



From Pandemic to Recovery: Building Resilient Economies through Transparency, Integrity, and Trust

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1. PREVENTION – The NACC’s Report

2. SUPPRESSION – Investigation of a corruption case relating to COVID-19

Agency Introduction



National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand (NACC)

- Established in 1999 as an independent constitutional body
- Thailand's primary anti-corruption agency
- National focal point for international cooperation in anti-corruption

Constitution of Thailand

Organic Act on Anti-Corruption B.E. 2561 (2018)

NACC

Office of the NACC (Secretary-General)



SUPPRESSION



PREVENTION



**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
INSPECTION AND UNUSUAL
WEALTH INQUIRY**



**INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION**

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NACC'S REPORT

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

Research on corruption related to covid-19

Corruption Risk Assessment and Mapping

Guidelines on effective corruption prevention during crisis



Corrupt practices during COVID-19 pandemic

**Emergency Fund
Management**

**Public Procurement
Process**

Unfair Competition:
Securing a Contract with the
Government

Conflict of Interest:
Public Health Relief and
Recovery Measures

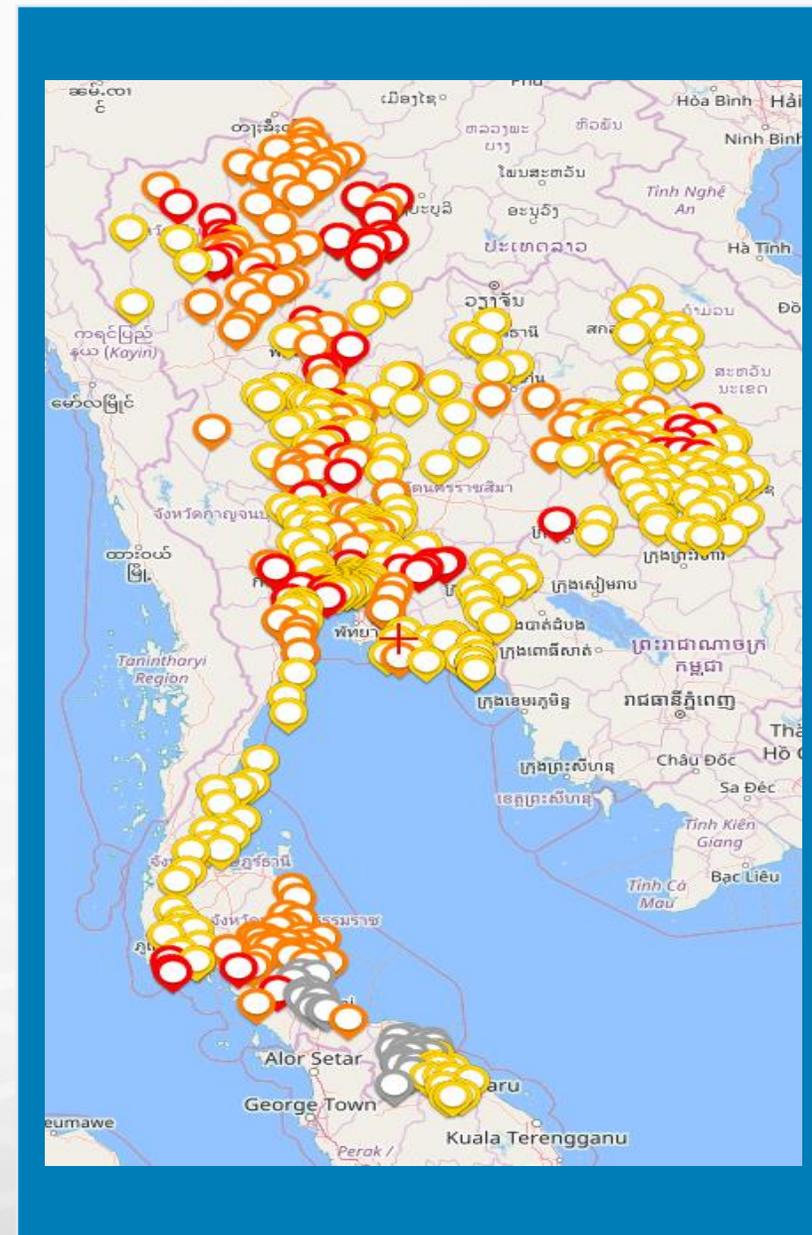
Malfeasance in Office:
Enforcement of laws relating to
anti-profiteering and hoarding of
controlled goods

**Public Financial and Non-
Financial Donation
Embezzlement**

Example of Corruption Risk Mapping

Risk Levels

- Moderate
- High
- Extremely high



NACC's Proposed Preventive Guidelines

To review related laws and provide a guide to emergency responses

- Emergency donation
- Emergency fund management
- Emergency appropriation and allocation of funds

To provide accessible integrated public database

- Digital platform for emergency public procurement
- Health and welfare info database
- Emergency supply info database

To conduct a proactive monitoring and control

- Emergency risk assessment and management
- Strict enforcement of related laws

To build the participation of civil society

- Society and media participation
- Whistleblower and witness protection

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Investigation of a corruption case relating to COVID-19

Corruption in relation to the procurement of Care Set for elderly

Lamphun Provincial Administrative Organisation (PAO)

- was alleged of its budget spending of more than 16 million baht to buy a total of 27,700 sets of essential items (care-set) for the elderly during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Investigation of corruption a case relating to COVID-19

- The Chief Executive and other executives of the PAO acted in favorable manner to help one trading company to be a contractual party with the PAO.
- The Chief Executive of the Provincial Administrative Organisation (PAO) has approved the focal price and specifications without inquiring the price of the available products in the market.

Investigation of a corruption case relating to COVID-19

- Actual average price of the Care Set sold in other 25 local shops was much lower than the price of products provided by the trading company who is the contractual party with the PAO.
- This corruption scheme caused damages to the PAO in the amount of approximately 7.6 million baht.

Challenges of investigation work during Covid-19 pandemic

- Witness examination
- Field surveillance and operation
- Cross-border case cooperation

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Thank you!

