

Citizen involvement in the fight against corruption

For anti-corruption agencies to succeed in the fight against corruption, citizens need to be involved through whistleblowing.

Without brave and courageous acts of whistleblowers, corruption and unethical business practices would often go undetected. However, for whistleblowers to come forward, legislations and systems need to be in place to ensure safety and protection of the welfare of whistleblowers and their families.

Through the work of whistleblowers, the Special Investigating Unit (SIU), Republic of South Africa's forensic investigation and litigation agency, conducted its biggest corruption investigation into the procurement of personal protective equipment in response to Covid-19 by State institutions. The investigation uncovered collusion between government officials and business in awarding of State contracts, which resulted in contracts being set aside and monies recovered.

Relevant links:

The Whistleblower's Handbook

<https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Corruption-Watch-Whistleblower-handbook.pdf>

Platform to Protect Whistleblowers in Africa

<https://www.pplaaf.org/>

WhistleB - Whistleblowing in Africa (25 April 2016)

<https://whistleb.com/blog-news/whistleblowing-in-africa/>

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