

THE SWALLOWS IB ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY

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Corruption harms and weakens the political system and democracy, and undermines the rule of law for the citizens.

The Swallows India Bangladesh (IB) is working right based for better living conditions, increased visibility and increased influence over political processes. The Swallows provides support to organizations in the civil society which work for a strong and active citizenship, where people has knowledge of their rights and obligations and furthermore has the right and possibility to organize themselves and to influence the political system.

Communities with widespread and chronic poverty are often subjected to systematic corruption, due to economic and social inequality.

Poor people suffer the most from corruption. It is their daily lives that become even more difficult when the society's services cost extra due to bribes. In a corrupt society there is a risk of permanent poverty since corruption makes the rich wealthier and the poor even poorer. Through the work against injustice and poverty, The Swallows prevents the breeding ground for corruption. The Swallows' vision is "... a just world, free from poverty, where people have the power to affect their own lives".

Corruption means both receiving a bribe, and giving a bribe. The Swallows is in relationships where there is a risk of corruption both when it comes to receiving and giving bribery. One cannot ignore the power relationship that characterize a partnership where one part is responsible for funding and support and the other is the implementer. The Swallows believes that awareness of this fundamental inequality is essential in achieving real partnership. The Swallows has clear codes of conduct and guidelines for how to act in cases of corruption.

The Swallows works in environments where corruption is an unfortunate but widespread phenomenon. The Swallows is fighting corruption within the organization, in the partner organizations and the relationships in-between them, and also in the societies where the organizations operate.

The demands The Swallows place on companies, governments and individuals in the countries we operate, are also demands placed upon Swedish companies, institutions and individuals active in these and other countries. Unless all these stringent requirements are met, it is The Swallows' duty as a democratic actor to highlight this. All in accordance with Sida's anti-corruption rule:

Never accept
Always act
Always inform