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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING *Director General*

Welcome Dear readers, I am happy to present to you the 2024 Newsletter for the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB). I am eager for you to read this publication so that you can familiarise yourself with what the Bureau has done in the year 2024.

When I joined the Bureau, I had a priority goal for the Bureau and that is accessibility of the Bureau across the nation. With this I managed to have the very first satellite office opened in Mchinji which is a very progressive development for the people of Mchinji. Equally we plan on opening another one in Karonga and Mangochi so that this is just a start of making the Bureau easily accessible to everyone.

We encourage public officers to prevent corruption rather than face repercussions for partaking in corrupt activities. This newsletter will showcase many prevention activities with some law enforcement for those who failed to resist and reject corruption. However, it is worth noting that the Bureau has made significant strides in bringing to book perpetrators of corruption by investigating and prosecuting them in the year 2024. Many other cases are in court and are being finalised which is a win for the people of Malawi.

I just want to take a moment to make it a point to you dear reader that corruption is a volatile enemy. Corruption fights back while being fought. It is a vice that morphs with each system, changing colours like the chameleon. As much as some cases can seem easy to investigate and prosecute, some cases are very delicate and require caution in investigating as well as prosecution.

Bearing this in mind I would like to encourage everyone to hold hands with the Bureau rather than discourage and spite the efforts. We encourage all of you to be vigilant in resisting, rejecting and reporting the vice that is corruption.

This fight is not an easy fight, and it requires stealth and strength to overcome challenges. But perhaps the best motivation is knowing that you dear reader and other stakeholders are there to stand with us even though the battlefield may get ugly.

I want to tell you that I work with the best officers who, despite challenges, forge on and are very relentless in their pursuit of dealing with corruption. They risk their lives and those of their loved ones daily to serve the country and I could not ask for a better team than them. Thank you to my fellow colleagues for the endless support in this daunting task.

The Partnerships, Collaborations and all the other support that comes from the public and private sectors within this fight is greatly appreciated. It is my hope that Malawi will be rid of corruption soon.

Let me also convey my sincere thanks to His Excellency, Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera President of the Republic of Malawi and Dr Michael Ussi the Vice President for their support and trust in me to head the office while we wait for a successful candidate for the post of the director general. The increased budgetary allocation by Government and the monthly funding have helped the ACB to discharge its mandate.

In 2024 we commemorated International Anti-Corruption Day (IAD) and our officers were also actively involved in the monitoring of the Affordable Inputs Programme (AIP) across the country. This assisted in stopping the vice in its tracks in several markets contributing to preventing rampant corruption during the AIP season. The Bureau is committed to ceaselessly and without hesitation execute their required tasks to keep the fight going. I hope the updates in this newsletter give you a glimpse of the efforts the ACB is making and inspire you to join the fight.

Finally, I wish the ACB and the entire readership of this Newsletter all the best as we continue with the fight against corruption.

A Corruption-Free Malawi is Possible. It Begins with You and Me! ENJOY

Editors note...

Welcome back dear readers,
In this edition you will learn of collaborations and awareness campaigns that were conducted in 2024 among other things. The national Anti-Corruption Strategy II (NACS II) remains our guiding tool in our anti-corruption efforts. We continue to lobby for support from the public and stakeholders to join in the fight against corruption.
Remember dear reader that the fight against corruption begins with you and as such to equip you with the necessary tools and knowledge the Bureau makes public the documentation needed for such on its website **www.acbmw.org.**

The Bureau appreciates the journey of anti-corruption fight and the people that continuously stand by us by resisting, rejecting and reporting corruption. With you as a motivation, we continue to work tirelessly and living exemplary in issues of integrity and ethics. We will, relentlessly, do what we set out to do which is to serve the public but ultimately serve the country in helping deliver it to sustainable development in an environment that is free from corruption.

Officers of the Bureau continue to stand with our leaders in this fight and stand with our Acting Director General, Mr Hillary Chilomba, to fight against corruption. Please join us and tell your friends to join us too. There are no special tools needed to join, the goal is to end corruption, we urge all of you to do the same. Let's save Malawians and Malawi from the effects of corruption which are dire poverty, poor health services and many other state weakening repercussions. We do not take your support for granted. Taking your time to familiarise yourself with the Bureau attests to your continued commitment to the fight against corruption and for this we say, thank you.

For feedback, please email endala@acbmw.org or jngongonda@acbmw.org to help us improve on our output of the newsletter. Enjoy the reading!

Egrita Ndala

ACB OPENS SATELLITE OFFICE IN MCHINJI DISTRICT

August 16, 2024, was a memorable day in the history of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) as it inaugurated a satellite office in Mchinji District to decentralize Bureau services to the districts. The office, located at the Old DRIMP Office premises next to the Mchinji District Commissioner's office, is strategically placed to ease accessibility for Mchinji residents.

The opening of the 5th ACB office was symbolized by the cutting of the ribbon, which was done by the Guest of Honour, Inkosi Ndabambe assisted by the ACB Acting Director General, Mr. Hillary Chilomba and the District Commissioner for Mchinji Ms. Chidalengwa while other dignitaries watched them. ACB staff members who represented each section also witnessed the opening. After this, the ACB organized a football match between Villa FC and Kanalero FC of Mchinji. This event raised awareness about the new office and educated the public on the harmful effects of corruption and encouraged them to report corruption to the ACB at the new office. Prior to this, the Bureau engaged the media in the district through a press briefing and radio program on Mudziwathu community radio to publicise the opening of the new office.

PR MAKES A PRESENTATION AT THE CHIEF'S FORUM FOR THUMA FOREST AND SALIMA DEDZA ESCARPMENT

ON 30th and 31st January 2024 ACB and other stakeholders in the fight against corruption in Forestry, participated in a meeting organized for some of the Chiefs surrounding Thuma Forest and Dedza-Salima escarpments and other stakeholders in the forestry area. The meeting was conducted to appreciate the impact of deforestation and efforts that are being undertaken to address the problem. The community leaders renewed their commitments to prevent forest degradation in their areas.

The first day of the meeting involved visits to two areas where forests have been destroyed and where preservation is taking place respectively. On 31st January, the Bureau gave a presentation on the role of ACB in the preservation of forests and wildlife. The presentation also tackled the challenges faced in investigating corruption cases in wildlife and encouraged the participants to join hands with the Bureau in the fight against corruption in Malawi which is a major contributing factor to forest degradation.

PPRO making a presentation on the challenges faced in investigating corruption in forestry and the role of Chiefs and citizens in the fight against corruption

Some of the participants at Group Village headman Chimoga in TA Ndindi's area where a forest has been turned into a farm

GIZ COLLABORATES WITH ACB TO TRAIN TUTORS ON ANTI-CORRUPTION SOURCE BOOK

ACB in collaboration with GIZ conducted Training of Trainers (ToTs) on the Anti-Corruption Sourcebook in TTCs in the country.

Following the launch of the Sourcebook in October 2023, GIZ partnered with ACB in the implementation of the Sourcebook. GIZ funded the trainings for lecturers/tutors in both public and private TTCs to roll out implementation of the Sourcebook from different fronts.

On 30th January 2024, the German Ambassador to Malawi Ms. Ute König accompanied by Ms Martha Chizuma, ACB Director General of ACB paid a visit to Lilongwe TTC where one of the trainings was being conducted to appreciate the progress.

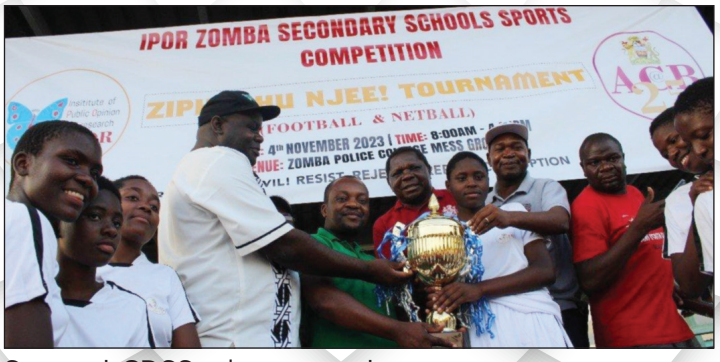
The German Ambassador pointed out that the academia is very key in the fight against corruption. She stressed that the teachers instil the right Umunthu values in the learners at the right stage. It is for this reason that the German Government through GIZ did not hesitate to support the fight against corruption through values education through the Sourcebook for primary schools in Malawi.

The ACB Director General called on the tutors to diligently work towards fighting corruption through values education. She emphasised that a corruption-free Malawi is dependent on the Umunthu values that we instil on the learners today.

IPOR SPONSORS 20 MILLION KWACHA ZIPHUPHU NJEE SPORTS TOURNAMENT IN ZOMBA

SATURDAY, 20 January 2024 was a big day in Zomba as the finals for Ziphuphu Njee! Sports tournaments were held. The football and netball tournaments were sponsored by Institute of Public Opinion and Research (IPOR). The tournament which started on 4 November was for secondary schools in Zomba urban and rural. A total of 60 schools participated.

The finals in football were between Songani CDSS and Cobbe Barracks CDSS. Balamanja CDSS and Chirunga CDSS battled it out in netball finals.



Songani CDSS who were the champions in football received laboratory equipment worth MK1.5 million, jerseys and a trophy and second placed Cobbe CDSS received Laboratory equipment worth MK1 million plus jerseys.

Chirunga CDSS were the champions in netball and went away with laboratory equipment worth MK1.5, jerseys and a trophy while Balamanja CDSS received laboratory equipment worth Mk1 million plus a jersey.

The Guest of honour was Ms. Martha Chizuma, ACB Director General. Prof Blessings Chinsinga, Prof Bonface Dulani and Dr. Mike Chasukwa were also in attendance representing the sponsor, IPOR. There were also other stakeholders from Education Division and the hosts Zomba Police Training School.

IPOR sponsored the tournament to the tune of MK20million. This was the first time a private institution sponsored an Anti-Corruption Schools sports competition with such a big amount.

ACB DG, Ms. Martha Chizuma and other Bureau Officers pose for a photo with some of the members of the Blantyre based IIC behind the renovated school block , INSERT—Officials handing over the renovated classroom block. From left to right: Director of Education, Youth for and Sports for Blantyre District Council Mr. Paul Chiphanda, ACB Director General Ms. Martha Chizuma, Headteacher for Chisawani Primary School Mr. Augustine Nyongolo and Councillor for Mpemba Ward Councillor Mussa Chikwawa.

BLANTYRE IICS RENOVATE A CLASSROOM BLOCK AT CHISAWANI PRIMARY SCHOOL AS PART OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

15th March 2024 was a great day in the Anti-Corruption Drive as Blantyre Institutional Integrity Committees (IICs) in collaboration with the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) handed over a renovated classroom block at Chisawani Primary School in Mpemba. This was a new approach in the fight against corruption which involved the renovation of a school block and painted the it with anti-corruption messages. The renovation tapped funds from nine institutions namely: Malawi College of Accountancy (MCA), Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS), Malawi Housing Corporation (MHC), Blantyre Water Board (BWB), Malawi Council for the Disability Affairs (MACODA), Malawi Bureau of Standards, Malawi National Council of Sports (MNCS), Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi (ESCOM) EGENCO and Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA).

Chisawani Primary School Female Teachers dancing Chioda during the handover ceremony of the renovated classroom block

The activity was held under the theme "Everyone has a role to play in fighting corruption". The Director General, Ms. Martha Chizuma, said that if the country is to realize the dream envisaged by Malawi 2063 of being ranked amongst the top 20 countries in the world on dealing with corruption, then teaching children on the evils of corruption is the right route as it will bread a generation that will be intolerant to corruption.

After the handover ceremony, the IICs conducted stopovers at Chadzunda and Mpemba Trading Centres where the citizenry was sensitized on corruption issues and available reporting mechanisms within institutions.

This was the second time that the IICs conducted a joint anti-corruption awareness activity in Blantyre after having conducted a similar activity in November 2022.

ACB CONDUCTS SOURCEBOOK WORKSHOPS

THE Anti-corruption Bureau in conjunction with UNODC and UNDP in Malawi conducted workshops to familiarise stakeholders in with the Anti-corruption educational tools and materials developed by UNESCO and UNODC for secondary and tertiary education levels respectively. Mr. Hillary Chilomba the Acting Director General opened both workshops.

The ACB with support from UNDP and UNODC developed an anti-corruption sourcebook for primary school whose content is expected to be incorporated in the primary school curriculum. The ACB is working on developing anti-corruption content for both secondary school and University level.

Anti-corruption education is important to nurture ethical minds and professional identity of future leaders. University students are very key to the anti-corruption drive, as they are expected to enter the job and business market soon after leaving University. They, therefore, need to get the necessary anti-corruption and integrity training which will put them in the right position to resist and reject any corrupt tendencies that may be prevailing in the workplace.

The workshops were held on 19 and 20 June 2024 at Crossroads Hotel in Lilongwe.

GROUP PHOTO—ACB DG pose with the students together with Kamuzu Academy teachers and other ACB officials present

ACB HOSTS KAMUZU ACADEMY STUDENTS FOR A CAREER VISIT

THE ACB hosted and motivated 21 Kamuzu Academy Upper six (6) Class students during a career visit. The students, who are in the last class are about to take final exams. The ACB aimed to equip them with knowledge of their individual and collective responsibility to fight corruption in any sector they might join in future. PR coordinated and hosted the event.

Director General, Ms. Martha Chizuma and senior officers from the Corruption Prevention, Public Education and Investigations departments sensitised the students on the functions of the Bureau, the uniqueness of the Bureau operations and the journey of a case up to prosecutions. They also encouraged them to embrace integrity as one of the values that will help them to stand up against corruption.

STUDENTS LISTEN TO THE PRESENTATIONS BY ACB OFFICIALS ON ACBS MANDATE AND OPERATIONS

The ACB addressed many questions raised by students on the work of the Bureau and the challenges the Bureau faces in discharging its duties.

Speaking on behalf of the students, El-Shaddai Mkandawire thanked the ACB for giving them an opportunity to visit and learn how best they can contribute to the development of Malawi by taking part in the fight against corruption.

ACB DG CONDUCTS PUBLIC LECTURE AT LUANAR NRC CAMPUS

BY EGRITA NDALA

THE Acting Director General of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Mr. Hillary Chilomba, on 27 June gave a public lecture to Land Registrars and Land Clerks undergoing training in land administration at the LUANAR, Natural Resources College Campus.

The Acting DG encouraged the students and staff to desist from corruption and follow the law in discharging their duties warning them that if they "do not follow the law, the law will follow them".

The land sector is one of the sectors where corruption continues to be a challenge.

The 34 newly recruited Land Registrars and 260 newly recruited Land Clerks will be posted to all the councils and TAs throughout the country respectively.

Speaking on behalf of the Commissioner for Lands, Mr. Mfune the Chief Lands Officer encouraged the participants to work with the existing structures and avoid engaging in issues outside their mandate.

The lecture was organised by the Ministry of Lands in conjunction with LUANAR, Natural Resources College Campus.

ACB ORIENTS LEGAL AID BUREAU STAFF

THE Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on 6 June and 25 June 2024 held orientations for Legal Aid Bureau (LAB) members of staff in Blantyre and Lilongwe respectively on how the law on corruption operates in Malawi.

Focusing on the definition of corruption, penalties, and reporting mechanisms, the ACB emphasized that LAB staff must be vigilant in detecting and preventing corrupt practices both within and outside the workplace.

It was highlighted that acts of corruption can take various forms, including favoritism, bribery, extortion, embezzlement, influence peddling, conflict of interest, abuse of discretion, and misuse of privileged information. LAB staff were urged to report any instances of such malpractice they encounter.

The ACB guided LAB staff to be cautious of clients who want to offer them gifts for services offered.

The ACB has further recommended that LAB's institutional integrity committee should be readily available to act as a reporting channel on any corrupt practice.

Assistant Director for LAB's Central Region, Bwighane Mwenifumbo Masanjala, has since commended ACB for reminding members of staff of their role in the fight against corruption. She has further expressed hope that more such training sessions would be conducted.—***Legal Aid Bureau Malawi***

ACB LAUNCHES AND CONDUCTS GOVERNANCE SURVEY

BY JACQUELINE NGONGONDA

ON 2 July 2024, the ACB and NSO with support from UNDP Malawi launched the 2024 Malawi Governance and Corruption Survey. The aim of the survey is to provide information for monitoring patterns and trends of governance and corruption. The 2019 mini-survey which was conducted in 2019 which did not capture other relevant sections of governance.

Speaking at the launch, Mrs Mary Phombeya, Director of Corruption Prevention, highlighted the importance of evidence-based data and the opportunity it presents to Malawians and the fight against corruption.

Mrs Phombeya said that Malawians who are knowledgeable can hold duty bearers accountable for their actions. She also said this survey presents an opportunity for collaborations to create a united front against corruption.

NSO Commissioner, Mr Shelton Kanyanda emphasized the need for the highest level of professionalism to the enumerators as they will be interacting with public officials, business personnel and other citizens in their households.

UNDP Governance Portfolio Manager, Ms Nanise Saune-Qaloewai said that it is their utmost goal to have impactful partnerships and their partnership with ACB and NSO this far is one of the many they are very proud of.

The budget for the survey amounts to MK129,770 245.56 and had a sample size of 1560 households across the regions. The survey results will inform the National Anti-Corruption Strategy which is due for review.

DIRECTOR OF CORRUPTION PREVENTION MRS MARY PHOMBEYA SPEAKING TO JOURNALISTS

ACB Ag DG AND LAW COMMISSION CONDUCT MEDIA BRIEFING

BY JACQUELINE NGONGONDA

ON 18 July 2024, the ACB in conjunction with the Malawi Law Commission conducted a Media briefing as part of commemorating Africa Anti-Corruption Day. The aim of the briefing was to update the public on the stage at which the formulation of the whistleblower protection law is. The law is currently being developed by the Malawi Law Commission.

According to the Director of Law Reforms at Malawi Law Commission, Mr Mike Chinoko, said that the development was at advanced stage, and they will update the public once the process is finalised.

He emphasised the need for and importance of reporting any malpractices with the backing of legislation so that people can do so without fear of retribution. He said that although different legislations have reporting provisions, they do not extensively cover the one reporting, hence this development.

Ag DG, ACB DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS AND DIRECTOR OF LAW COMMISSION DERIVERING THE PRESS BRIEFING

Speaking at the briefing, Mr Hillary Chilomba, Acting Director General, said that the Act will further advance the work of ACB while addressing the reporting hiccups faced by some who may report.

The Acting Director General emphasised that the ACB is not taking lightly corruption matters and will do the needful to ensure that everyone can also do their part in ending corruption.

He called upon the media to be a true partner in the corruption fight and work with ACB towards bringing to book corruption perpetrators.

ACB AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SIGN MOU TO ADVANCE CORRUPTION FIGHT

BY JACQUELINE NGONGONDA

THE ACB and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the aim of partnering in the fight against corruption.

The MoU stipulates the possibility through sharing information, cooperating, enhancing capacity, consulting on certain areas of mutual interest that may arise from time to time and conducting customer surveys among other extensive working parameters.

It is also encouraging adherence to recommendations from system reviews and risk assessment done by the ACB for best performance in the delivery of public service.

Acting Director General of ACB, Mr Hillary Chilomba, applauded the need for the two institutions to work together.

From left to right, Director of Operations at Immigration Mr. Fletcher Nyirenda, Ag DG Mr. Hillary Chilomba and DCP Mrs Mary Phombeya during the MoU signing ceremony

He however, stated that the MoU does not compromise the mandates of both institutions and will not compromise ongoing investigations. He stated that at the end of the day both institutions should remember that they serve Malawians and must do so in accordance with the law.

The Commissioner responsible for Operations at the Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services, Mr. Fletcher Nyirenda, stated that the Immigration Department is committed to review its processes and sensitise the public on the processes so that there is no motivation to bribe people due to ignorance.

He emphasised that the Department has very big influence on the socioeconomic development of this country therefore, working with integrity is paramount to achieving this.

He further urged the officers at the Department to familiarise themselves with the document so that they can implement it effectively.

Nsumati FC jubilating a 3-1 win after the match (insert) AgDG for ACB together with HRDC Director, PED Director,CPD Director,DCS, District Youth Officer handing over a prize to Nsumati FC captain as runners up of the match

COMMEMORATING AFRICAN ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY WITH SPORTS

BY SARAH NANTHOKA

ON July 11, 2024, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) hosted a Football Bonanza at the William Murray Ground in Nkhoma, Lilongwe, marking African Anti-Corruption Day. This event was themed "Effective Whistleblowers Protection Mechanism: A Crucial Tool in the Fight Against Corruption," underscoring the vital role that protecting whistleblowers plays in combating corruption.

The bonanza was graced by Mr. Gift Trapence, Chairperson of the Human Rights Defenders Coalition (HRDC), who was the guest of honor. His presence highlighted the significance of collective efforts in fostering transparency and accountability within communities.

Thandizo Orphan Care Football Club and Nsumati Young Soccer Football Club battled it out on the day. The event not only showcased thrilling sportsmanship but also served as a platform to disseminate anti-corruption messages to the many soccer lovers who came to watch the game. Thandizo Orphan Care emerged the champions after scoring of three (3) goals while Nsumati Young Soccer score one (1) goal.

Acting Director of Anti-Corruption Bureau Mr. Hillary Chilomba making his first kick as he launches the match between Thandizo Orphan Care FC and Nsumati Young Soccer FC at William Murry ground in Nkhoma Lilongwe

The ACB used sports to leverage the appeal of sports to raise awareness about corruption and encourage the public to actively report corrupt practices. By integrating sports with advocacy, the event successfully engaged the community, emphasizing that everyone has a role to play in the fight against corruption.

The theme of the event, focusing on the protection of whistleblowers, is particularly pertinent. Whistleblowers often face risks, including retaliation and ostracization, when they expose corrupt activities. Establishing robust protection mechanisms is crucial to ensure that individuals can come forward without to report corruption and other malpractice without fear of retribution, thereby fostering a culture of accountability and transparency.

The Acting Director General of ACB Mr. Hillary Chilomba, in his speech, highlighted the importance of community involvement and vigilance in the fight against corruption. He encouraged the public to support and protect whistleblowers, reinforcing the message that corruption cannot thrive where there is transparency and accountability.

The Football Bonanza in Lilongwe was more than just a sporting event; it was a powerful statement against corruption and a call to action for the entire community. As the cheers from the William Murray Ground faded, the message remains clear: through unity, vigilance, and the protection of whistleblowers, we can create a society free from the scourge of corruption. HRDC funded the event to the tune of MK4,000,000.00.

ACB CONDUCTS ACTIVITIES TO PUBLICIZE MCHINJI ACB OFFICE

BY JACQUELINE NGONGONDA

FOLLOWING the establishment of the ACB office in Mchinji in August 2024, the Lilongwe Public Education Department team conducted a series of activities in the district from October 22 to October 25, 2024, to publicize the new office. These efforts aimed at raising awareness on the new office, learning from the local development structures on corruption issues affecting their areas, and enhancing community participation in anti-corruption initiatives.

Key activities included meetings with various local stakeholders, such as youth clubs, Anti-Corruption Champions (ACCs), media practitioners, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), the District Information Office, and Citizen Forums. The team engaged local structures in Traditional Authorities Mkanda, Nyoka, Kapondo, and Zulu.

These initiatives were designed to boost the visibility of Mchinji ACB office, strengthen community involvement in anti-corruption efforts, and improve the office's overall effectiveness.

An ACB officer talking to Anti-Corruption Champions at one of the many talks ACB has with stakeholders

MUST and KUHES students engage in an intense and insightful exchange of ideas on the theme "How can social media corruption reports enhance or affect the fight against corruption".

ACB CONDUCTS ANTI-CORRUPTION DEBATE AT MUST

BY JACQUELINE NGONGONDA

THE anti-Corruption Bureau in conjunction with UNDP conducted a debate at the Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Thyolo. The debate was between students from Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) and Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS).

The debate was opened with aB3 compelling keynote speech by Professor Wilson Mandala, Deputy Vice Chancellor of MUST. He highlighted how corruption infiltrates various sectors, from procurement embezzlement to the everyday bribes people encounter when accessing government services.

The discussion focused on the theme "How can social media corruption reports enhance or affect the fight against corruption?"

During the debate, KUHeS students passionately argued about how social media can be a powerful tool in the fight against corruption, while MUST students raised concerns about its potential risks and drawbacks.

Both sides brought forward well researched ideas and suggestions on how best the ACB can engage the public including youth, in the fight against corruption.

The debate, which was held on 26 November 2024, was part of the International Anti-corruption Day (IAD) commemoration which took place in Salima on 9th December.

CORRUPTION IN THE FAMILY IS CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT

BY JOSEPH NSILIKO

MAHATMA Gandhi said, "The future depends on what you do today". The biblical quotation on Luke 6:43-45 says "For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit, neither doth a corruption-tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of bramble bush gather the grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good and an evil man out of evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil". Good comes from the good, the bad from the bad. The opposite erupts categorical mistakes which are absurd.

The family plays great roles in the formation of all societal institutions, organizations and many more. Children are an exceptional gift from the Supreme Being/God. They are entrusted into the care of their parents as they partake in procreation. Children are not what they are in no respect to human growth and progress as acknowledged by psychology of human development.

Children are as innocent as they were at birth. Human development from childhood is catalyzed by experience, learning, perception and understanding of their society. They are influenced by the world at large, the environment they find themselves in, one of which is the family. Whatever they experience, learn, perceive and understand from their family is what is paramount to them from their present time and what they shall become because children trust their parents and family most. Their parents will be the point of reference to say that this is what mom and dad taught me. George Berkeley said, "To be is to be perceived". What exists in the mind is what has been seen, heard, tasted, felt and smelled. What we teach and tell children now is what shall remain in their minds for that's what they have perceived.

The theory of corruption is different from what a human being is. A human being is never abstract or an idea. A human being does not come from nothing- Ex-Nihil. Children are born from parents. Their existence precedes corruption. Corruption is a theory invented by human beings. It remains abstract unless it is manufactured and conceptualized in their minds. It is something invisible, made visible through learning and experience from parents. It is something bad painted good.

It is imparted into children from childhood without them recognizing it. Parents sow seeds of corruption into children through small, overlooked mistakes portrayed to them. The so called, "I love my child" manifests egoism in children which finds a fertile soil in them as they grow up. Egoism contradicts altruism which allows

one to sacrifice himself for the good of others. Egoism does not favor "the

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Honorable Moses Kunkuyu alongside ACB Acting Director General Mr. Hillary Chilomba and distinguished guests present singing the national anthem during the commemoration.

INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY (IAD) COMMEMORATION

9 December 2024 was the climax of it all when Malawians led by the Minister of Information and Digitalization joined the world to commemorate the International Anti-Corruption Day. The commemoration was held at Kaphatenga Primary School Grounds, Salima under the theme Fighting corruption; a Duty for All. The event provided a platform for Malawians to reflect on the progress made and challenges faced in the fight against corruption, while reaffirming a collective commitment to building a corruption-free Malawi. The Guest of Honour, Honourable Moses Kunkuyu, delivered a keynote address underscoring the importance of unity and action in combating corruption. He also urged institution that had partnered the ACB in the commemoration to desist from corruption as the Bureau may still have to follow them if they engage in corruption.

VOICES FROM CITIZENS: UNMASKING CORRUPTION

BY JONATHAN CHISALE,

Senior Public Education Officer-Specialist in Governance, Anti-Corruption Education, and Citizen Participation

Corruption remains a challenge in Malawi, undermining service delivery and eroding public trust. Afrobarometer's December 2023 report revealed that fear of retaliation silences many Africans when it comes to speaking out against corruption. This silence only allows the vice to flourish. John Stuart Mill, a 19th-century English utilitarianist and ethical theorist in his book "On Liberty," strongly condemned the act of indifference in the face of evil.

Despite the negative effects of corruption, it seems some people don't appreciate the need to prioritize the anti-corruption agenda. The Afrobarometer report of December 2023 reveals a disturbing trend, when Malawian respondents were asked to share their voices to identify the most urgent problem the government should address, only 13% of the respondents listed corruption as their top priority. This is despite the ACB's and other stakeholders' efforts in educating people on the evils of corruption for them to appreciate the need to prioritize anti-corruption efforts.

During an Anti-Corruption stakeholder dialogue in Mzuzu in October 2024, Youth and Society's (YAS) Jane Chibisa expressed concern that efforts to combat corruption in Malawi were faltering. She urged youth, CSOs, the media, and grassroot communities to unite in holding corrupt actors accountable. At the same dialogue, themed "Bolstering Citizen Action Against Corruption" which was attended by representatives from government, traditional leaders, and CSO, ACB's Principal corruption Prevention Officer, Katoto Mtambo reminded those in attendance to refrain from corrupt practices and expose the culprits.

At a public meeting organized by ACB at Blantyre Labor Office, on September 9, 2024, job seekers lamented that some recruiters in both government and private sectors were demanding money in exchange for job opportunities. ACB officials clarified that while job criteria exist any monetary, material or other demand for unfair advantage constitutes corruption. They encouraged job seekers to desist from corruption and report such practices, assuring them of legal protection.

At a similar meeting held at the Limbe Labor office on the same day, several job seekers expressed fear of testifying in court after reporting corruption. ACB representatives reassured them that while their testimony is valuable, it is not mandatory that when you report corruption you are taken as a witness. ACB officers also informed them that robust legal mechanisms are being put in place to protect whistleblowers.

Members of various community-based organizations from Mchinji decried the lack

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ACB AND PARTNERS CHEER THE SICK AT SALIMA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

On 7 December 2024, the Anti-Corruption in collaboration Medical Aid Society of Malawi and National Construction Industry Council (NCIC) conducted a Corporate Social Responsibility event at Salima District Hospital. The representatives from the three institutions donated assorted items to the hospital. The items which included mattresses, flour, and other items were donated to the hospital while hampers containing various food and sanitary items were donated to women in the postnatal ward.

VOICES FROM CITIZENS: UNMASKING CORRUPTION

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of support from public and private stakeholders, for local CBOs like Anti-Corruption Champions, Citizen Forums, and Youth Clubs. They lamented that this situation is hindering the groupings' anti-corruption initiatives. CBOs and CSOs play critical roles at community level, including in social accountability and monitoring of projects. For them to provide the checks and balances effectively, they need resources, capacitation, and collaboration, from various stakeholders. The CBOs therefore appeal for collaboration and assistance from various stakeholders. ACB heard the voices during its meeting with Mchinji CSO network in 2024.

Citizens across the country also raise issues of delayed service delivery by public officials, a practice perceived as a method for indirectly soliciting bribes. These delays affect essential services, including health, agriculture, immigration, and licensing. The ACB reminds public officials that access to public services is a fundamental human right, as articulated in Article 21(2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, according to https://knowledgehub.transparency.org/. This calls for the adoption of service charters to ensure transparency and accountability. Let us remember that "everyone has the right to equal access to public service in his country." (un.org/en/about-us).

In other areas, beneficiaries of the 2024 Accessible Farm Inputs Program (AIP) reported significant anomalies during AIP visits to various selling points in many districts including Mulanje, Thyolo, Dowa, Salima, Kasungu, Phalombe, Dowa Nkhata Bay, Nkhotakota, Balaka, Mangochi, Mzimba, Chiradzulu and other districts which were visited by the ACB. Some beneficiaries noted discrepancies between system records and their actual registration details. ACB is encouraging the beneficiaries that in the future, they should be vigilant in following up on the correctness of their details with the authorities. ACB further urges program stakeholders to correct these anomalies timely in future implementation of the programme.

Participants at a youth integrity motivational talk at Chilangoma Community Day Secondary School in Blantyre in November 2024, urged the ACB to publish the names of convicted corrupt individuals annually. They believed that such transparency would not only build public trust but also serve as a deterrent to potential offenders, who will fear being embarrassed. Transparency International (TI) and the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) encourage all countries to publish names of corruption convicts in efforts to end corruption. (transparency.org).

In conclusion, citizens continue to face challenges such as extortion, intimidation of anti-corruption advocates, and inadequate collaboration between grassroot organizations and other stakeholders. To effectively combat corruption, it is essential to empower citizens to speak out and demand accountability. As the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (2016) reminds us, "Corruption hinders the delivery of essential services and stiffles socio-economic progress." An informed and empowered citizenry is the cornerstone of any successful anti-corruption strategy.

The Armed Forces Brass Band's marching alongside patrons of the event, while playing songs

A crowd including children gathered at Kaphatenga ground after big walk

INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY (IAD) COMMEMORATION

9 December 2024 was the climax of it all when Malawians led by the Minister of Information and Digitalization joined the world to commemorate the International Anti-Corruption Day. The commemoration was held at Kaphatenga Primary School Grounds, Salima under the theme Fighting corruption; a Duty for All. The event provided a platform for Malawians to reflect on the progress made and challenges faced in the fight against corruption, while reaffirming a collective commitment to building a corruption-free Malawi.

The Guest of Honour, Honourable Moses Kunkuyu, delivered a keynote address underscoring the importance of unity and action in combating corruption. He also urged institution that had partnered the ACB in the commemoration to desist from corruption as the Bureau may still have to follow them if they engage in corruption.

ACB RECEIVES TWO COLLECTIVE ACTION AWARDS

BY JACQUELINE NGONGONDA

On 15th May 2024, the Director General of the ACB, Ms Martha Chizuma was presented with two awards that serve as recognition of ACB's commendable efforts in partnership with various partners in the fight against corruption. The two awards were for the launch of a primary school sourcebook with Malawi Institute of Education and the sports integrity initiative with Football Association of Malawi.

The ACB received the two Collective Action Awards last week from the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Kenya, Nairobi after applying to the IACA, and presenting the ACB's initiatives. ACB Malawi received two (2) out of the three (3) awards that were given at the event.

In her remarks, the Director General Ms. Martha Chizuma expressed her happiness on this achievement. She thanked all stakeholders and partners for the support. She also urged all players to continue working together for the good of Malawi.

UNDP Malawi and Malawi Institute of Education representatives were present ACB at the symbolic presentation of awards activity. These ACB initiatives were made possible with assistance from German International Cooperation (GIZ), UNDP Malawi, Ministry of Education and Football Association of Malawi.

CORRUPTION IN THE FAMILY IS CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT

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Otherness of the Other", fair treatment and recognition, equality and equity. Egoism kills conscience and gives birth to unaccountability, irresponsibility, inhumane actions, and maladministration which support corruption.

People are not born with corruption but through learning and experience. If a child is conditioned to feel himself more important than his friends, that shall remain in him as he/she grows up and progresses in life. The impact of the feeling shall recur in future in different sectors where he/she will be responsible. It is this tendency which encourages corruption in children to mature. If the behavior of taking someone's property in childhood is not reprimanded, it shall remain in him/her. When he/she shall not respect things me for the common good. Stealing to him/her shall be normal and the order of the day. What parents overlook in their children, shall recur in adulthood when their "children" are made to be responsible for different parastatals which are meant for social welfare.

It is paramount to take note that children are not born with corruption, but it is made present in their family by their parents/communities. The same children become and are made leaders in our communities to lead us within the realm of the common good with corruption they were taught and trained by their parents still with them. Some of them are elected as directors, accountants and secretaries of different governmental and non-governmental organizations. They are given positions which have the mission of serving the people with the common good, but the leaders themselves have not been taught and trained to do so instead of only to corrupt from childhood. How can they make decisions for the common good when they are taught to be corrupt?

Should we complain about corruption in government when we sow corruption as a seed in our children's mind in different ways, who later become our leaders for whom some of them are those leading us today in different sectors? Who is to blame? What should we do to end corruption?

It is never too late. Each being can change from good to bad and from bad to good. We should go back to the root cause of corruption because what we see in our leaders and those that are to become is what we manifested in their childhood.

For any house to withstand any force, is determined by how strong the foundation is. In similar vein, to end corruption we must trace back the rigid and strong foundation we had set in our children to corruption. Fighting corruption is also determined by its foundation and its existence not its results alone. This means that corruption begins, exists and matures in our families first then it is spread into different sectors where we complain about corruption. Therefore, to end corruption in the family is to end corruption in government. We need to teach our children to be corruption-free.

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Commemoration of International Anti-Corruption Day

The United Nations designated 9 December as International Anti-Corruption Day in 2003. The day is commemorated annually to raise awareness of the negative effects of corruption and promote transparency, accountability and good governance. This year, Malawi will commemorate it under the theme **"Reporting Corruption: A Duty for All."** The United Nations has set **"Uniting with Youth Against Corruption: Shaping Tomorrow's Integrity".** Both themes are emphasizing the need for the participation of all stakeholders in the fight against corruption. The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in conjunction with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other stakeholders organized a series of activities as part of the commemoration.

This year's commemoration began with a student dialogue on 26 November 2024, involving students from Kamuzu University of Science and Technology (KUHES) and Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) to discuss ***"How social media corruption reports can enhance or harm the fight against corruption".***

On 7 December, the ACB together with its partners will conduct Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities at Salima District Hospital. This will be followed by a big walk on 8th December, which will take the anti-corruption message directly to the public around Salima boma.

The main event will be held on 9 December at Kaphatenga Ground in Salima. There will be activities to entertain, educate and inspire action such as comedy, traditional dances and speeches from various dignitaries.

The ACB encourages all citizens to participate in these activities and join the movement for a transparent and corruption-free society.

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PRESS RELEASE

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HIGH COURT OVERTURNS A LOWER COURT SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR GERALD VIOLA AND CHRISPIN CHINGOLA

On 26th March 2024, the High Court in Lilongwe sentenced Gerald Viola and Chrispin Chingola to twenty-four-month custodial sentence for corrupt practices. The two were given suspended sentences on 27th February 2023 after the Principal Resident Magistrate Court convicted them on 20th February 2023.

The Bureau was dissatisfied with the decision of the Principal Resident Magistrate and lodged an appeal against the sentence in the High Court.

Gerald Viola, former Deputy Chief Executive Officer at National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) and Chrispin Chingola, a businessperson, were arrested in 2020 for suspected corrupt practices in the award of a contract to Missies Trading to supply 10,000 metric tons of maize worth MK 3,300,000,000.00.

- Mr. Gerald Viola was convicted for abuse of office, contrary to Sections 25B (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act.
- Mr. Chrispin Chingola was convicted for influencing a public officer to misuse a public office contrary to Section 25 B (2) of the Corrupt Practices Act.

The two have since been taken into custody and will serve their sentences from 26th March 2024, the date of the sentence.

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COURT IN ZOMBA FINDS MR. MATIPWIRI GUILTY

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) received a complaint alleging that the Head teacher for Likwenu Community Day Secondary School (CDSS), Mr. Dennis Matipwiri, misappropriated funds meant for buying a printer for the school.

ACB investigations established that Mr. Dennis Matipwiri abused his position in respect of the procurement of a printer for the school contrary to section 25B (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act (CPA).

The Bureau took Mr. Matipwiri to Zomba Magistrate Court. He was charged with one count of abuse of office contrary to Section 24 (B) (1) of the CPA.

On 25th July 2024, the Zomba Magistrate's Court convicted Mr. Denis Matipwiri on as charged. He has been remanded to Zomba Prison awaiting sentencing.

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PRESS RELEASE

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ACB ARRESTS SIX IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2022 RECRUITMENT OF HEALTH WORKERS AT PHALOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Anti-Corruption Bureau, on 15th November 2024, arrested six people in connection with various offences which they committed during the 2022 recruitment of health workers at Phalombe District Council. The six include George Ramundi, Kesteni Wiillie Chokani, Mayamiko Custom, Dorothy Mussa, Florence Antonio and Sarah Phiri.

The arrest follows an investigation conducted by the Bureau which established that George Ramundi solicited K200,000 to influence the employment of Euster Namalia as hospital attendant at Phalombe District Council. Kesten Willie Chokani was arrested for aiding George Ramundi to solicit the advantage. The investigations further established that Mayamiko Custom, Dorothy Mussa, Florence Antonio and Sarah Phiri uttered false documents, namely Junior Certificate Examination (JCE) and Malawi School Certificate Examination (MSCE) certificates, during interviews for the posts of Disease and Control Surveillance Assistants and Hospital Attendants.

All the accused persons were taken to Phalombe First Grade Magistrate Court where they were formally charged. They took plea and pleaded not guilty. Thereafter, they applied for bail and were granted by the Court.
Trial will commence on 3rd December 2024.

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ACB ARRESTS THREE IN MANGOCHI OVER MTUKULA PAKHOMO

On 11 November 2024, the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested Muhammad Danger, Edward Black and Manesi Jeke, Community Social Support Committee Members of the Mtukula Pakhomo program in T/A Katuli in Mangochi. The three were arrested after the Bureau investigation had established that when they were working as Mtukula Pakhomo project volunteers, they demanded money from 72 beneficiaries of the program and obtained the said money from some of the beneficiaries.

On 12 November, the ACB took them to Mangochi Magistrate Court and charged them with abuse of public office contrary to section 25 B (1) as read with section 34 of the Corrupt Practices Act. They pleaded not guilty to the charge. The suspects also applied for bail and were granted the same by the Court.

Trial will commence on a date to be set by the Court.
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ACB ARRESTS A POLICE OFFICER AND VILLAGE HEADMAN IN MZUZU AND KARONGA RESPECTIVELY OVER CORRUPT PRACTICES

On 12th March 2024, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Von Martin Banda, a Police officer who was based at Chilumba Police Unit and now in Mzuzu and Eliya Mwafulirwa, Village Headman Makwambo in Karonga. This followed investigations into an allegation that Eliya Mwafulirwa and Von Martin Banda had conspired to receive two bulls to facilitate the release of Dickson Nyondo from Police custody and discontinuance of the case of malicious damage he was arrested for.

The investigation established that Mr. Eliya Mwafulirwa had solicited and received two bulls from Mr Moses Nyondo to facilitate the release of his son Dickson Nyondo on police bail and discontinuance of a criminal case which Dickson was answering. It was also found that Eliya Mwafulirwa gave Von Martin Banda MK50,000.00 to release Dickson Nyondo on police bail. Von Martin Banda also received MK30,000.00 to release Washington Mwafulirwa, Stocker Mwafulirwa and Nelson Kalua on police bail in relation to the same matter which Dickson Nyondo was arrested for.

Eliya Mwafulirwa will be charged with corrupt practices with a public officer contrary to Section 24 (2) of the Corrupt Practices Act. Von Martin Banda will be charged with corrupt practices by a public officer and abuse of public office contrary to Section 24 (1) as read with Section 34 and Section 25B (1) of the Corrupt Practices Act. They will be taken to Court in due course.

The Bureau is calling on all public officers to desist from demanding payment from members of the public for services which are supposed to be offered for free.

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PRESS RELEASE

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ACB ARRESTS FIVE IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND ANOTHER PERSON IN LILONGWE OVER CORRUPT PRACTICES

On 10th July 2024, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in collaboration with the Malawi Police Service arrested four immigration staff members and two non-staff members in Lilongwe. This followed various allegations of corruption which the Bureau had received. The Bureau together with Malawi Police Service conducted undercover investigation operations which confirmed the allegations and led to the arrests.

Those arrested are Madalitso Nanthulu, Wilson Tepeka, Kondwani Banda, Pearson Msiwa, who are immigration staff members and Agnes Master and Pauline Kampala who are non-staff members.

Investigations on these matters are on-going as the Bureau continues to review and analyse information gathered during the undercover operation.

The Bureau is calling on all public officers to desist from demanding extra payment from members of the public for services which are supposed to be paid for or offered for free.

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ACB ARRESTS MAGISTRATE PHILIP CHIBWANA & COURT CLERK FESTON CHAUMA

On 7th October 2024, the Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested Magistrate Philip Chibwana and Mr. Feston Chauma, a Court Clerk at Balaka Magistrate's Court for soliciting and receiving Mk300,000.00 to facilitate a suspect's release on bail.

Feston Chauma and Magistrate Philip Chibwana will be charged with corruptly soliciting and corruptly receiving money, and misuse of public office.

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IAD AND IAD PREACTIVITIES

1.The Guest of Honour (third from left), Honourable Moses Kunkuyu, the Acting Director General Mr. Hillary Chilomba (second from left), and other dignitaries sing the National Anthem and the Umunthu Anthem.

2.Bishop Kalemba receives a certificate of recognition as an outgoing member and Chairperson of the National Integrity Committee (NIC).

3. ACB women perform a Chimtali dance.

4. Gibo Pearson performing alongside students from Kaphatenga primary school in Salima where the main event marking the commemoration of the International Anti-Corruption Day was held.

6. The outgoing National Integrity Committee (NIC) pose for a photo with Guest of Honor, Honorable Kunkuyu and Acting Director General of ACB

7. The Acting Director General greets one of the stakeholders during the big walk

8. Marching against corruption. Some ACB officers during the big walk.

9. The Armed Forces Brass Band's continuous Performance provided both entertainment and energy throughout the big walk.

10. Part of the crowd that gathered for some entertainment as Gibo performed, intently listening to anti-corruption messages by an ACB officer during the big walk.

11. A large crowd gathers upon arrival at Kaphatenga ground after the big walk.

12. ACB officers and partners from MASM and NCIC at Salima district hospital listening to speech.

13.Acting Director General Mr. Hillary Chilomba addressing Bureau staff and Hospital staff at Salima district hospital where they visited as part of CSR

14.The NCIC Chairman of Institutional Integrity Committee, DR, Sharif From MASM, and Acting DG of ACB hand over the gifts to Dr. Kumwenda, a representative of the Director of Health Services and Mr. Adam Jason who represented the District Commissioner for Salima at the event.

15.A new mother receives a hamper with foodstuffs and other groceries as Dr. Shariff from MASM one of the sponsors looks on

16.Hospital staff, ACB officials and partners from MASM and NCIC who sponsored the items pose for a photo after the handover.

17. MUST and KUHES students engage in an intense and insightful exchange of ideas on the theme "How can social media corruption reports enhance or affect the fight against corruption".

18. Professor Wilson Mandala, Deputy Vice Chancellor of MUST delivering his keynote remarks.

19. Keynote speaker professor Wilson Mandala (third from right), UNDP officials, ACB officers and the audience singing the Umunthu Anthem during the debate at MUST.—**Pictures by Mr. Vincent Banda—Earthquake Images**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB)?
The ACB is a government agency which was established through an Act of Parliament to spearhead the fight against corruption in Malawi through prevention, education, and law enforcement.

How can I report suspected corruption?
Individuals can report suspected corruption to the ACB through various channels, including:

- visiting our offices in **Lilongwe, Blantyre, Mzuzu, Zomba** and **Mchinji**,
- Calling the ACB on Toll-free line **113**
- Sending email to **reportcentre@acbmw.org**

What types of cases does the ACB investigate?
The ACB investigates complaints of alleged corruption which have merit to warrant investigation, including bribery, abuse of office, fraud and other offences which are uncovered during investigation.

Does the ACB compensate whistle-blowers?
The Bureau does not give any compensation to whistle-blowers. It expects patriotic Malawians to report suspected corrupt practices for the wellbeing of their society.

How does the Bureau protect a whistle-blower from retribution?
Section 51A of the Corrupt Practices Act provides for the protection of whistle blowers by among other things concealing the identity of any whistle blower. It also criminalizes any action taken against a whistle blower for reporting corrupt practices. The sentence for the offence is two years imprisonment with hard labour if convicted for victimising/ threatening a whistle-blower.
Any whistle-blower should quickly report any threat or victimisation whether verbal or otherwise to the Anti-Corruption Bureau for the Bureau to take appropriate action.

How does the Bureau sensitise public officers and what is it doing to reach out to most of them?
The Bureau reaches out to members of the Public Service through different ways such as the presentations made at Staff Development Institute. We also reach them through different adverts in the print and electronic media. There are times where Bureau conducts sensitisation workshops targeting public officers.
Since 2009 the Bureau has been implementing the National Anti-Corruption Strategy. This has made it possible for various stakeholders to take part in the fight against corruption through the twelve pillars. The establishment of Institutional Integrity Committees in various public and private bodies is helping to sensitise members of their institutions on ethics issues and how to prevent corruption in the workplaces. The NACS II Is currently under review.

Why does the Bureau prosecute suspects using both the Penal Code and the Corrupt Practices Act?
Section 10 (1) (e) (f) of the Corrupt Practices Act empowers the Bureau to investigate any offence under any written law disclosed in the course of investigating any alleged or suspected corrupt practice or offence under the Corrupt Practices Act and prosecute such offences.

Which property does the Bureau seize and whose does it become after the case is concluded and the suspect is convicted?
The Bureau seizes any property which is connected to the offence to secure it. When the case is prosecuted, and the suspect is convicted the property is forfeited to Government. Currently, the Bureau is also using Civil Forfeiture which is a way of confiscating tainted property even before the criminal case prosecution is completed. This also passes through the Court as a Civil case.

Does the Anti-Corruption Bureau have officers who may also be corrupt?
The Bureau vetting prospective employees during recruitment to ensure that it employs people of high integrity. However, members of the public are advised to report to the Director of Anti-Corruption Bureau any suspected corrupt practices including those which may touch on its officers. The ACB will investigate the matter and take appropriate action.

Is it a corrupt practice for one to thank a person who has served them at a public institution by giving them money or anything?
It is not proper to do so as it is the work of that public officer to serve members of the public. Thank you by word of mouth should be enough. Giving them money or any item may influence them to serve better only those that "thank" them while neglecting those who have nothing. This may in the end perpetuate corruption.

For more detailed information, you can visit **www.acbmw.org** or the Anti-Corruption Bureau on Facebook or X formerly Twitter.

THE MALAWI UMUNTHU-INTEGRITY ANTHEM

MALAWI MY MOTHERLAND

1. I pledge myself to my Malawi
To preserve her wealth and keep her beauty
To treat every citizen with respect
And enjoy my motherland

I'll preserve the peace, I will break no law
I will take no bribe, live with love for all
To my Malawi I pledge myself
My heart, my strength, my all

2. I'll promote oneness, live in harmony
In my search for wealth seek integrity
In development I will give my best
Malawi my motherland

3. I'll care for my land, keep Malawi clean
I will work hard for her prosperity
I will give myself to protect her name
And respect my motherland

MALAWI DZIKO LANGA

1. Ndadzipereka kwa Mayi Malaŵi
Kuteteza chuma kukongola kwake
Kulemekeza anthu onsewo
Kunyadira dziko langa

N'dzasunga bata, ndi malamulo
N'dzapewa ziphuphu, kukonda anthu onse
Kwa Mayi Malaŵi, ndadzipereka
Mtima wanga wonse

2. N'dzasunga umodzi ndi mgwirizano
N'dzapeza chuma mwachilungamo
Pachitukuko n'dzazipereka
Malaŵi dziko langa

3. Ndidzamsamala Malaŵi wanga
N'dzagwira ntchito modzipereka
Ndidzateteza, n'dzalemekeza
Malaŵi dziko langa

MALAWI CHARU CHANE

1. Nkhujipereka ku Malaŵi wane
Kusungilira chuma na kutowa kwake
Kupereka ntchindi ku waliyose
Nakuzaya na charu chane

Ndisunge mtende, ndiswe dango chara
Vimbundi nakana, nitemwe wose
Ku Malaŵi wane nkhujipereka
Ndamwene na vyane vyose

2. Nikwezgenge umoza kukhara mu mtende
Mukupenja chuma nichitenge urunji
Ku chitukuko nijipereke
Malaŵi charu chane

3. Nisungilire charu nakuchipwererera
Nijipereke kutukula charu
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