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**ANTI-CORRUPTION &  
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# ACGC: OVERVIEW

The **Anti-Corruption & Governance Center**, launched in 2018, conducts programs on several fronts:

- **Rapid Response:** swift interventions during anti-corruption windows of opportunity, as seen in **The Gambia, Armenia, Sudan, and Ecuador.**
- **Integrated Compliance:** working with companies to recognize and address their unique corruption risks. Past work in **Peru, Indonesia, and Guatemala.**



# CIPE'S ACGC: OVERVIEW (CONT)

- **Anti-Corruption Compliance for Businesses:** enabling emerging market companies in countries like **Kenya, Pakistan, Ukraine,** and **Indonesia** to comply with international anti-corruption standards.
- **Private Sector Collective Action:** helping private-sector businesses unite to change culture and regulations around bribery and corruption. Large-scale initiatives launched in **Indonesia** and **Thailand**, with other alliances in **Turkey, Armenia,** and the **Balkans**.



# CIPE'S ACGC: PROGRAMMING

- Recently launched a **pilot anti-corruption training program for humanitarian aid workers** in March 2021.
  - **Front-line relief workers** in the Philippines were instructed on common corruption issues in the aid sector.
  - Upcoming activities include training of trainers in **Liberia** and **Sudan**.



# BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY IN LEBANON

- With the **Lebanese Transparency Association**
- **Recommendations for:**
  - Parliament
  - Ministry of Finance
  - Central Bank of Lebanon
  - Beirut and Tripoli Bar Associations
  - Public Notaries Council



# U.S. STRATEGY ON COUNTERING CORRUPTION

- Released **December 2021**
- The Strategy is “a **whole-of-government approach** to elevating the fight against corruption.”
- “It places particular emphasis on **better understanding and responding** to the threat’s **transnational dimensions**, including by taking additional steps to **reduce the ability** of corrupt actors to use the U.S. and international financial systems **to hide assets and launder** the proceeds of corrupt acts.”



# WAR IN UKRAINE

- Seeing the conflict through the **lens of corruption**
- Recent article “**How Corruption in the Russian Military Could Save Ukraine,**” shows how corruption impacts morale and fighting capability
- On the Ukrainian side, creation of watchdog organization, **Independent Defense Anti-Corruption Committee,** yields a more efficient military





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