

BRIEF ON GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Background

In the last few years, the governance issues have become very important within the Governments, the Governed and among the donors. These issues include the provision of services by the Government and levels of corruption. However, information of governance issues have not been adequately collected to inform policy.

In Kenya, within the framework of monitoring and evaluation of public sector performance in governance and anti-corruption areas, several agencies have carried out small surveys in the areas of anti-corruption. These small surveys were carried out to answer specific questions but did not give a broad representation and did not establish the baseline needed for policy reform. The preparation process and results of these surveys have often been disputed and generally not owned by majority of the stakeholders. Consequently, the government has been unable to use these results in policy formulation or decision-making.

To correct this anomaly, the Government has decided to conduct a nation-wide in-depth assessment on the phenomenon and involve a more representative sample, and also involving all key stakeholders in the process of preparation and analysis of the collected information

Objectives of the Governance Survey

- To assess national perceptions of and experiences with public sector corruption and the provision of public services.
- To develop empirical information that can be discussed, analysed, and used to help Government, civil society and the private sector to jointly formulate and implement policies and programmes to improve governance and thereby reduce corrupt practices.
- To benchmark indicators so that elements of governance and the extent of corrupt practice may be monitored through future assessments.
- The survey will provide benchmark indicators to be used to set targets for monitoring and evaluation of the government's performance in implementing the on-going governance and anti-corruption reforms through future assessments.

- To develop ownership of the facts on Governance in the country by all the stakeholders.