



# MEMBERSHIP FORM

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## MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

Individuals, organisations and businesses are invited to join TI PNG. Within each category of membership, except for government departments and agencies, there is a choice in membership fees. Select the category to which you belong and then determine how much you wish to invest in fighting corruption in PNG. Each member will receive a membership certificate that contains the National Integrity Pledge and a quarterly newsletter. Each member will be eligible to attend, hold office and vote at the annual general meeting. Each member will be encouraged to take an active role in the campaign against corruption in PNG.

TYPE (Indicate membership by ticking a box)	ANNUAL FEE RANGE
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Members	K 5-100
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service (Churches, NGOs)	K 50-500
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Departments & Agencies	K 500
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Firms, Business Corporations and Statutory Bodies	K1,000-10,000

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## NATIONAL INTEGRITY PLEDGE

I do promise and declare to protect the integrity of the people, society and the nation of Papua New Guinea as declared in the national goals and directive principles of the Constitution of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

I acknowledge that action is needed to:

- \* Promote integrity, honesty, transparency and accountability in public and private conduct and transactions involving government and business.
- \* Raise public awareness of the presence and adverse effects of dishonest and corrupt practices in society.
- \* Develop and implement an effective anti-corruption program targeted at government and businesses.
- \* Ensure that the nation's children are educated to understand the value of a fair, just and corruption-free society.

I pledge to uphold the highest standards of integrity, honesty, accountability and public service, and I will:

1. Declare any conflicts of interest and not participate in any decisions in which my or my family's personal interests are involved in relation to any public sector position that I or a member of my family may hold.
2. Make public disclosure of all expenditures of public money under my discretion.
3. Promote the highest standards of public and private conduct of leaders by undertaking to support the imposition of sanctions upon those who breach the Leadership Code.
4. Support effective Parliamentary scrutiny of executive and administrative actions.
5. Promote good and honest business and administrative practices.
6. Support transparent and corruption-free government contracting (procurement, tendering, licensing).
7. Resist political interference in public administration, the judiciary and constitutional offices.
8. Support the principle that all constitutional offices are funded adequately through the budget in order that they be effective in the eyes of the public.
9. Support and conduct corruption-free elections.
10. Denounce and undertake to disclose to the public the giving or accepting of bribes and inducements of any kind, particularly in relation to the formation of a government.
11. Support and promote amendments to the Leadership Code to ensure that it is fully effective.
12. Support an independent, effective, well-funded anti-corruption mechanism in the public service.
13. Support a well-funded, effective and independent body to fight corruption.
14. Support a well-funded and effective Human Rights Commission.
15. Protect the freedom of the media.

# WE MUST STOP CORRUPTION



**“The only thing necessary  
for evil to triumph  
is that good people  
do nothing.”**

Edmund Burke



## WHAT IS TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL?

Transparency International is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation dedicated to fighting corruption both in international business and at the national level. Corruption is extremely detrimental to society, hindering development, deterring investments and undermining democracy. As a result of the abuse of public power for private profit by dishonest officials, children go without an education, hospitals are ill equipped, roads are left in disrepair, and people are driven into even greater poverty. The abuse of personal freedom and basic human rights are the direct result of corrupt leaders who attempt to cling to power by opposing open government.

Transparency International was formed in 1993 and immediately generated enormous interest and support. Rather than focusing on naming names or denouncing individuals or companies, Transparency International is committed to creating and working with broad coalitions representing civil society to prevent corruption by reforming systems. It does not investigate or prosecute individual cases and is politically non-partisan.

There are currently more than 80 chapters of Transparency International around the world. In many countries, the media, non-governmental organisations, churches and political leaders, under the auspices of Transparency International, have joined voices in a chorus of protest demanding governmental reform to make politicians more accountable & the decision making process transparent.

A chapter of Transparency International was formed in Papua New Guinea in 1997 by a group of concerned citizens with the aim of combating corruption and promoting openness, honesty and accountability in public and private dealings. With the vision of protecting the integrity of the people, society and the nation, Transparency International PNG reached out to civil society to raise awareness of the presence and adverse effects of dishonest and corrupt practices. To curtail corruption, the full support of the community is needed and a coalition of partners was formed.

## HOW ARE WE FIGHTING CORRUPTION?

TI PNG's coalition represents a wide sector of the community. It includes the churches which are concerned with the moral welfare of society, honest businesses not wanting to be disadvantaged by crooks paying bribes, civil servants who are in a position to witness the corruption of their colleagues and the police who must investigate and prosecute corruption. Other coalition partners include organisations representing women, workers and young people who suffer most when public services are not provided because funds have been plundered from the purse.

One of the first actions taken by TI PNG was to call together its coalition to develop a National Integrity Action Plan, which sets out a number of initiatives to fight corruption on different fronts. Some of these have been completed while work continues with others.

In recognition of the need to successfully prosecute those responsible for corruption, TI PNG drafted legislation for the establishment of an Independent Commission Against Corruption which subsequently was tabled in Parliament. While this legislation was never passed, TI PNG continues to press for its enactment.

If a corruption-free culture is to be encouraged, it is obvious that some kind of action has to be taken in the schools because people have to be influenced early in their lives. Since teachers serve as role models for their students, TI PNG designed a course to help teachers recognise the signs of misuse and abuse of power. It enables them to understand their own values and attitudes towards corruption. This course is currently being given to all teachers in training and those already in the field.

Both publicly and behind the scenes, TI PNG took an active role in promoting the Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates Act, legislation that regulates political parties and puts an end to politicians constantly crisscrossing the floor of the House and destabilising the government. This constant shift has made it hard to govern, deterred investment and undermined development. The law also encourages women to stand for election.

Access to public information is the right of every citizen and is essential if politicians and bureaucrats are to be made accountable.

## HOW CAN YOU FIGHT CORRUPTION?

However, although enshrined in the Constitution, there currently is no legislation ensuring that this right can be exercised. TI PNG is preparing such legislation.

The current voting system is unrepresentative and often results in MPs being elected with only 10 per cent of the popular vote. TI PNG is actively lobbying for a change to a limited preferential system that would ensure the winning candidate has the support of the majority.

While much has been accomplished, a great deal still needs to be done to implement TI PNG's National Integrity Action Plan, copies of which are available.

As a member of TI, you can help implement these plans by joining the working groups and attending public forums on these issues. You can also help by contacting leaders to stay abreast of what they are doing, by writing letters, visiting them at their offices, ringing them up or talking to their staff. You can organise a group in your community to strengthen transparency in business or to insist on openness in government. Informing your colleagues, wantoks and neighbours about how to fight corruption will be part of your responsibility. You can write letters to the newspaper praising those who operate in the open or to demand information on such things as slush funds, expenditure, and terms of agreement between international business, forestry, fisheries or mining.

When you become a member of TI PNG, you will be encouraged to take an active role in the campaign against corruption. Members may be requested to volunteer their time and resources to strengthen the organisation. This may require in some cases, contributing funds or providing in-kind material support such as office equipment, conference facilities or professional time. In other cases, this may involve organising events, introducing TI PNG to potential supporters and broadening public awareness of the organisation and its mission. TI depends on its members to be effective. The fight against corruption requires a collective effort. Can we count on you?