

## **95% OF UGANDANS WEARY OF CORRUPTION -SURVEY.**

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A survey by John Paul II Justice and Peace Centre (JPIIIPC) whose findings were released last week shows that most Ugandans think corruption has exceedingly increased in the last 50 years.

JPIIIPC released the findings on Friday in commemoration of Uganda's 50 years of Independence declaring that 81 % of Ugandans think corruption has increased since independence, 14 % noted that the vice is the same as before independence and 5% said it has decreased. The survey was carried out between 13 and 19 September among 6000 radio listeners in 32 districts in the east, north and north western regions Uganda through a series of radio-SMS polls on corruption.

The geographical scope of the survey covers an area that accounts for over 15million Ugandans.

According to the findings, 65% and 20% of corruption in the country is found in the national and local governments respectively.

It also found out that as 11% of private and big international companies indulge in corruption, 3% of small local private business and 1% of civil servants account for the vice.

In terms of the causes, it was found out that, 38% of Ugandans attribute corruption the corrupt elite. 23% of them believe corruption is caused by underpayment of civil servants, 18 % of people blamed it on competition and greed among private businesses, 9% of them said poverty is the main cause and 9% noted it is a result of general decrease of moral values in today's society

The report also revealed that the Justice sector emerged is the most corrupt institution in the country followed by the health, road, and education sectors in that order.

However, on district basis, as the justice sectors in Kitgum, Pader, Lamwo, Arua, Lira, Koboko, Gulu and Dokolo respectively emerged the most corrupt, Nakapiripirit, and Yumbe led in terms of corruption in education.

It further pointed out that, as the health sector in Pallisa, Sironko and Kumi in that order lead districts in corruption, the road sector in Amuria, Apac, Soroti, Gulu and Serere respectively trounced all districts in the vice.

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