

ANTI-CORRUPTION

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Norwegian Church Aid has throughout 2022 continued to experience a high-level number of corruption complaint cases on a global basis. The complaints have been received from a multitude of sources: NCA country offices, NCA financial staff, local partners, auditors, whistle-blowers, anonymously and from international donors. The fundamental principle of zero-tolerance for corruption is making global impacts throughout our work.

1. New corruption complaint cases 2022

NCA received 11 new corruption cases in 2022. The cases are listed below. They are distributed per country and sorted by the corruption rank of Transparency International. (Corruption Perceptions Index 2022).

T. I. Rank ¹	Country	Complaint
116	Angola	Mismanagement/Breach of procedures
147	Bangladesh	Breach of procedures
166	DRC	Procurement
166	DRC	Procurement
166	DRC	Fraud
166	DRC	Fraud
94	Ethiopia	Breach of procedures/fraud
110	Malawi	Mismanagement>/breach of procedures
110	Malawi	Fraud
94	Tanzania	Fraud
116	Ukraine	Missile hit warehouse
Total		11 cases

Norwegian Church Aid worked in 28 countries, through approximately 220-225 partners and with approximately 600 projects. Most of the 28 countries in which NCA works are rated as high risk of corruption as per the T. I. Rank. The contexts are challenging and complex. NCA meets these challenges with strict controls, financial procedures, close follow-up, and frequent monitoring.

NCA undertook three anti-corruption reviews, in Nigeria, South Sudan and DRC. These were done using internal NCA staff.

Learning and **transparency** are vital parts of the fight against corruption. In order to **not** face a situation where the same mistakes are repeated, we put strong emphasis on learning. Each closed corruption case is therefore published on the NCA web site, with a description of what we have learnt from the case. Please note that only **closed** alert cases are published.

We continue to have an open, constructive dialogue and follow-up with our back-donors on the complaints and investigations.

¹ T. I. Rank refers to the Transparency International Corruption Perception Index where 180 is the most corrupt score a country can have. The numbers are from the most recent ranking. (2022).

2. Closed corruption complaints in 2022 (In the period 2019-2022).

NCA closed a total of 14 cases in 2022 with a repayment to back-donors of NOK 677 954. The equivalent amount in 2021 was NOK 2 300 295.

3. Ongoing corruption complaints per 31.12.2022

Country	Corruption type	Donor	Start date	Status
Angola	Mismanagement/breaches	Norad	21.10.22	NCA to send final report
Ethiopia	Breach/Fraud	Norad	23.06.22	Under investigation
Somalia	Theft, embezzlement	Winorg	08.03.21	Under investigation
Somalia	Procurement/Bribery	Norad	04.06.21	Under investigation
Mali	Falsifications	Norad/MFA	13.09.21	Under investigation
Mali	Fraud and embezzlement	Norad/MFA	28.11.21	Under investigation
Malawi	Fraud	Norad	15.12.21	Under investigation
Tanzania	Breaches	Norad	15.11.22	Under investigation
Malawi	Procedural breach	Forut/Norad	01.09.22	At Forut/Norad
DRC	Breaches	Otcha	07.09.22	At NCA
DRC	Breaches	Norad	20.6.22	At NCA
DRC	Breaches	Norad	24.3.22	At NCA
Bangladesh	Procedural breach	MFA	28.01.22	At NCA/DCA
Ukraine	Force Majeure	MFA	25.10.22	At NCA and MFA

4. 2022 corruption complaint channels

In 2022 NCA received corruption complains through the following channels:

- A. Country offices: 42%
- B. NCA complaint channel: 30%
- C. NCA anti-corruption reviews: 7%
- D. Other (Not auditors): 21%

Thank you to all staff for your integrity and hard work on fighting corruption throughout our organization and our funding chain!