

**Eagle FM Radio Interview 16/11/2022 Cost of corruption
Points covered.**

Differentiation of costs

Direct cost and indirect cost
Estimated cost
Qualitative and quantitative cost
Opportunity cost
Tax revenue and Vat cost
Inflation indirect as result of Covid and corruption that increase price of imported goods delays at border posts
Interest rate SA
Credit rating reduction cost
Fuel levy cost - inefficiencies over regulation petroleum depot inflation due cost overruns Namcor competing with private sector RC inefficiencies
Municipal costs - City of Whk 10 billion CRAN Act at 1990

Cost of corruption as % of GDP per Capita of 2.6m probably highest in world?
UK Civil Service Technical Advisor an X Customs Officer estimate illegal goods 10% detected

Corruption Increasing or decreasing?

IPPR Trend since 1998 – no significant change long term over two decades – see Graphs on this website

Oil and Hydrogen

Covid 19 emergency powers
Exemptions under Emergency powers
Delays @border posts Shoprite Truck approx. 5000 forms
Fishrot
Hardap water released 4 million not reaching Neckartal
Prof writing substantial parts of PhDs
Indirect:
Knowing about Corruption and too afraid to report it
Bankers reporting to FIC and Bank of Namibia not taking action on Fishrot
ACC in estimating Fishrot 2012 and no evidence?

Abuse of power:

Ministers Marine Resources Act Fishrot
Investment Promotion Act
President said no one of SME Bank Chairmans accountable Frans Kopi, Simataa
People not knowing not caring do not want to know

Oversights?

Annual Reports on 15 ministries Annual Procurement Plans excluding Office of the President, SOEs only
17% AR, Audit Reports Local Authorities and Audit Reports' recommendations not implemented, no consequences

Cost of Defence and Nat Intelligence farms research
Education UNAM Exam papers rewritten nurses
Education students their learners

Bureaucratic Delays

Opportunity cost:

Education greatest equaliser
Health premature deaths State and Katutura Hospital
Quality of life
No medicines how many patients die?
Covid vaccines millions, people suicides, loss of jobs, loss of business, hopelessness, families, PCR tests?
Housing Pohamba housing scheme even own daughter involved, incomplete houses, unaffordable houses, poor quality, long term maintenance escalation, list of rental income Trans Namib recently reported
CEOs on suspensions with full pay and acting CEO
Air Namibia billions still to be settled?
NSAF 370 million inflated not approved by COW no title deed

Strategies/Options:

As the cost of corruption get in public domain, on should be quantified by media and researchers and expressed its opportunity cost e.g., number of houses that could have been built,
nr of students that could have studied at NUST,
nr of disabled people that could have received artificial limbs,
nr of patients that could have received eye surgery,
nr of drug addicts that could have been treated, etc.
The quantification of costs in terms of human lives will be much more meaningful compared to just reporting on nr of money lost.

Individual accountability