

## Fourth Annual Report Web Update

### GTF044 Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF)

The Partnership for Transparency Fund believes that citizen pressure is a powerful force in fighting corruption and promoting good governance. To this end, the PTF *Citizens Against Corruption (CAC)* Program typically supports small Civil Society Organisations in developing countries who are engaged in fighting corruption at the grassroots level.

Projects that PTF support are demand driven – they emerge from the needs of the citizens and are proposed by them. PTF works with the grant applicant to build a project that will match their capacity, location, and the ultimate goal of fighting corruption. PTF's technical assistance adds value along every step of the project lifecycle – from helping to shape a project's budget and goals to ensuring that results are impactful and lasting. The result has been some highly successful efforts and significant capacity-building for these small organisations. Projects are typically small – around £20,000 pounds – and last for 12-18 months.

During the past three years the program has funded 74 projects in 20 countries – all with the goal of improving governance and transparency. The Mid-Term Review completed last year found that the program is benefiting the poor who are particularly affected by corrupt practices in the provision of basic public services and safety nets.

A distinctive feature of PTF's approach is that it encourages its CSO partners to adopt a strategy of engaging constructively with relevant officials. Many projects illustrate the benefits of such collaboration, particularly when local monitors need access to internal budgeting and procurement information. In several countries our partners have helped make budget processes more transparent and responsive. CAC partners in India have promoted public awareness of pro-poor laws such as the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and the Public Distribution System (PDS) and ensured that they are implemented in a transparent and corruption-free manner.

Throughout the past four years, our CSOs have been developing and/or adopting innovative anti-corruption tools and approaches. An important part of the CAC program is to ensure that these experiences are documented and shared among our grantees. From semi-annual regional reports to blog posts, project completion reports to independent assessments, we strive to disseminate our institutional knowledge through our website at <http://ptfund.org>. In December 2011 PTF held a Asia Regional Peer Learning and Knowledge-Sharing Workshop Engaging Citizens against Corruption. This three-day workshop brought together Civil Society Organisations from eight countries in Asia and anti-corruptions experts from all over the world. Case studies and other expert papers produced at this workshop are posted on our website at <http://ptfund.org/publications/case-studies/>.

In the time remaining in the program, the PTF will shift its emphasis from funding new projects and focus on compiling and sharing the knowledge and lessons learned from our work. Specifically, we will be holding regional workshops in Central and Eastern Europe and Africa. The results will be published on our website and in paper form. We will also be carrying out

over 35 independent Project Completion Assessments. These, along with all Project Completion Reports are posted on our website.

To read annual reports related to this program, visit: <http://ptfund.org/publications/dfid-gtf-annual-reports/>



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