

Organization and governing laws

The ACC is the first modern form democratic institution with the function to prevent and prohibit corruption within public sector of the Maldives. It was established on 16 October 2008. Prior to 2008, the function of corruption control was mandated to the Anti-Corruption Board (ACB)—a governmental body established by a decree of the President on 21 April 1991.

The ACC consists of five Commission Members, appointed by the President of Maldives with approval of the Peoples Majilis. The Chairman of the Commission is responsible for delegating tasks to Commission Members, Secretary General and Staff.

The function of the Commission is divided into four key sections. They are Members Bureau, Administration and Budget Section, Operations Section and Education and Research Section.

A key legislation entitled 'Prevention and Prohibition of Corruption Act (PPC Act)

2/2000' was enacted on 31 August 2000, setting legal provisions and guidelines for state institutions to prevent and prohibit acts of corruption in public offices.

Following the enactment of the 2008 Constitution, the Anti-Corruption Commission Act (ACC Act) 13/2008 was enacted on 24th September 2008. The Anti-Corruption Commission Act 13/2008 mandated for the establishment of the Commission as an independent statutory institution to prevent and prohibit acts of corruption in public offices.



Key Functions

- To inquire into and investigate all allegations of corruption; any complaints, information, or suspicion of corruption must be investigated;
- To recommend further inquiries and investigations by other investigatory bodies, and to recommend prosecution of alleged offences to the Prosecutor General, where warranted;
- To carry out research on the prevention of corruption and to submit recommendations for improvement to relevant authorities regarding actions to be taken;
- To promote the values of honesty and integrity in the operations of the State, and to promote public awareness of the dangers of corruption;
- To conduct seminars, workshops and other programs on prevention and prohibition of corruption to increase public awareness, carry out research and publish them.

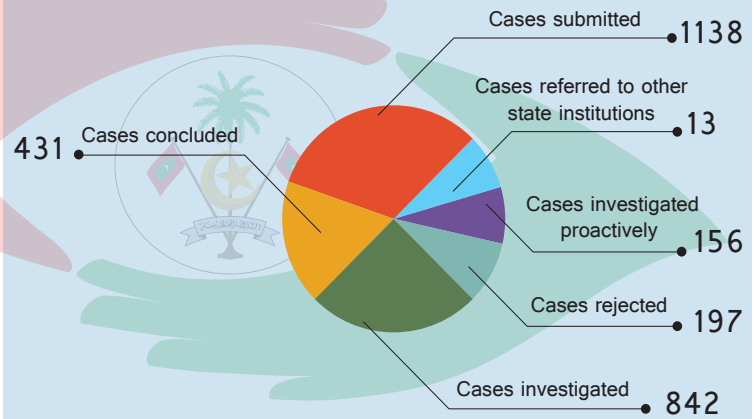
International Commitment

On 22 March 2007, the Maldives ratified the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC)—the premier international legal framework setting provisions and guidelines for nation-states to prevent and prohibit corruption in their countries. The UNCAC sets the framework for nation-states to ensure their countries set international best practices and standards to fight corruption, nationally and globally.

Investigation

The ACC is mandated with the Prohibition of Corruption Act (Law no: 2/2000). The Operations Section of the Commission is responsible for carrying out investigation on all alleged corruption cases. Commission Act (Law no. 13/2008) and Prevention and

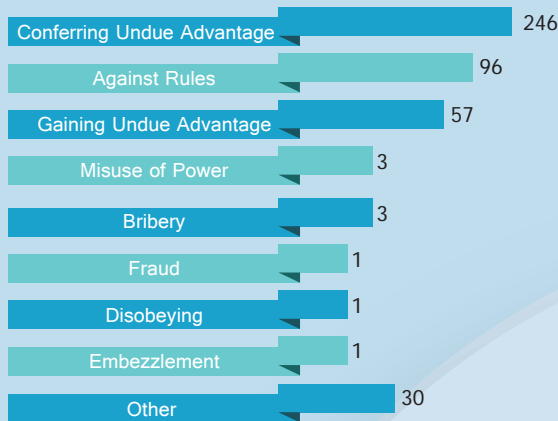
Complaints Received (2012)



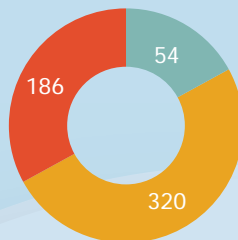
Cases Report



Types of Cases



Cases concluded



- Cases forwarded to Prosecutor General's Office
- Recommendations made
- Cases concluded as non-corruption cases due to lack of evidence

Prevention and Education

Under the ACCA, the ACC is mandated to:

- To promote values of honesty and integrity in the operations of the State, and to create public awareness about the dangers of corruption.
- Conduct seminars and workshops and other programs to increase the public awareness on the prevention and prohibition of corruption, to conduct research on the issue and to publish the findings of such research.

Provision on Prevention

ACC Act section 21(c) - To carry out research on prevention of corruption and to submit recommendations for improvement to relevant authorities regarding actions to be taken

ACC Act section 25(a) 3 - To make recommendations to the relevant institutions stipulated in section 24, where the matter occurred in the management of such institution

Achievement

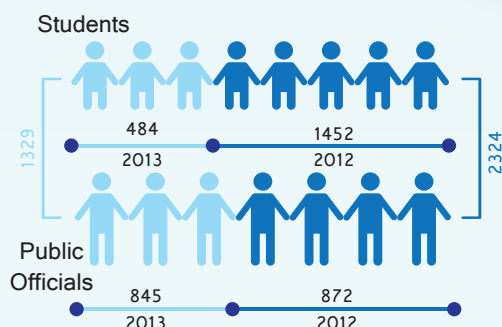
ACC in collaboration with Civil Service Commission is shortly to execute a research on assessment of corruption perception among civil service employees in 2013.

In 2012, the commission endorsed to undertake preventive measures on 186 cases out of which 132 recommendations were forwarded to relevant state institutions for corrective management actions

Also as a preventive measure, the ACC initiated and formulated an integrity pledge that is signed by public service employees, students and public – which is an ongoing event.

Education and Research (E&R) section of ACC has the mandate to conduct seminars and workshops and other programs to increase the public awareness on the prevention and prohibition of corruption. E&R has designed and implemented programs to promote values of integrity within all the spheres of governance.

Participants in Awareness Sessions



Educated 3653 participants on danger of corruption through 149 awareness sessions. (2012 - July 2013)

Achievements (2012 – 2013)

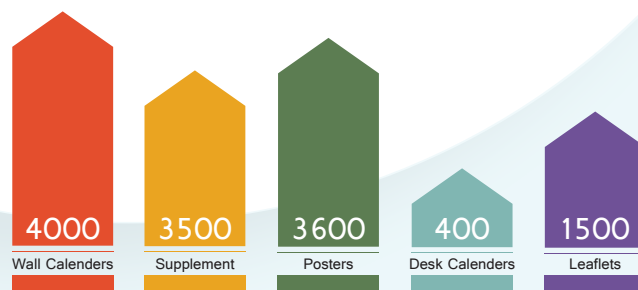
- Thirteen episodes of 'Bithufangi' were telecasted on TV.
- TV spots on anti-corruption awareness shown frequently on public channels.
- Poster drawing competition for school students.

Highlights of International Anti-corruption Day, 2012

- Distribution of special supplement to more than 3500 households
- Special Discussion Forum on 'The importance of eradicating corruption in developing democracy'.
- Special Religious Dharus on integrity
- Anti-corruption Debate between FIS & FSL students of MNU on 'The current governance system in Maldives is most beneficial to its people'. of MNU on the topic: The current governance system in Maldives is most beneficial to its people.
- Friday Sermon focused on danger of corruption
- Children's Fair on Anti-Corruption Awareness

Publications and awareness materials

- Distribution of 1500 wall-calendars and 400 desk-top calendars
- Distribution of more than 4000 leaflets and flyers to participants of the sessions and general public.
- Distribution of more than 3600 anti-corruption posters with 12 different messages used for public awareness
- Production and distribution of small story books and games to children to promote integrity
- Launching of the ACC Annual Report
- 1218 people signed Integrity Pledge developed by ACC to promote personal integrity



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