COMMUNITY WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

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COMMUNITY BASELINE SURVEY RESULTS

Key Findings from the Baseline Survey

The survey results indicate that corruption is a deeply entrenched issue in Birshi Gandu, Nigeria, significantly impacting daily life and eroding trust in local institutions. The severity of corruption is widely recognized, with 72% of respondents rating it 7 or higher on a 10-point scale. Additionally, 64% of participants reported personally witnessing or experiencing corruption in the past year.
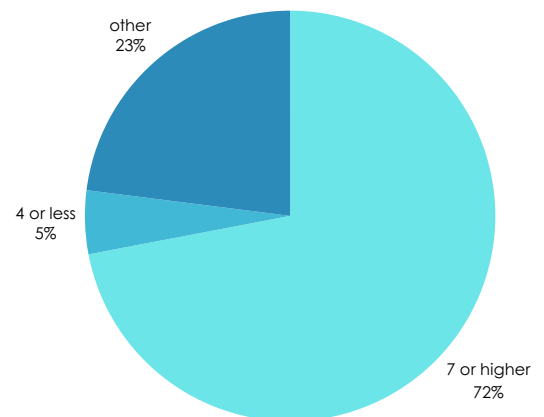
Government accountability remains a pressing concern, as 58% of respondents believe corruption occurs very frequently in local government, while 73% rate local law enforcement as ineffective in addressing the issue. Despite these challenges, community engagement presents a potential avenue for reform, with 81% expressing willingness to participate in community-led initiatives to combat corruption.

These findings underscore the urgent need for anti-corruption workshops focusing on legal awareness, community reporting mechanisms, and transparency advocacy.

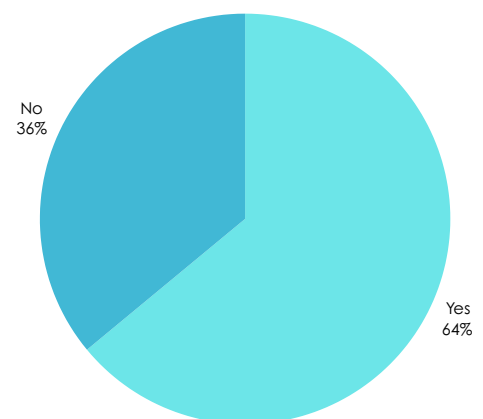**6. On a scale of 1-10, how severe do you believe corruption is in your community?**

A majority of respondents (72%) rated corruption as a 7 or higher, highlighting its widespread impact. Only 5% rated it below a 4, demonstrating near-universal recognition of the issue.

Community members perceive corruption as a major concern, reinforcing the need for awareness and intervention programs.
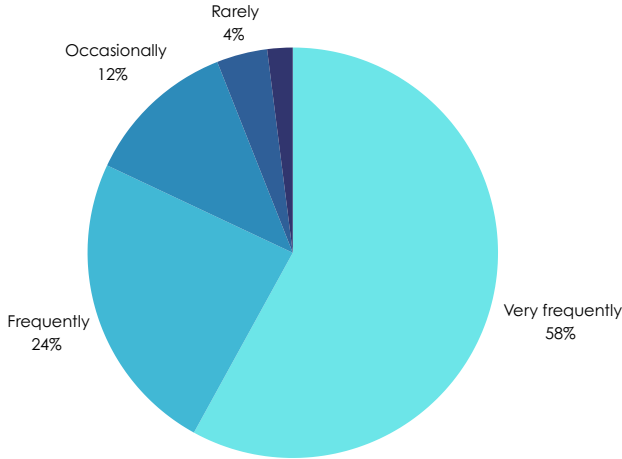
other 23%
4 or less 5%
7 or higher 72%

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7. Have you personally witnessed or experienced an act of corruption in the past year?

Firsthand experiences with corruption are common, making direct intervention strategies—such as legal education and anonymous reporting mechanisms—critical.
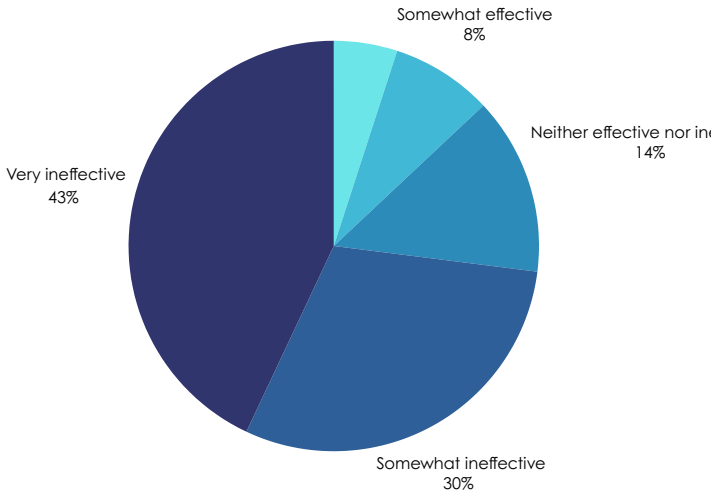
No 36%
Yes 64%

8. In your opinion, how frequently does corruption occur in local government?

The overwhelming perception of corruption as a regular occurrence suggests that government accountability efforts need strengthening.

Rarely
4%

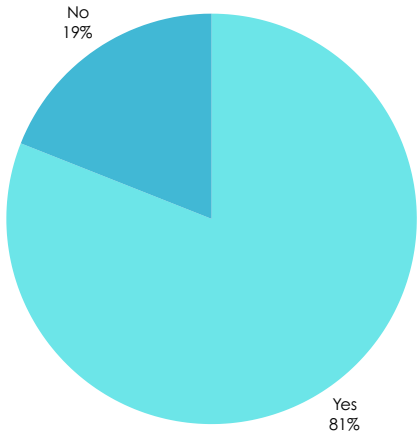Occasionally
12%

Frequently
24%

Very frequently
58%

13. How effective do you think the police are at addressing corruption in your area?

Trust in law enforcement's ability to curb corruption is low, underscoring the need for alternative accountability mechanisms.

Somewhat effective
8%

Neither effective nor in
14%

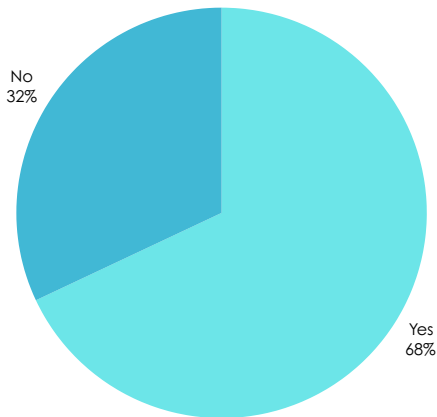Very ineffective
43%

Somewhat ineffective
30%

14. Do you believe community-led initiatives can reduce corruption?

There is strong local support for grassroots initiatives, suggesting that community workshops and advocacy efforts can be impactful.

No
19%

Yes
81%

17. If there were an anonymous hotline for reporting corruption, would you use it?

Many residents are willing to report corruption if anonymity is ensured, highlighting the potential effectiveness of whistleblower protections and safe reporting mechanisms.

No
32%

Yes
68%

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Proposed Workshop Topic & Goals

Workshop Topic: Anti-Corruption: Building a Better Birshi Gandu Together

Corruption doesn't just happen "out there." It affects families, businesses, and communities on a deeply personal level. It robs people of opportunities, erodes trust, and makes life harder for everyone. However, it's not an unstoppable force—we, as a community, can stand together and fight against it.

We aim to inspire and empower participants in Birshi Gandu to recognize corruption in their daily lives, resist it, and work together to promote integrity and fairness in their community.

Goals:

1. Help participants understand how corruption directly affects their lives and families.
2. Show them simple, practical ways to deal with corruption and resist being a part of it.
3. Foster a sense of unity and collective responsibility to create a corruption-free Bauchi.

Workshop Audience

This workshop is for anyone in the community who wants to see positive change, including:

- Local community leaders and youth influencers.
- Students, business owners, and families.
- Expected participants: 30-50 people from diverse backgrounds in Bauchi.

WORKSHOP PLAN

Potential Workshop Activities

List and describe specific activities you will include in the workshop.
How will these activities engage the community and address the identified need?

Activity 1:

"What Does Corruption Look Like?" (15 Minutes)
- Objective: Help participants identify corruption in their everyday lives.
- Activities:
    - Warm-Up Game: "Who Did It?"
        - Participants will receive funny, relatable examples of everyday situations (e.g., "A bribe was paid to jump the line at the clinic" or "Someone used their uncle's name to get a job"). Participants will vote if they think it's corruption or not. (This will spark laughter and discussion while making the topic relatable.)
    - Group Discussion: Participants share personal experiences with corruption (anonymously, if needed) and how it impacted them.

Activity 2:

"How Does Corruption Hurt Us?" (15 Minutes)
- Objective: Connect participants' emotions and experiences to the bigger picture —how corruption damages communities.
- Activities:
    - Storytelling Circle: Participants will hear a short, relatable story about a family affected by corruption (e.g., losing money to a corrupt official or being denied services because they couldn't pay a bribe). The story will spark empathy and encourage participants to share their feelings.
    - Role-Playing Game: In groups, participants will act out everyday situations where corruption might arise, such as:
        - Being asked for a bribe by a teacher or official.
        - Witnessing favoritism during job applications.
        - Deciding whether to pay extra for "special treatment."
        - After each role-play, the group will discuss how to handle the situation ethically.

Activity 3:

What Can We Do About It?" (25 Minutes)
- Objective: Provide simple, practical solutions for combating corruption, and inspire participants to take action.
- Activities:
  - Brainstorming Activity: In small groups, participants will come up with ideas for how they can personally resist corruption in their daily lives. Examples could include:
    - Refusing to pay bribes, even if it's inconvenient.
    - Reporting corrupt practices to community leaders or relevant authorities.
    - Supporting honest businesses and organizations.
    - Each group will present one action they can commit to.
  - Personal Pledge Exercise: Each participant will write one sentence completing this statement: *"Starting today, I will fight corruption by _____."* Participants will share their pledges with the group.
  - Closing Game: *"Spot the Hero!"* Participants will anonymously nominate someone in the group who shared a great idea or inspiring story. The nominated "heroes" will receive small prizes (e.g., a notebook or pen) as recognition for their leadership and contribution.

JUSTIFICATION

Data-Driven Justification

Corruption is not just an institutional issue; it deeply affects individuals and families, limiting opportunities, increasing financial burdens, and eroding trust in governance. Our baseline survey in Birshi Gandu, Nigeria, revealed that 72% of respondents rated corruption severity at 7 or higher on a 10-point scale, while 64% reported personally witnessing or experiencing corruption in the past year. Additionally, 58% of participants believe corruption occurs very frequently in local government, and 73% rated the police as ineffective in addressing the issue. Despite this, there is strong community support for anti-corruption initiatives, with 81% believing that community-led programs can help combat corruption and 68% willing to use an anonymous reporting hotline.

This data highlights the urgent need for a grassroots approach to corruption awareness and resistance. Our "Say No to Corruption: Building a Better Bauchi Together" workshop is designed to transform these insights into action. By focusing on interactive storytelling, role-playing scenarios, and group discussions, the workshop will make corruption relatable and provide participants with practical strategies for resistance. Key activities will help participants recognize corruption in their daily lives, understand its impact through storytelling exercises, and take action through role-playing and brainstorming sessions. By leveraging the strong community willingness to fight corruption, this workshop will foster a culture of integrity and collective responsibility. It will equip participants with the confidence to resist bribery, advocate for transparency, and take concrete steps toward a more accountable society. This data-driven, action-oriented approach ensures that the fight against corruption in Bauchi is not just a conversation but a movement toward lasting change.