



**Preventing corruption
in Ukraine:
Lessons of the healthcare
transformation**

UKRAINE



42,4 mln people

2 185 USD GDP in 2017

2,1% GDP growth in 2017

120th in Corruption Perception Index in 2018
(+10 places)

2019 – year of presidential and parliamentary elections



Corruption prevention: institutional framework

Specialized anti-corruption bodies

National Agency on Corruption Prevention

central state executive body with a special status, which develops and implements the state anti-corruption policy

National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine

state law enforcement agency aimed at exposing, stopping, investigating and solving corruption-related offences committed by high-level officials, and averting new ones

Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office

independent structural unit of the General Prosecutor's Office, responsible for prosecuting criminal investigations launched by the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine

Supreme Anti-Corruption Court

independent court with the jurisdiction for high-profile corruption cases investigated by the National Anticorruption Bureau as well as other cases in which public officials have been accused of grave corruption

Authorized Unit (Person) on Corruption Prevention

Should be established

- in the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;
- in Ministries;
- in other executive bodies;
- in the state regional administrations;
- in the state legal entities.

Recommended to establish

- in local authorities;
- in the legal entities, which belong to the local authorities.

Competence:

- preparation and implementation of the corruption prevention measures;
- provision of the methodological and consultative assistance to the staff;
- control over observance of the requirements of the anti-corruption legislation, including conflict of interests;
- limited control and investigation functions (including whistleblowing cases);
- anti-corruption expertise of drafts of internal and external acts etc.



Anti-corruption initiatives of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine

Preventing corruption in the Ministry: levels of impact

- **Internal level (in the Ministry)**
 - provision of the public servants integrity via joint efforts of the authorized anti-corruption unit, NGOs and international organizations
- **National level:**
 - adoption and implementation of the new legislation, establishment of the transparency, accountability and patients' rights promotion

Internal level:

- adoption and fulfillment of the Programme on corruption prevention in the Ministry;
- trainings and consultations for the staff;
- coordination and support of authorized units (persons) in the legal entities under the authority of the Ministry;
- anti-corruption expertise of the drafts regulations and directives;
- internal investigations of potential offences, including complaints and whistleblowing;
- prevention and settlement of potential conflicts of interests;
- cooperation and interaction with other bodies and structures on prevention and elimination of the corruption.

National level: transformation of the healthcare system

The key transformations of Ukraine's old healthcare system are:

- Healthcare financing mechanism - “**money follows the patient**”;
- Family doctors;
- Reimbursement for medicines;
- Transparent procurement procedures are being introduced to eliminate shortages, to ensure the highest quality, and to reduce corruption.

In October 2017 the new national law «*On state financial guarantees of medical care for citizens*» was adopted: new principles of healthcare system are applied to primary care level starting from 2018 and will be fully applicable in 2020.

Key initiatives



New financing system: single national payer; package of services, guaranteed and funded by state etc.



Procurement via international organizations



Managerial autonomy for the hospitals, elections and accountability



Reduced level of “out-of-pocket” payments due to better access to the information



Medical education changes in accordance with international standards



eHealth as official source of financial and medical information