

- Spreading awareness on the teachings of our faith against corruption
- Need for transparency and showing good example
- Conducting studies on corruption
- Developing strategy to defeat corruption
- Live an upright life
- Instill good morals and ethical practices in the society
- Be beacon of justice and speak against vices in the society
- Stand out for equity
- Stand out as role models to be emulated
- Be contented in every area of their lives
- Be agents of truth by walking honestly in all endeavors

### The role of worshipers in fighting corruption

- Abiding by the teachings of Gita
- Bringing up their children in an upright way
- Teaching and training on integrity

Rag Veda further says the purpose of human birth is to assist Bhrama (formless God) in the maintenance of his grand wondrous design.

God has sent us to this world to help others. Karma will never free your soul from this world so preach peace and love everybody. You are God's child, act like one!

This brochure is developed through a partnership between the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Inter-Religious Council of Kenya (IRCK).

The umbrella organizations under IRCK are:

- National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK)
- Hindu Council of Kenya (HCK)
- Evangelical Alliance of Kenya (EAK)
- Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUP-KEM)
- Organization of African Instituted Churches – Kenya (OAIC-K)
- Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB)
- National Muslim Leaders Forum (NAMLEF)
- Seventh Day Adventist Church (SDA)
- SHIA Ithna Asharias

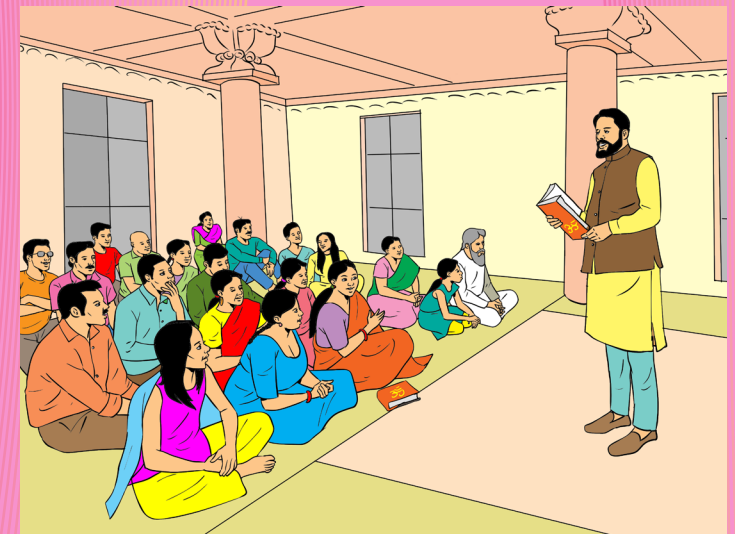


ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 61130-00200 NAIROBI  
TEL 2717468/2717318/0727285663  
EMAIL: eacc@integrity.go.ke



INTER-RELIGIOUS COUNCIL OF KENYA  
PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 05, Mararo Road off Gitanga Road, Nairobi  
P.O. BOX 6352, 00200 Nairobi, Kenya.  
TEL 3877791, 3872070  
EMAIL: info@interreligiouscouncil.or.ke

## HINDUISM AGAINST CORRUPTION



**OBSTRUCT, HALT, DIMINISH  
CORRUPTION! TOGETHER WE CAN  
DO IT**

An Initiative of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the Hindu Council of Kenya

## Introduction

It is important to understand and appreciate that war against corruption requires multi-faceted strategies bringing together all players including Government institutions, the private sector, non governmental organization, media, the religious sector and most importantly the general public.

Whereas the EACC is the lead agency in the fight against corruption in Kenya, the efforts of other actors is also critical in breaking the chains of corruption.

Today we have a grave challenge in front of us as a society – the practice of Corruption and it is a tough challenge. We turn to the mother of Knowledge Bhagavad Gita to guide us and help us distinguish between what is good for us and what is evil, and seek her blessings to guide us on the path of solving the challenge of Corruption.

## Definition of corruption according to Gita

In the Hindu scriptures, corruption is defined and interpreted through the stories of the Lords.

In Sama Veda (One of the Vedas in Hinduism) 179 and 913, corruption is illustrated as hydra headed, having nine heads (nine kinds) and it enters the human body through ninety nine sources i.e. nine kinds of corruption enters the body through five senses and the outward looking mind. Later Ramayana described this evil through nine corrupt heads of Ravana. We burn his nine corrupt heads every year on Dussehra day. Similarly later Mahabharata described 99 sources of entry of corruption through 99 corrupt sons of blind Kaurva King Dhristashtra.

Let's visit Bhagavad-Gita (One of our holy scriptures) (2.58.) Here Lord Krishna presents an analogy of a tortoise. He mentions that a serious spiritualist prevents himself from getting corrupt by avoiding activities that could be detrimental for his spiritual advancement.

## Factors that promote corruption

- Caste and nepotism have become the basis for distribution of patronage.
- Common financial interest, emotions rather than reason dictate politics.

- Neglect of Hindu culture of tolerance - society tolerates amassing of ill gotten wealth.
- The extreme attachment of people to their families makes a person in office feel that he should earn more than enough not only for himself but also for his children, grand children and perhaps seven generations.
- Amassing wealth in some communities is seen as a macho demonstration of capability.
- Consumerism and desire for an ostentatious lifestyle tempt many to make money by hook or crook.
- Evil social practices and unequal social power structures also promote corruption.
- Education pressure and corruption in the education sector is another social factor contributing to corruption in our system.

## Consequences of corruption to the individual

- It brings shame and regret
- A life of guilt and shying away from people
- Corruption condemns one to a life of bondage and slavery
- As one is motivated by greed, one will reap the product of greed which is misery
- Rejection by society

## Consequences of Corruption to the family

- Exposing your family to shame
- The family may be cursed by the Lord
- Separation in the family when one member is arrested or convicted of a crime
- Jealousy and hatred

## Consequences of corruption to the society

- Corruption brings divisions and unfairness among members of the society
- Insecurity and life of fear among residents
- Unnecessary competition for power or supremacy
- Bad reputation and disrespect
- Perpetual erosion of morals and values through generations
- Human suffering

## Consequences of corruption to the nation

Impunity in government and other sectors

## Judgment that awaits corrupt people

- Punishment in hell
- Punishment in the rebirth

## Channels for promoting Integrity

- Print Media - Anti corruption through (Bulletins, Journals, pamphlets, fliers, brochures)
- Social Media – (Whatsapp groups, twitter, Facebook, instagram, linkedin, Imo, Youtube)
- Worship places – Temples
- Corruption awareness programmes and trainings

## The role of leaders in fighting corruption

The role of the religious leaders is thus to assist the adherents in their strive to achieve dharma. Religious leaders should demonstrate leadership in the manner outlined;