the program, the listening audience were given the opportunity to give their opinion on issues discussed and other community development related issues through telephone calls and text messages.

A Radio Discussion Programme was also organized to popularize the findings and recommendations and provide the opportunity for other community members to participate in the discussion. The Final Report of the Project was produced and disseminated to all stakeholders.

PROJECT: Monitoring Budget Allocation and Procurement Transparency in the Education Sector

Activities

Development of Guides and Templates for Monitoring and Reporting on Public Procurement

A Local Consultant was contracted to develop Guides and Templates to enable the effective monitoring of procurement practices within the education sector specifically targeting schools.

Training of District Budget Oversight Committee (DBOC) Members in Procurement Monitoring.

A four day Training on Monitoring was conducted for District Budget Oversight Committee Members contracted to Monitor Procurement Practices in selected schools. District Budget Oversight Committee Members were selected as the data collectors, due to the fact that DBOCs have the statutory mandate to monitor all government budget expenditure nationwide.

The Training was conducted in Bo District for the fourteen selected DBOC's.

Monitoring Exercise

A Four Month Monitoring Exercise was conducted by the trained DBOC's targeting specific junior and secondary schools in their districts. The monitoring exercise mainly considered the level compliance to public procurement laws and regulations in the award of contracts and performance of contractors in terms of service delivery. During the monitoring exercise, the procurement unit of the Ministry of Education and the 19 local councils were visited. Project sites and schools were also visited. The schools visited are those that were government schools and government assisted schools. Contractors were also interviewed. After every monthly exercise, the data was collected and analyzed to identify the findings. This was later compiled into a report and distributed to relevant stakeholders. At the end of the entire monitoring exercise a comprehensive monitoring report was published.

1. Document Best and Bad Practices in Public Procurement in the Education Sector

During the compilation of the monitoring findings, the best and bad practices in procurement in the education sector were identified and compiled separately into a document. This document was meant to serve as the basis for advocacy geared towards addressing the bad practices identified.

2. Compilation of the Monitoring Reports into a Comprehensive Report with Recommendations for the Improvement of Public Procurement in the Education Sector

At the end of the four months monitoring exercise, a comprehensive document with recommendations for the improvement of public procurement in the education sector was developed and distributed among all relevant stakeholders including donor partners. This document was meant to also prompt government to take action in certain areas to improve procurement in the education sector and weed out or penalizing those found not to be complying with the procurement laws and regulations.

3 Advocacy Visits

Advocacy Visits were undertaken to several public institutions:

- Parliament
- The National Public Procurement Authority
- The Ministry of Education Science and Technology
- The District Education Offices
- The City and District Council
- The Ministry of Local Government
- The Ministry of Finance
- The National Public Procurement Authority
- The Human Resource Management Office
- The Sierra Leone Contractors' Unions

The main purpose of the visits was as follows:

- To raise awareness and advocate for reforms around the issues highlighted in the Report.
- To prompt the government to take relevant action – including prosecuting and blacklisting of companies with questionable records in securing procurement contracts in the education sector.
- To advocate for reforms based on the recommendations for improvement

During the visits, the monitoring findings were presented to the officials engaged. All of them described the findings as legitimate and that there is the need for a stronger collaboration with credible organizations like the Sierra Leone Coalition on Budget and Procurement Transparency in the Education Sector to ensure proper

procurement processes and a very high level of contract performance. These officials

pledged themselves to consider the recommendations proffered in taking appropriate

actions to address the bad practices in public procurement in the Education Sector

4 Public Awareness Campaigns

Public Awareness Campaigns were organized to inform the public the about the

Procurement Issues within the education sector and to mobilize popular

participation in the campaign for improvement

In view of this, the coalition undertook several media activities like:

- Development of a Jingle
- Radio and television talk shows
- Print media publication
- Press conference

5 Development of a Jingle

A Jingle was developed in the lingua franca (krio) and broadcasted on key radio stations in Freetown and community radio stations in the

provinces. The message centered on the meaning of public procurement, public procurement in the education sector, why the public should be interested in procurement processes in the education sector, etc.

6 Radio and Television Talk Shows

To further raise awareness and public interest on the issues several radio discussion programs were held countrywide. Coalition members also participated in television shows like “We Yus” and “Lunch Time Break” to further raise awareness and generate public interest on public procurement in the education sector and to share the monitoring findings with the wider public.

7 Print Media Publications

Publications were made on the print media to popularize the issues of public procurement in the education sector, the work and activities of the coalition, the monitoring findings, and to publish press releases.

8 Press Conference

Two Press Conferences were organized for both the print and electronic media.

The first was organized mid-way into the monitoring activities and the second at the end of the monitoring activities. The main reason for the press conferences is to intimate the media about the activities of the coalition and to share the monitoring findings with them, so that they would help to popularize it.

9 Regional Consultative/Outreach Meetings

To further increase the impact of the project, a two day Consultative/Outreach Meeting was organized at regional level, (Eastern, Northern and Southern Province and the Western Area Rural and Urban Areas). The main focus of the meetings was to share the monitoring findings with participants and officials from the Ministries of Education, Science and Technology, The Ministry of Finance and the National Public Procurement Authority and generate debpresentation of the findings, the public officials present explained to participants the reason why some of these problems exist and committed themselves to take necessary actions to address them. In another meeting organized for civil society organization,

the media, community groups, political party representatives, aspirants and

Project: Enhancing Transparency Accountability and Citizen's Participation in Local Governance in Kenema, Tonkolili and Western Urban Districts (Year 3 Activities).

Overall Objective of the Project:

To create public awareness on and develop civil society capacity to effectively monitor local revenue collection, utilization, and procurement processes in Local Councils.

Activities

1 Printing of Additional Copies of Handbook

Due to the increasing demand for the procurement handbook developed by TI-SL and NPPA, extra funds were provided for the printing of additional copies of the handbook.

2 Monitoring Exercises

Following on from a previous two year monitoring exercise, monitoring exercises continued within the third year of implementation.

3 Dialogue Forum

The Quarterly Dialogue Forum also held during the previous two years were continued.

4 Radio Discussion Programmes

The Radio Discussion Programmes were also continued to further inform the public about emerging issues.

Ward Development Committee

Members.

In all, these activities contributed in raising public awareness on procurement challenges and created the platform for duty bearers and right holders to interact and discuss development issues of concern.

5 National Public Procurement Summit

A National Public Procurement Summit was held in Freetown and formed the high point of the project implementation. The summit was organized in collaboration with the Network Movement for Justice and development (NMJD). The two day event was held at the British Council Hall in Freetown. It brought together over 80 participants from the Freetown Rural and Urban Districts, Kenema District Tonkolili District, Kono District and Bombali District. Participants were drawn from local councils, monitoring teams, contractors, community representatives, civil society organizations, the media and government ministries and institutions. The key focus of the summit was to share experience in handling public procurement processes, identify challenges and determine the way forward in making the procurement process viable.

6 End of Project Review and Assessment Meeting

An end of project review and assessment meeting which brought together stakeholders in the project implementation to conduct an assessment of the project, identifying successes and challenges and what can be done to improve on the impact of the project was conducted.

PROJECT: Grant Making and Technical Support to Rural Women's Groups

TI-SL continues to act as Fiscal Sponsor for 34 Women's Groups in the Border Regions of Sierra Leone. The following activities were undertaken:

- Disbursement of Project Funds into Grantees Group Accounts
- A Week Long Training Course on Project Management, Financial Management and Book Keeping
- Quarterly Field Monitoring Visits
- Quarterly Project Team Monitoring Visits
- End of Project Review, Impact Assessment and Evaluation Meeting.

Outcomes

- The women have been able to better organize themselves and work in unity.
- The women have been able to identify and address most of their problems.
- The women have achieved some degree of food self sufficiency for their families.
- The women were able to provide skills training for most young girls who had dropped out of school.
- The women have been able to operate a revolving loan scheme thereby enabling more women to have access to funds especially for petty trading.

All in all, they have.

- The women are now being recognized and included in decision

making processes especially by the Paramount Chiefs, local authorities and their relatives/husbands.

- The women have now ensured a sustainable means of livelihood for themselves and their families.
- The women can now undertake educational expenses e.g. school fees/learning materials etc for all their school going children especially their girls

PROJECT: Empowering Local Councils on Basic Record Keeping and Financial Management Systems

Activities

1 District Focus Group Meetings

Two District Focus Group Meetings were held in Kambia District and Koinadugu District respectively on the 5th and 7th October, 2011. The total number of sixty participants in attendance from both districts included the Council Chairman, Deputy Council Chairman, Chief Administrator, District Finance Clerk, District Accountant, Councilors, Central Chiefdom Financial Clerks [CCFCs], representatives from different Ministries Departments and Agencies, the Media, Civil Society and the National Electoral Commission [NEC]. The meeting was slated purposely for stakeholders to share their

experience and use their proximity to the people for more effective governance. During the meetings, the participants committed themselves to work together to improve service delivery and share information with the community people.

2 Stakeholders Dialogue Forum

A One-Day Stakeholders Dialogue Forum was organized in Kambia and Koinadugu Districts on the 3rd and 5th November 2011 respectively. The sixty invited participants comprised the Council Chairman, Deputy Council Chairman, Chief Administrator, District Finance Clerk, District Accountant, Councilors, Central Chiefdom Financial Clerks [CCFCs], and representatives from different MDAs, Media, Civil Society and the National Electoral Commission (NEC).

During each of the Forum, the discussions were centered on how local council can work collaboratively with local residents to raise revenue and effectively utilize such revenue for local development purposes. They were also made aware that effective service delivery solely depends on transparency and accountability in the utilization of allocated resources. The discussions also

included Voter and Civic Education in order to raise awareness of citizens to make critical choices of representatives in the November 2012 elections based on the criteria of credibility, commitment and a good track record as that was the bedrock for effective and committed representatives and ultimately improved service delivery. Participants were also urged to strive to ensure that peace is maintained at all cost during the pre and post elections phase and to conduct themselves with integrity and credibility as it is only when the atmosphere is peaceful that resources can be controlled and managed well.

3 Training on Record Keeping and Basic Financial Management Systems

Two trainings on Record Keeping and Basic Financial Management Systems were conducted in Koinadugu and Kambia Districts on the 28th - 30th November and 1st - 3rd December 2011 respectively. The training was designed to strengthen the capacity of Local Council Officials, Civil Society Organizations and other District Stakeholders to strengthen and monitor transparency and accountability

mechanisms in the daily activities of Local Councils. The Training was centered on five areas: Record Keeping and Management; Management Accounting Systems; Transaction Documents; Stores/Inventory Management and Voter and Civic Education.

4 Impact Assessment and Evaluation

TISL Monitoring Team and the District Civil Society Monitoring Teams in Kambia and Koinadugu districts conducted an Evaluation and Impact Assessment Exercise on the 22nd and the 25th May, 2012 respectively. The main purpose of this exercise was to measure the extent to which the training has impacted on the participants and their work and to assess to what extent the objectives of the project were met.

CHAPTER THREE:

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Right to Know, Right to Information Awareness Raising Campaign

In order to continue to effectively and proactively advocate to curb corruption leading to improved living standards, TI-SL has continued the Right to Know, Right to Information Awareness Raising Campaign to ensure that there is the ardent need for effective flow of information especially from duty bearers elected, selected or appointed to serve the interest of citizens. This stems from the fact that duty bearers have persistently over the past years demonstrated a nonchalant attitude towards the plight and welfare of the people whom they are in office to serve. This has served as an eye opener for the public who are now actively expressing their discontent at inadequate and limited access and flow of information on key governance policies and programmes. Consequently, the government has launched a Transparency Sierra Leone Portal to provide salient information to the public and also a medium for informal discussions even with His Excellency the President. It is hoped that this sustained engagement will enable potential elected officials in November 2012 to live up to their vows and expectations of ensuring the provision of relevant and adequate information that bears on the general well being of citizens and the national development process.

Advocacy and Public Education

TISL has continued to further promote its Advocacy and Public on the following mainly through radio discussion programmes and articles in it's quarterly newsletter:

- The Domestication, Implementation and Monitoring of the United Nations and African Union Conventions on Corruption
- The Public Procurement Process
- Revenue Transparency
- Budget Transparency
- Corruption in Public Service delivery
- Promoting Aid Effectiveness
- The African Peer Review Mechanism Process (ongoing)
- The Local Government and Decentralization Process (ongoing)
- The Implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy

Commemoration of International Anti – Corruption Day

On 9th December 2011, Transparency International Sierra Leone Commemorated the International Anti-Corruption Day with the issuing of a Press Release that was broadcasted on radio stations nationwide training attention to the prevalence of corruption and the negative impact on the Sierra Leonean Society and calling on all citizens to join the Anti-Corruption Campaign.

A Radio Discussion Program was also organized with the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Launching of the Corruption Perception Index CPI 2011

Transparency International Sierra Leone launched the Corruption Perception Index 2011 on 1st December 2011 with a Press conference for Media and a Press Release giving details of the Index.

Advocacy and Legal Advice Center (ALAC)

Due to the huge success of the Advocacy and Legal Advice Center, TISL has continued the operations of the center which has effectively served to redress grievances of some members of the public related to violations of rights through corrupt practices. To date 450 cases have been received of which 320 have been addressed. Most of these cases range from request for advantage/bribes paid to access basic services e.g Water Supply Connection, Securing the National Passport and Identity Cards. Others were based on unwarranted financial payments made by school authorities, members of the public to have documents endorsed at border checkpoints, commercial drivers to traffic police personnel. In most of these instances, the cases are documented and a letter of concern is sent to the respective authority, followed by visits to seek redress.

The matter is investigated and if found worthy refunds are made followed by an apology. TI-SL continues to follow up to advocate for effective mechanisms are put in place to prevent future happenings. In order to effectively ensure proper mechanisms are put in place to forestall persistence of these acts, where applicable TI-SL intends to conduct findings into the existence of related service charters if available these will be publicly circulated. If not in existence TI-SL will advocate for the its formulation and will monitor its implementation to ensure compliance.

Civil Society and Stakeholders Dialogue Fora

To further ensure Civil Society's engagement in emerging corruption issues, TI-SL has continued to host the Civil Society Dialogue For a and Stakeholder Dialogue For a to

provide a space for civil society, local community residents and the media to discuss and take action on emerging issues of concern regarding alleged corrupt acts of public officials and further on constructively engage related stakeholders to air their views and chat a way forward to address the issues. The focus of the intervention is now being done from a rights based perspective and organizations working on Human Rights issues are being invited to participate in these meetings.

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING BERLIN, GERMANY.

Transparency International Sierra Leone participated in the Annual Members Meeting of Transparency International in Berlin, Germany. The meeting took place at the Abion Spreebogen Hotel from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th October 2011. The meeting was well attended. TI-SL was represented by the Chair of the Advisory Board, Mr Emile Carr and the Executive Director, Mrs Lavina Banduah.

TI-SL's Executive Director participated and made presentations at two workshops on: Outreach to Women and Experiences and Lessons Learnt in conducting National Integrity Systems Survey.

CHAPTER FOUR:

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

EXTERNAL MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

As a Civil Society Organization, TISL attended various meetings, workshops and seminars organized by other partner organizations.

TI-SL also participated in the First Civil Society Consultation with the Implementation Review Group of the United Nations Convention against Corruption which took place in Vienna, Austria on 20th June 2012.

TI-SL's Membership

Specifically, TI-SL continues to be a member of the following:

- The National Anti-Corruption Strategy Steering Committee of the Anti Corruption Commission.
- The Steering Committee of the Anti Corruption Commission on Sierra Leone's Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.
- The Legal Review Committee of the Public Procurement Act and Procurement Regulations.
- The Budget Oversight Committee of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.
- The United Nations Convention against Corruption Civil Society Coalition
- The Freedom of Information Coalition
- Non State Actors Coalition on Public Financial Management

CONCLUSION

Throughout the year in perspective, Transparency International Sierra Leone has strived to make a meaningful impact in the fight against corruption in Sierra Leone. However, the fight against corruption especially in Sierra Leone remains a daunting challenge. Notwithstanding, even with limited staff and inadequate resources, significant impact has been made and some degree of successes have been scored. TI-SL will continue unabated in its stance and encourages all to join the campaign against corruption nationally and globally. It is our hope that in the coming year with additional funding, increased staff capacity and an unwavering and undaunting stance to curb corruption more impact will be made towards the significant reduction of corruption in our society.

APPENDIX - STATEMENTS OF AUDITED ACCOUNT

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2012**

*In thousands of Leones
(Le'000')*

	Notes	2012	2011
Income			

Funds from Donors 2		2,515,248	1,697,408
Other Income		-	68
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Total Income		<u>2,515,248</u>	<u>1,697,476</u>
Expenditures			
Project Expenses	3	(1,385,788)	(1,122,861)
Administrative Expenses	4	(467,361)	(368,103)
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Total Expenditures		<u>(1,853,149)</u>	<u>(1,490,964)</u>
Excess Income over Expenditures		662,099	206,512
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Results for the year		<u>662,099</u>	<u>206,512</u>

21 The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2012

n thousands of Leones
(Le'000')

Notes

2012

2011

FIXED ASSETS	10	57,604	72,673
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CURRENT ASSETS

Receivables		369,313	23,550
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Cash and Bank Balances	5	1,329,632	995,127
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		<u>1,698,945</u>	<u>1,018,677</u>
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Creditors: Amount Due within one year

Accruals & Payables	6	(10,500)	(7,400)
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Net Current Asset		<u>1,688,445</u>	<u>1,011,277</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES		<u><u>1,746,049</u></u>	<u><u>1,083,950</u></u>
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REPRESENTED BY:

Opening Balance Equity		1,083,950	877,438
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Excess Income over Expenditures		662,099	206,512
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On.....2013

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

1.1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Transparency International Sierra Leone's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and/or International Accounting Standards (IAS).

1.2 ACCOUNTING BASIS

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis.

2 FUNDS FROM DONORS

This represents income received from overseas donors to undertake projects

***In thousands of Leones
(Le'000')***

JUNE 2012	JUNE 2011
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DONOR

AEW	-	10,333
Trocaire	230,482	70,555
Brighter Tomorrow	-	87,594
National Democratic Institute	-	282,469
Fund for Global Human Rights	110,952	109,896
New Field Foundation	1,382,129	852,725
TI-Poverty & Corruption in Africa	121,800	61,183
Open Society Initiative for W/Africa	395,875	171,815
Nat. Endowment for Democracy	152,250	-
TI-Network Reserve Grant	55,639	-
TI-INSP	58,784	-
Unclassified	-	50,838
Welthungerhilfe	2,392	-
WADR	4,945	-
	2,515,248	1,697,408

NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*In thousands of Leones
(Le'000')*

	JUNE	JUNE
3. PROJECT EXPENSES	2012	2011
Corruption, Poverty & Development	80,474	107,861
Travelling Costs	151,709	53,031
Printing & Publication	8,037	28,491
Telephone & Internet	9,952	14,206
Dissemination & Monitoring	213,097	350,985
Training & Workshops	173,211	134,400
Public Education & Forum	50,144	37,824
Research & Surveys	1,479	76,075
Website Hosting/ Upgrading	-	61,559
Fiscal Sponsorship	426,905	8,600
Assessment & Evaluation	82,434	80,658
Consultancy	156,365	169,171
Equipment	31,981	-

1,385,788 **1,122,861**

4. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Staff Costs	296,640	154,600
Local travelling	2,000	-
Rent & Rates	26,905	-
Repairs & Maintenance	5,200	42,221
Stationeries & Office Supplies	30,865	23,772
Electricity Charges	3,543	613
General expenses	34,948	33,137
Board expenses	6,816	700
Fuel & Lubricants	30,879	64,075
Telephone, Fax & Internet	10,019	4,705
Bank Charges	4,792	15,974
Depreciation	16,754	28,306
	<u>469,361</u>	<u>368,103</u>

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*In thousands of Leones
(Le'000')*

	JUNE	JUNE
	2012	2011
5. CASH & BANK BALANCES		
Petty Cash	-	7,600
Rokel Commercial Bank (US \$)	1,179,043	765,972
Rokel Commercial Bank (Leones)	150,589	221,555
	<u>1,329,632</u>	<u>995,127</u>

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6. CREDITORS & ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Accrued Audit Fees	<u>10,500</u>	<u>7,400</u>
	10,500	7,400

7. FIXED ASSETS & DEPRECIATION

Fixed assets acquired by Transparency International are capitalized and depreciated over their useful economic lives on a straight line basis. The following rates of depreciation have been adopted:

Office Furniture	10%
Office equipment	10%
Motor vehicles	25%
Generator	25%

8. FOREIGN CURRENCY

The financial statements are presented in Leones which is the organisation's functional and presentation currency. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency of the Organisation at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Exchange rates used

1 Euro = Le 5,600
1 US\$ = Le 4,350

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9. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments as at 30th June 2012

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10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities as at 30th June 2012.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND INTEREST OF DIRECTORS

There were no transactions with directors or director related entities during the year.

12. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

Events subsequent to the balance sheet date are reflected only to the extent that they are material. There were no such events as at the date these financial statements were signed.