

ISLANDS OF INTEGRITY

An Innovative Approach to Fighting Corruption in Uzbekistan

For the first time in Uzbekistan, international anti-corruption standards are being applied at the local level through the “Islands of Integrity” initiative — a practical, locally driven model for reducing corruption risks in public administration.



Where the Project Has Started



About the Methodology

The “Islands of Integrity” approach designates local governments or institutions committed to upholding the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and ethics.

Originally developed in Eastern and Southeastern Europe, the methodology has been successfully implemented in 11 countries and over 30 municipalities.

It was recognized with the United Nations Public Service Award in 2011 for its impact on public administration and is now part of academic programs at institutions such as the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Vienna and The Hague Academy for Local Governance.



Core Principles of Methodology



Transparency



Accountability



Education & Culture



Local Self-Governance



Technology & Innovation

Key Activities



Engaged Anna Vasilache, international anti-corruption expert and co-author of the “Islands of Integrity” methodology, to lead capacity-building and mentor national practitioners.



Trained 8 Anti-Corruption Practitioners in November–December 2024, who later facilitated workshops in the three pilot khokimiyats.



Involved 60+ local government employees to implement methodology in khokimiyats and conduct in-depth diagnosis.



Developed strategic roadmaps to identify and reduce corruption vulnerabilities, aimed to create corruption-free zones in local administration.

Significance of the Approach



Introduces international standards at subnational level:
Brings effective approaches into district-level administration



Empowers regional khokimiyats with actionable tools:
Mapping out corruption risks & creating step-by-step action plans



Targets corruption in local service delivery:
Helps reduce bribery and informal payments in public sectors



Lays foundation for replicable governance reforms:
Creates localized “success models” to be scaled to other regions

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