

## "Optics of Corruption", a book with a Latin American vision

"Optics of Corruption" is a contribution from the National Anti-corruption Council (CNA) to the study and analysis this scourge in Latin America, that now is part of the book selections of prestigious universities, publishing houses and civil society organizations in Mexico.

For the promotion of the book, the ANC delegation met with representatives of the Iniciativa de Transparencia Anticorrupción y Digitalización (ITAC) y Escuela de Gobierno y Transformación Pública del Tecnológico de Monterrey, and the Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales (IIS) de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

The work was shared with civil society organizations Article 19 MX-CA, the Comité de Participación Ciudadana (CPC) del Sistema

Nacional Anticorrupción (SNA), and the Instituto de Transparencia, Acceso a la Información Pública, Protección de Datos Personales y Rendición de Cuentas de la Ciudad de México (INFOCDMX).

The CNA team also met with academic institutions such as the Gregorio Torres Quintero Library of the Universidad Pedagógica Nacional (UPN) and the Tirant Lo Blanch

### About the book

**The authors of these papers have extensive anti-corruption backgrounds in Latin America, including political scientists, journalists, economists, congressmen, lawyers, political analysts, sociologists, philosophers, and researchers.**

Publishing Group.

The book was launched in Mexico as part of a series of activities carried out by the CNA in that country, including a forum with civil society and a discussion with journalists who are experts in anti-corruption and investigation.

The book was also launched in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, at an event attended by analysts, writers, and researchers.

In 2022, the CNA published "Optics of Corruption", which gathers the reflections of Honduran professionals from different sectors on the phenomenon of corruption. The second edition is a more comprehensive look. It captures the reality of corruption in Latin America.



The book is composed of 12 chapters organized into the following topics:

- Notes on the origin of corruption.
- Corruption from the political, legislative, electoral, judicial, economic, financial, and private perspective.
- Corruption in public administration.
- Corruption from a human rights perspective.
- Corruption from the experience of investigative journalism.
- Corruption affecting the rights of indigenous and Afro-descendant communities.

## Journalism and fight against corruption, articulating efforts to improve reality

Practicing investigative journalism is a difficult task to accomplish due to the blockades to access public information, the persecution as a result of unveiling acts of corruption and the delegitimization by the official sectors, are some of the experiences in which the specialists agreed in the I International Journalism Conference "Auditors of power and anti-corruption allies in Latin America" held by the National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) in Mexico City.

Investigative journalists such as Gerardo Lozano, Tania Rosas, Ana María Islas, Iván Alamillo and Ignacio Gómez participated in the presentations. Through their journalistic work they have been able to uncover irregularities in public agencies and unveil important cases of corruption that have shaken the Aztec country.



## Internship for journalism and communication students

As a contribution to academia, the National Anticorruption Council (CNA) inaugurated the first edition of the internship called: "Internship for Journalists and Anticorruption Communicators", aimed at university students from public and private universities.

The internship seeks to promote journalism committed to seeking the truth, safeguarding its independence, and providing professional and honest treatment of information.

They will also learn about the legislation that protects the practice of journalism in Honduras and international treaties. The study program includes the use of tools for data management, source verification and collaborative journalism on anti-corruption issues.





# CNA empowers communities in Honduras with the VER initiative

The Regional Strategic Oversight (VER in Spanish) initiative is one of the proposals of the National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) to train different civil society actors in the 18 departments of Honduras.

The CNA team works with women's networks, the LGBTIQ+ community, family members of people with disabilities, and indigenous peoples, such as the Garifuna, Miskito and Lenca.

Also in attendance are representatives of boards of trustees, water boards, municipal and government officials.

From July to September, 13 departments have been visited, which include Gracias a Dios, La Paz, Intibucá, Lempira, Copán, Ocotepeque, Santa Bárbara, Atlántida, Colón, Islas de la Bahía, Cortés, El Paraíso y Olancho.

The VER initiative visits are conducted weekly, sharing in each training different content adapted to each social group, but always aimed at empowering them to carry out their work with greater impact.

The topics taught are accountability, transparency and citizen oversight in each municipality and department.

The issue of migration was discussed with civil society in the departments of El Paraíso and Olancho.



The CNA team travels around the country providing training on transparency and accountability issues, thus combating anti-corruption.

## Education and values

An important component of VER is the training of young people and children in values formation, generating awareness of the importance of acting in accordance with ethics and morals.

Visits to schools and institutes are part of the activities carried out by the CNA team in each department.

The activities of the VER initiative will continue in the rest of the country, training and educating representatives of civil society organizations.

The third stage will cover the departments of El Paraíso and Olancho, which in the last year have become entry points for migrants from South American countries.



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3,471

CHILDREN

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CIVIL SOCIETY

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107

Organizations

