

Ukraine Program Summary

Ukraine's Threshold Program is focused on reducing corruption in the public sector through civil society monitoring and advocacy, judicial reform, increased government monitoring and enforcement of ethical and administrative standards, streamlining and enforcing regulations, and higher education testing.

Program Highlights

Civil Society Monitoring

- ★ Funded by the Threshold Program, a national household survey was conducted and found that perceptions of corruption have increased in Ukraine, although experiences of corruption have decreased.
- ★ Through grants to local NGOs, monitoring of public access to information has increased and the results of the findings have been published.

Judicial Reform

- ★ MCC supported renovations to the new administrative courts systems concluded. Training activities and efforts on legislative reforms will continue to the end of the program. The Kharkiv Administrative Appellate Court reported a significant increase in the number of cases handled due to the automation. (1,460 cases in the first 4 months of 2008 compared to 7,041 in 2009).

Streamlining and Enforcing Regulations

- ★ One-Stop-Shop centers have reduced processing time of permits to 53 days, compared to the average 182 days under the traditional land permitting system.

Corruption in Higher Education

- ★ The 2009 standardized external testing campaign created with Threshold Program support completed in June 2009 and reached 91% of the students registered.

Threshold Status

Status.....Implementation, Year 2

Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$45 million

Agreement Signed.....December 4, 2006

Country Information

Population.....47,110,920*

GNI Per Capita Income.....\$1520*

*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2005