GET TO KNOW US SAKKER EL DEKKENE





WHO ARE WE?

Sakker el Dekkene is a dynamic and innovative local NGO founded in May 2014 to fight corruption and improve standards of integrity in Lebanon. Our objectives rely on three main pillars:



WHAT DO WE SEEK?

Our citizen initiative strives to engage everyone in the fight against corruption, believes in integrity and good governance, and wants to lead by example.

Throughout our journey since 2014, we have felt the power of mobilization and solidarity, the strength of our data and figures, but most importantly the undefeatable power of will.

Our country may have corrupt administrations and may rate low on the world corruption scale, but the citizenry we reach out to has the ambition, the drive and the audacity to dream and work hard for the real Lebanon they want and to spread this message with us all over the country.



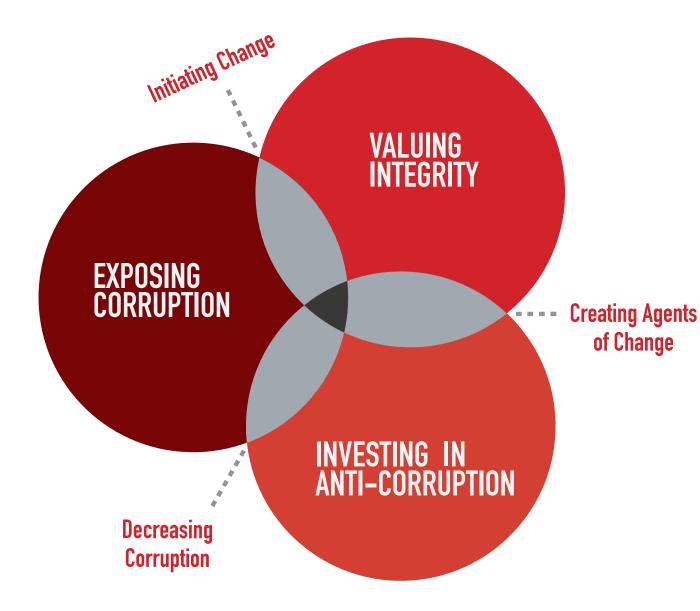
WHAT IS THE IDEA?

The idea underlying the creation of Sakker el Dekkene is that we live in a prosperous Dekkene (small shop) with a gross revenue exceeding \$4.5 billion per year, where all kinds of corrupt transactions take place. The Dekkene is expanding at the expense of a nation ranked 127th out of 176 countries on the corruption scale, and marked by income inequality and stalled democracy.

Our mission is to lead to the bankruptcy of the Dekkene. The Dekkene needs to be shut to climb up the corruption scale, revive our economy, recover citizens' trust and pride and save our democracy. To do so, we ask for citizen engagement in helping us put a clear figure to corruption through reporting it on a regular basis and engaging with us in our awareness lobbying and advocacy campaigns. The country we live in depends on how we build it through our daily engagement. So let us build the country we deserve.



WHAT IS OUR STRATEGY?



We EXPOSE CORRUPTION through high-profile advocacy and awareness campaigns, through a citizen initiative of bribe reporting, and a series of reports and publications about corruption in the public sector:

- Bribe reporting (website, app, hotline)
- Kabseh National tour 2014
- Data analysis and report publishing
- Awareness campaigns
- Batal el fasad
- Dekkene Leaks

We seek to VALUE INTEGRITY through assessment, certification and reform-oriented projects geared towards strengthening integrity in the public institutions:

- Integrity Compliance Certification project with the Ministry of Economy to be replicated across all ministries
- Municipalities empowerment and capacity building through waste management
- Enhancing citizen oversight of police stations and installing a rating system

We INVEST IN ANTI-CORRUPTION through our education and youth engagement program:

- Awareness sessions at school and university with youth organizations
- Hosting of interns and young trainees
- Training of trainers for anti-corruption education
- Curriculum development to insert corruption in civic education programs

Integrity Compliance Certification

Sakker el Dekkene's newest project aims to assess levels of corruption and integrity in the public and private sectors in Lebanon, rate and certify the latter through the development of an Integrity Compliance Certificate, and propose a clear Integrity Action Plan for reform. The idea behind the Integrity Compliance Certificate project is to combat corruption in the public and private sectors by shedding the light on institutions that practice integrity and good governance. The ICC will extend to public institutions and agencies as well as public servants. At a second stage of the project, it will extend to private sector enterprises.



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The project proposes to identify corruption risks across a given public institution through a thorough analysis of the institutional framework for promoting integrity and combatting corruption, as well as promoting a culture of ethics in a given public institution. It will assess the capacity and/or effectiveness of anti-corruption mechanisms, and identify the preconditions for corruption that could exist in a particular institution. The assessment will serve as an entry point for long-awaited anti-corruption reforms in the public sector. The compliance will be measured over time by the rating of the institution.



Education Program

Recognizing the importance of youth in curbing corruption, Sakker el Dekkene has involved teenagers and university students in all its activities: awareness campaigns, bribe report gathering, lobbying and educational workshops. Through our interventions within schools, universities, civil organizations and local institutions, we strive to foster awareness, reinforce integrity and positive values, support behavioral change, and immunize youth against corruption.

Sakker el Dekkene's education program relies on a comprehensive approach to corruption. It makes use of various non-formal educational tools and techniques in order to increase skills, deepen knowledge and modify behaviour through playing and acting. We provide workshops to youth groups of varying ages, starting from fifteen-year-olds. Our educational team intervenes all year round across the country, in schools and universities, and through civil organisations such as NGOs and Scout Movements.

Our interactive workshops are adapted to each audience and setting (classrooms, theatres and outdoor). Their length span between ninety minutes and three hours, depending on the need. They allow participants to learn about corruption and discover how it affects their lives. The longer worskshops allow participants to learn and master techniques and strategies used to combat corruption.



Fighting Corruption in Police Stations

The objective of this project is to enhance citizen oversight of police stations throughout Lebanon. This is done by focusing corruption reporting efforts on police stations and identifying trends in practices across the country. As such, Sakker el Dekkene is enhancing its mobile application by adding new features that would permit to report corruption and monitor integrity in the security sector. It does so by launching awareness campaigns on corruption and publishing reports on its statistical findings in police stations. The application will also include a directory of lawyers, human rights experts, and NGOs that citizens can contact for additional support and information on legal procedures to follow, particularly in the filing of a formal complaint.

This project helps Sakker el Dekkene uncover corruption in police stations by insuring citizen access to information pertaining to police related procedures and installing a system of station rating. It is built on Sakker el Dekkene's current work on valuing integrity in public institutions, as well as on its past experience certifying a team at the Ras Beirut Police Station for its exemplary work curbing corruption in this sector.

Empowering Municipalities

July 2015 ended 19 years of waste collection monopoly with the expiration of Sukleen's contract. The resulting waste crisis plaguing Lebanon since then is the culmination of 2 decades of a lack of environmental sustainability and an absence of ownership at the local level caused by high-level corruption and opaque governance. Since July, waste has been piling up the streets and no visible solution has yet been found. Worse, ad-hoc burning sites are mushrooming in valleys, creating strong toxic gas and infecting the soil. Talks of a possible solution mention incineration, a dangerous ecological and public health solution according to environmental experts. In this context, environmental NGOs have come up with a strategy based on enticing collective action between municipalities, civil society organizations, and relevant local actors throughout the process of collection, sorting and recycling at the local level—away from national bickering and vulnerability to political games. Thus, in light of the worsening of the trash crisis, Sakker el Dekkene has decided to invest in positive collective action linking waste management with local ownership to bring about sustainable development. The objective of the project is to enhance local governance & build capacities of municipalities by supporting successful initiatives of waste management and improving their processes while bringing about sustainable collaboration at the local level.







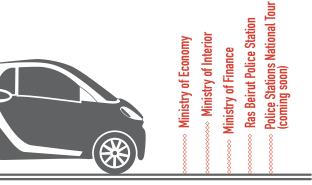
WHAT IS KABSE?

I am Sakker el Dekkene's Mascot. I drive change. I drive anti-corruption activists to the most corrupt public institutions and together make pressure for change. Over the past 20 months, I have driven more than 6'000 Km for anti-corruption.

They call me Kabseh, because the public who named me entrusted me with the power of pressure. So when I am on duty, my sole presence is a discomfort to those who think bribery is a solution and a creative driving force of change for those who believe in reform. I go to ministries and municipalities, travel to the four corners of the country. I accompany the team in their activities. Students and committed young volunteers know me as a staunch corruption fighter.

I also am the Super Star of the "National Kabseh Tour 2014", a nation-wide tour to the Serails of all 26 Cazas of Lebanon that take place yearly in September-October and gathers more than 30 young volunteers from across the country. The purpose of this tour is to raise awareness on corruption, collect corruption data from citizens in their localities, and locate the most active areas of corruption. This tour gives the NGO a nationwide outreach. Through it, I engage citizens from all over Lebanon in the fight against corruption and increase the visibility of Sakker El Dekkene. I also double the numbers of bribe reports and diversify their origin, increase the reach of the Sakkera application, all the while creating a network with individuals and NGOs in regions far from Beirut. As of end of September 2014, my National Tour had helped gather 1265 reports, for a total amount of bribes of L.L.1,2 billion.

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WHO IS BEHIND ALL THAT ?

Made up of the key functions of a President, Vice President and Secretary General, oversees major decisions and direction of the Dekkene

Made up of notable business people, journalists, and lawyers, the BoA accompanies Sakker el Dekkene in its strategic choices

In close collaboration with the Ex.Com, the MD is the glue that keeps all actors working in sync according to the strategy of the NGO

Project Teams 😼 Communication Team Human Resources/Admin

A team of 5 dedicated staff who rely on the regular engagement of interns and more than 250 volunteers



General Assembly 30 members who elect the executive committee for a period of 3 years



Executive Committee







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