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### On International Anti-Corruption Day TI Cambodia calls upon all Cambodians to fight corruption for sustainable development

**Phnom Penh, 9 December 2015** – On the occasion of International Anti-Corruption Day, Transparency International Cambodia (TI Cambodia) encourages all Cambodians to take concrete actions to fight corruption in order ensure that everyone can reap the rewards of sustainable development.

Corruption – the abuse of entrusted power for private gain – aggravates poverty and inequality by undermining the processes and structures that facilitate development. It also undermines the political system, state capacity, stability and human security, by undermining the rule of law

*“International Anti-Corruption Day is an opportunity to further awareness of the devastating effects of corruption. We must remember that we all have a stake in fighting corruption and that through joint efforts we can make a greater difference,”* said Mr. Preap Kol, Executive Director of TI Cambodia.

Everyone can fight corruption by:

- Refusing to pay or accept bribes;
- Speaking out against corruption and reporting abuse – through TI Cambodia’s hotline by dialing 1292 or 7777;
- Reporting incidences of corruption through the Bribespot website or smartphone application at [www.bribespot.com](http://www.bribespot.com);
- Only supporting candidates for public office who say no to corruption and demonstrate transparency, integrity and accountability; and
- Working with others to campaign against corruption.

**Background** 9 December is recognised as International Anti-Corruption Day in the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), which Cambodia signed in September 2007. Today TI Cambodia, released a video of everyday people sharing what role they think people have in the fight against corruption. It was also the end of an online Facebook campaign raising awareness for the day where individuals were asked to share why they fight corruption.

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*Transparency International Cambodia is the Cambodian chapter of Transparency International, the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption.*