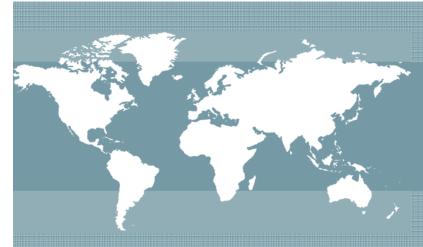
Thailand's Country Report



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INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK IN FIGTHING AGAINST CORRUPTION



The United Nations Convention against Corruption is the primary international anti-corruption instrument.

The Convention's far-reaching approach and the mandatory character of many of its provisions make it
a unique tool for developing a comprehensive response to a global problem

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNCAC AND MONITORING MECHANISM



Status: Thailand's Executive Summary was finalised and presented at the 1st Session of Implementation Review Group of UNCAC

Status: Thailand had been working closely with UNODC and Eswatini on review of Cambodia. After the country visit, at the moment, Thailand together with UNODC and Eswatini are drafting the executive summary and country review report.

INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION



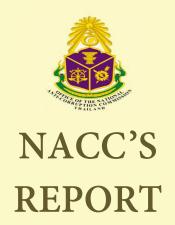
To link the case database of the agencies which will allow the officers to coordinate and track the progress of the cases more easily and quickly.

NACC's Efforts to Prevent and Combat Corruption during the COVID-19 Pandemic

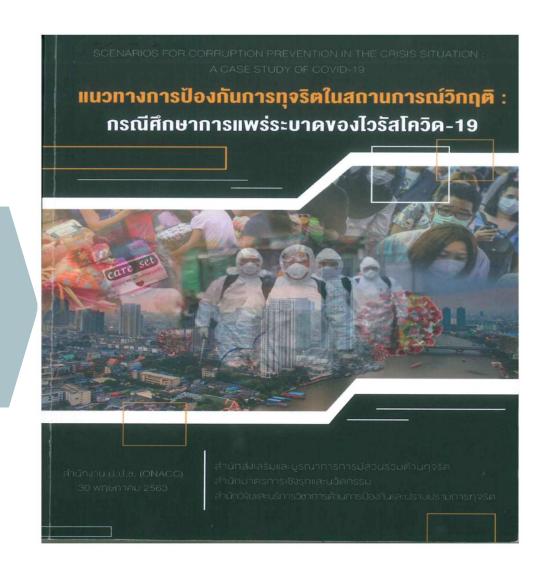








"SCENARIOS FOR
CORRUPTION
PREVENTION IN THE
CRISIS SITUATION:
A CASE STUDY OF
COVID-19"





Policy Recommendations

TO PREVENT
MISAPPROPRIATE USE
OF GOVERNMENT
LOAN FUNDS FOR
COVID-19-RELATED
PROJECTS



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NACC POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS



- The NACC proposed anti-corruption policy recommendations to the Cabinet with an aim to prevent misappropriate use of government loan funds for COVID-19-related projects.
- These projects include the procurement of medical equipment and supplies, the spending of financial aid granted to the affected stakeholders, and for the economic and social rehabilitation.
- On the 15th of September this year, the Cabinet has approved the NACC's proposed recommendations and circulated those recommendations to relevant agencies, including the Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Thailand, for further implementation.

NACC POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS



Apart from Covid-19 related recommendations, this year, the NACC submitted a number of preventive policy recommendations to the Cabinet for further implementations, such as:-

- Corruption prevention recommendations on subsidy disbursement to assist people experiencing social problems of Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
- Corruption prevention recommendations on organization of communication lines and telecommunication equipment on the electricity poles of the Provincial Electricity Authority
- Corruption prevention recommendations on budgetary management for the National Health Insurance project in local level or areal level



To date, **over 80 complaints** have been reported to the NACC from each region of Thailand in relation to alleged irregularities as a result of the pandemic. **55** of the allegations are in preliminary inspection stage, while **three** of the allegations are being investigated and **one** allegation has already reached a resolution by the NACC.





Most of the recent complaints are related to the procurement of COVID-19-related medical supplies

- purchase of substandard or overpriced goods
- cases of questionable conflict of interest between private contractors and public officials.





Allegation's Resolution

Provincial Administrative Organisation in the north of Thailand

has been alleged of its budget spending on overpriced essential items (care-set) for the elderly during the COVID-19 pandemic in the amount of 16 million baht, which equals to over 500 thousand US Dollars.





On-going Investigation

Provincial Administrative Organisation in the northeastern region

has been alleged of its budget spending of over 7 million baht to enter into 3 procurement contracts on the same day for the purchase of disinfectant solutions to prevent Covid-19.



THANK YOU

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