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## **A greater proportion of adults in Ghana have more confidence in religious and traditional justice systems than in the formal one**

*Additional findings on perceptions and experiences of corruption released from the 2021 Ghana Integrity of Public Services Survey on International Anti-Corruption Day*

Findings from the 2021 Ghana Integrity of Public Services Survey (GIPSS) reveal that a greater proportion of adults in Ghana have more confidence in religious and traditional justice systems relative to the formal one. **Seven in every 10 (69.9%) adults hold the view that the religious and traditional leaders' system effectively protect the rights of every citizen, a figure that is 10.8 percentage points higher than those who agree that the formal justice system effectively protects the rights of every citizen (59.1%).**

The findings also indicate that **one in every three adults (32.6%) report that they do not feel safe walking around in their neighbourhood at night.** A slightly higher proportion of people who report not feeling safe paid bribes<sup>1</sup> in the past 12 months compared to those who feel safe: **three in every 10 (29.6%) adults who do not feel safe paid a bribe compared to 25.2% of those who feel safe.**

**Three in every four (75.0%) adults think corruption increased in Ghana in the two years preceding the survey with about half (52.6%) thinking corruption increased due to COVID-19.**

The most frequently selected strategies for fighting corruption are **improving living standards (45.1% of adults), improving the access to basic services for all (41.2% of adults), and introducing an anonymous reporting system against corruption (35.9% of adults).**

**Less than half (46.5%) of adults in Ghana are aware of the major anti-corruption agencies** i.e. Office of the Special Prosecutor, the Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), and the Organised Crime Office (EOCO).

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<sup>1</sup> Payment of bribes is based on having had contact with a public official during the period.

These statistics were released on International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) which is commemorated annually on 9th December. This year's IACD seeks to raise awareness of the relationship between corruption and peace, security, and development.

The 2021 Ghana Integrity of Public Services Survey (GIPSS) is a nationally representative household survey that provides internationally comparable measures of corruption including the incidence, frequency and characterisation of bribery and corruption in both public and private services, awareness and effectiveness of anti-corruption agencies, crime, feelings of security and access to justice.

The Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ) in collaboration with the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) launched the *Corruption in Ghana: People's Experiences and Views* Report on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The report is [available to download here](#).

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