

INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER RELATED OFFENCES COMMISSION

POLICY ON REQUESTS FOR PROJECTS MONITORING BY MDAs

PREAMBLE

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission “the Commission” has recently been inundated with requests for project monitoring and supervision by Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), hence the need for a standing policy by the Commission to guide the conduct of such collaborative engagements. Pursuant to Section 7(1) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000, I hereby approve and make this Standing Order to officers involved in project monitoring activities effective from the date of these Orders.

THE POLICY

- a. In pursuance of its preventive mandate and the mandate to foster public support against corruption as enshrined in Section 6(b), (c), (d) and (f) of the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act (CPROA) 2000, the Commission would oblige such request for monitoring the implementation of projects only if the projects are Empowerment/ Capacity Building or Supplies in nature in view of the fact that they are ‘soft projects’ and are usually difficult to track after project implementation/execution.
- b. The Commission shall not participate in the requesting MDAs’ procurement processes.
- c. Considering human capacity challenge, the Commission may randomly select a few projects to be monitored especially those projects that fall within the sectoral focus of the Commission and as proposed in (a) above.
- d. Funding consideration for project monitoring shall be provided by the Commission in order to insulate its officers from any form of corrupt and compromising influence and ensure the integrity and transparency of the process.
- e. Consequently, in projects selection, consideration shall be given to projects which monitoring require none or the least funding requirements.

- f. Tracking and monitoring of the selected projects could be conducted by a combined team of CEPTG and CMED officers in the relevant State Offices but under the guidance and leadership of the CEPTG at the State.
- g. State offices shall embark on the monitoring exercise only with clearance from the Director, Operations to ensure uniformity of operations and record keeping. Consequently, State CEPTG teams shall not suo motu embark on tracking or monitoring exercise on the basis of direct invitation by Agencies without recourse to the Director, Operations acting on Chairman's approval.
- h. Distribution of items shall be done by the implementing Agencies and not the sponsors, under the supervision of the Commission but with participation and guidance of the sponsors as regards selection and identification of beneficiaries.
- i. Empowerment items shall not be branded in the name of the sponsors or bear any symbol, picture or insignia of either the sponsors or any political party or association. Such items should be branded in the name of the implementing Agency
- j. A designed template indicating the project items, numbers, identities, Store Receipt Vouchers, Store Issue Vouchers, photographs/phone numbers/addresses of receivers shall be signed and kept by the MDAs and the sponsors. Duplicate copies retrieved shall be kept by the Commission.
- K This policy is subject to review as may be necessary.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2020

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Hon. Chairman
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