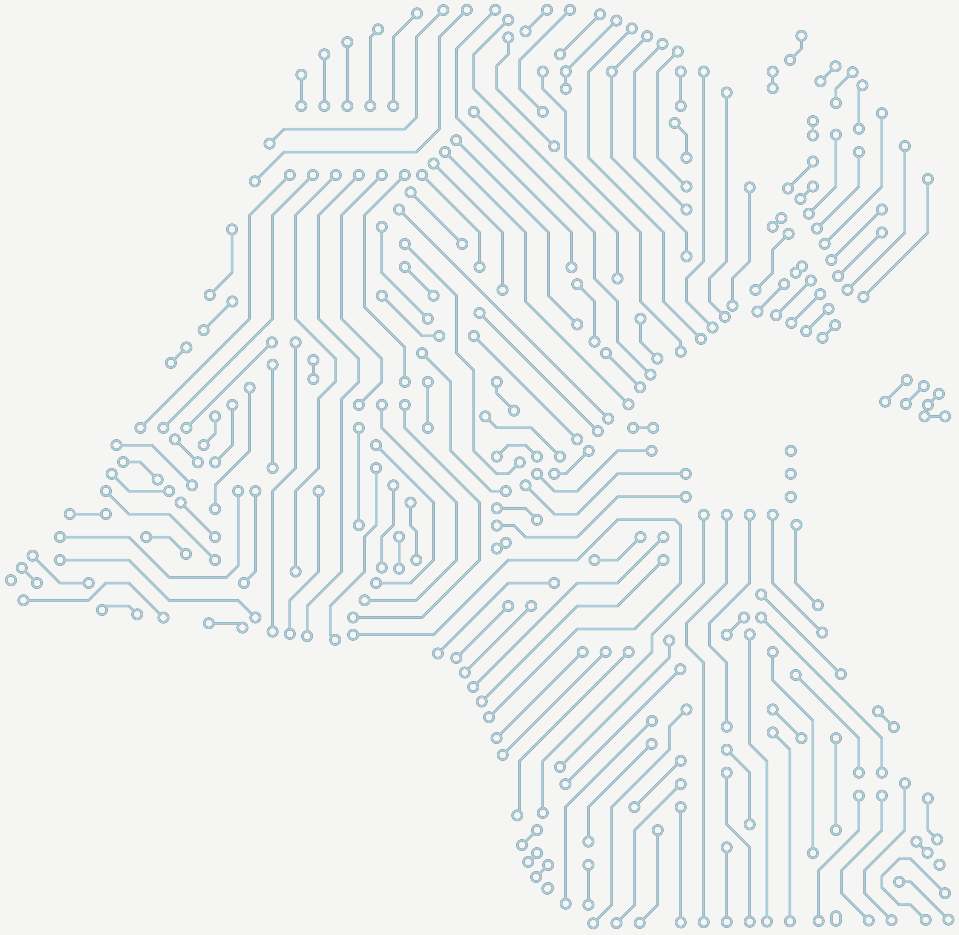
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Citizen Report



2024
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1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Nazaha is a Local, Regional and International Partnerships to Combat Corruption



His Highness

Sheikh Meshal AL-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

The Amir of the State of Kuwait

May Allah Protect Him



His Highness

Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah

The Crown Prince of Kuwait

May Allah Protect Him

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Chairman’s Speech

Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha) attaches great importance to raising awareness of the dangers of corruption, believing that enhancing community awareness is one of the most crucial pillars of combating corruption and mitigating its impacts. Nazaha also recognizes that legal and institutional foundations, no matter how strong, are not sufficient alone to achieve the desired goals. International experience and leading practices confirm that combating corruption is a collective responsibility that requires concerted efforts between the government and private sectors. The role of citizens remains at the forefront, as they are the most important driver of the success and sustainability of all exerted efforts.

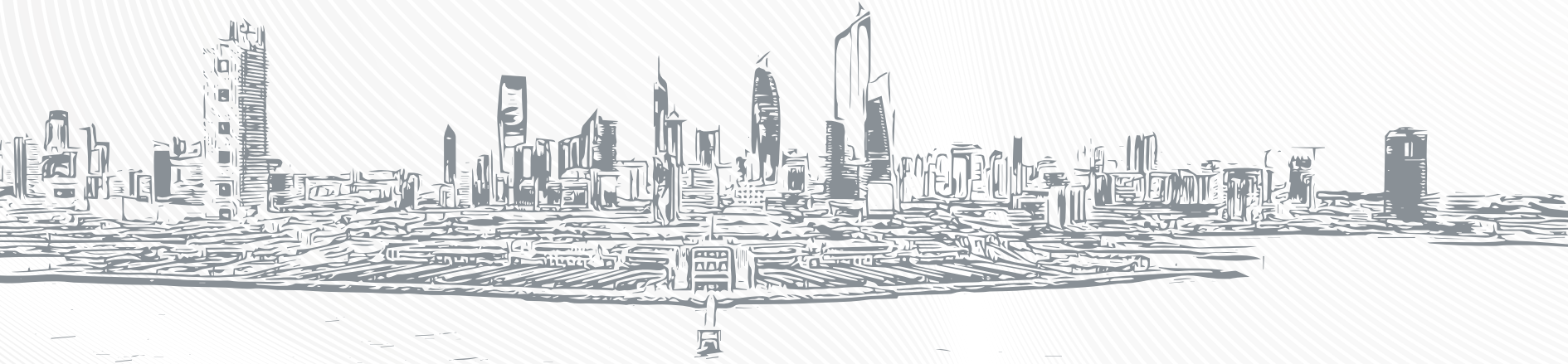
Citizens' contribution to anti-corruption efforts is represented in two complementary aspects. The first is to reject corruption in all forms and to avoid any suspicion related thereto, no matter how simple it may seem. The second is to report any corrupt practices that they become aware of or are exposed to, whether directly or indirectly. This stems from their pivotal role in protecting integrity and promoting transparency. Based on this approach, and in addition to Nazaha's issuance of its annual and semi-annual reports as stipulated in paragraphs (6 and 7) of Article (10) of its establishment law, Nazaha has been keen, as a translation of its belief in the importance of citizen involvement, to issue the "Citizen's Report" periodically. These reports serve as a direct window that places the citizens at the heart of the efforts exerted and inform them lucidly of the key developments and indicators that they should be aware of, in support of their effective role in the anti-corruption system.

This report, which covers the period from 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, is issued in continuation of Nazaha's approach to transparency, initiated with the first Citizen Report edition, and in reinforcement of its mission to citizen engagement, being a key partner in protecting integrity and combating corruption.

Nazaha hopes this report will be a qualitative addition that enhances community awareness and supports their participation through its ongoing commitment to strengthening communication with citizens, empowering them to fulfill their national role in this vital process.

Allah is the Grantor of Success

Chairman of Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority
Abdul Aziz Abdul Latif Al-Ibrahim



Introduction

This Citizen Report reviews the most prominent achievements and statistics attained or contributed to by Nazaha, in cooperation with government agencies, the private sector and civil society organizations, during the fiscal year 2024-2025.

In each edition, the Citizen Report highlights a topic related to Nazaha's mandate and objectives. The first report focused on introducing Nazaha, while the second report addressed corruption prevention efforts in a number of sectors, highlighting the role of the "Right to Access Law" in promoting transparency. The third report highlighted international indicators related to integrity and anti-corruption. The fourth report focused on the importance of public employee integrity through the "Code of Professional Conduct", as one of the tools for promoting integrity in government agencies. It also addressed "ADAA" project, launched by Nazaha, which aims to activate these codes through sequential phases.

The current fifth report addresses the "Conflict of Interest" law as an additional development in corruption crimes and a pivotal element in enhancing governance and preventing corruption resulting from its absence. The report also reviews the most prominent local, regional and international partnerships established by Nazaha in the context of its anti-corruption efforts.

Preventing conflicts of interest..

A Pioneering Step Towards Promoting Integrity...





Vision

To become a trusted authority promoting a society characterized by integrity and sustainable development.



Mission

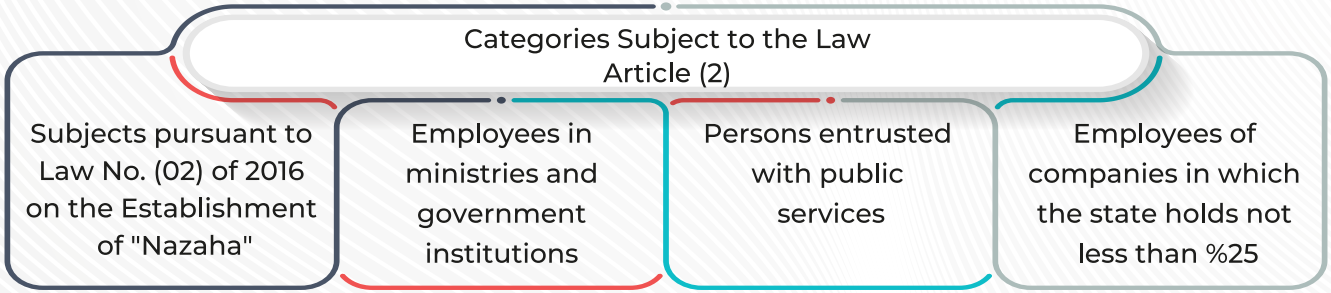
To collaborate with all national partners to combat corruption through awareness and prevention.

Conflict of Interest Law No. (01) of 2023

In a strategic step towards enhancing transparency and combating corruption, Law No. (01) of 2023 on the Prevention of Conflicts of Interest was issued, forming a cornerstone of the State of Kuwait's good governance policy. The Law aims to prevent conflicts between the public interest and personal interests of public employees, thus contributing to consolidating the principles of integrity and transparency in the performance of public duties.

What is Conflict of Interest?

It is when the subject[1] or any person associated therewith[2] that owns an influential share[3] in any company or financial activity that has dealings with his employer and is relevant to his job duties, with his knowledge. It is also when the subject acts as an intermediary, agent, sponsor or consultant for any private company or establishment, which activities are related to his employer and are relevant to his job duties.



[1] The Subject person: The categories mentioned in Article (2) of the Conflict-of-Interest Law (as shown in the figure above).

[2] The person related to the subject person: Any person who has a relationship with the subject person through blood, kinship, or marriage up to the second degree; any person over whom the subject person is a guardian, trustee, or executor; any natural or legal person who has a business relationship with the subject person, intermediary, agency, or representation ; as well as any financial activity or company in which the subject person or any of the aforementioned persons holds a significant interest that influences its decisions.

[3] Significant Interest: The number of shares or equity holdings with a value of no less than %5 of the capital of the financial activity or the company.

Conflict of Interest Cases

An employee is deemed in a conflict-of-interest if:

- He owns an influential share in any company or financial activity that has dealings with his employer and is relevant to his job duties.
- He/she acts as an intermediary, agent, or consultant for any company or private entity whose activities are related to his/her employer and are relevant to his/her job duties.

Disclosure and Reporting Procedures

- The employee shall disclose the conflict-of-interest case within 15 days of becoming aware thereof.
- Whenever the employer becomes aware of a conflict of interest involving one of his employees, he shall notify the employee in writing of the obligation to disclose the conflict of interest and resolve it.
- In the event that the employee fails to resolve the conflict, the employer shall notify the Public Prosecution or Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha).

Your job is your integrity,
do not let your personal interests interfere..



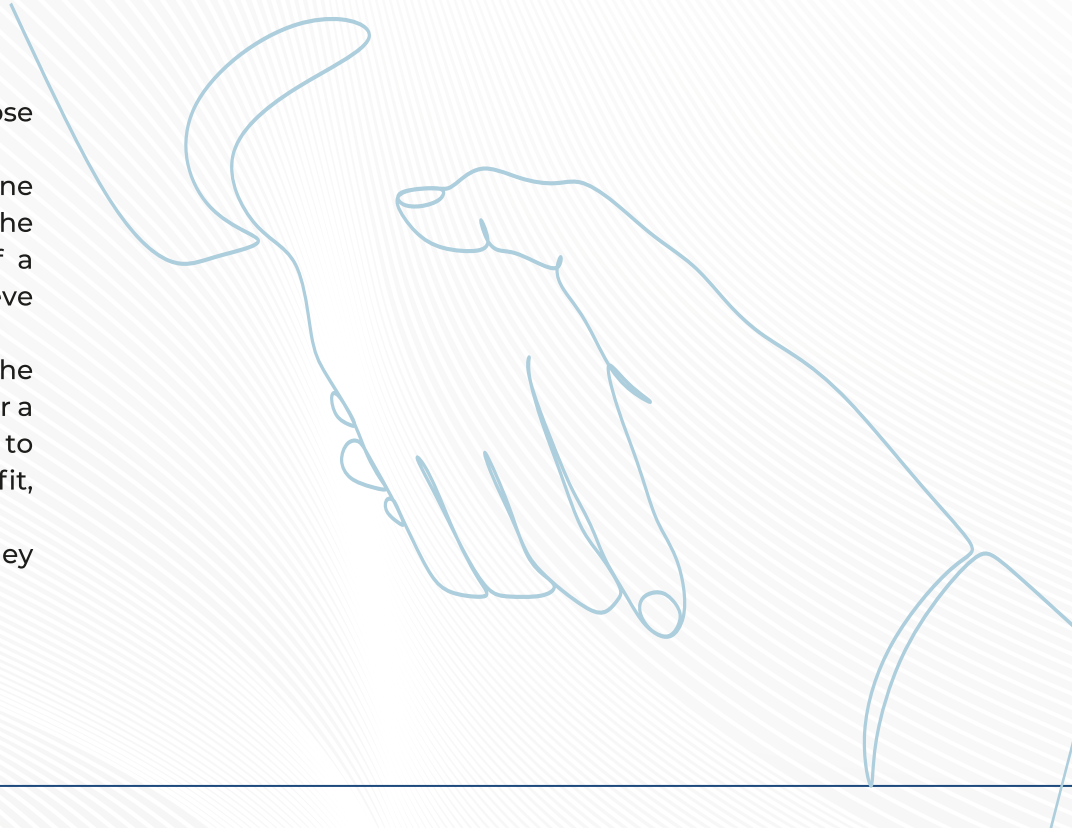
Nazaha's Role in implementing and monitoring the implementation of the Prevention of Conflict-of-Interest Law's provisions:

Nazaha is responsible for implementing and monitoring the implementation of the provisions of this law, including:

- Receiving reports related to conflicts of interest and conducting the necessary investigations in coordination with the competent authorities.
- Taking legal action against violators, including presenting conflicts of interest to Nazaha's inspection committees.

Prescribed Penalties:

- A fine of up to KD 3000 for failure to disclose within the prescribed period.
- Imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and a fine of up to KD 10000, or twice the amount of the benefit, whichever is greater, if a decision or action is taken with the intent to achieve a personal gain after disclosure.
- If the employee knowingly fails to disclose the information, the penalty may be imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years and a fine of up to KD 10,000, or twice the amount of the benefit, whichever is greater.
- Obligation to return or confiscate the money obtained from the crime.





International and Regional Anti-Corruption Partnerships

Financial Action Task Force (FATF):

FATF is an intergovernmental force established in 1989. It consists of (37) states and several international organizations, including the GCC States, where State of Kuwait, through its membership therein, is an indirect FATF member.

The Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENA FATF), established in 2004, is a regional entity that aims to enhance cooperation among member states to combat money laundering, the financing of terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, through the adoption and implementation of FATF standards. The State of Kuwait is a founding MENA FATF member state.

The FATF's activities include:

1. Establishing international standards for combating money laundering, the financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons.
2. Promoting the effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures in states.
3. Identifying vulnerabilities at the national level.
4. Conducting mutual evaluations of states.
5. Issuing global guidelines.
6. Issuing working papers of global best practices.
7. Assisting states in implementing FATF's international standards.

FATF Recommendations:

FATF has developed (40) international recommendations, consisting of (7) basic pillars, as follows:

1. Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing policies and coordination.
2. Money laundering and confiscation.
3. Financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons.
4. Preventive measures.
5. Transparency and corporate persons' beneficial ownership.
6. Powers and responsibilities of competent authorities and other institutional measures.
7. International cooperation.



Mutual Evaluation Process:

Kuwait underwent two mutual evaluations, the first was in 2011 and the second was in 2023 (published in 2024). The recommendations resulting from the second evaluation are being complemented by the establishment of the National Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financial of Terrorism Committee (AML/CFT Committee), headed by Kuwait Financial Intelligence Unit, which also undertakes the Secretariat work of the Committee. (12) government entities, including Nazha, constitute the Committee's membership. Nazaha also participates in the Committee's working groups.

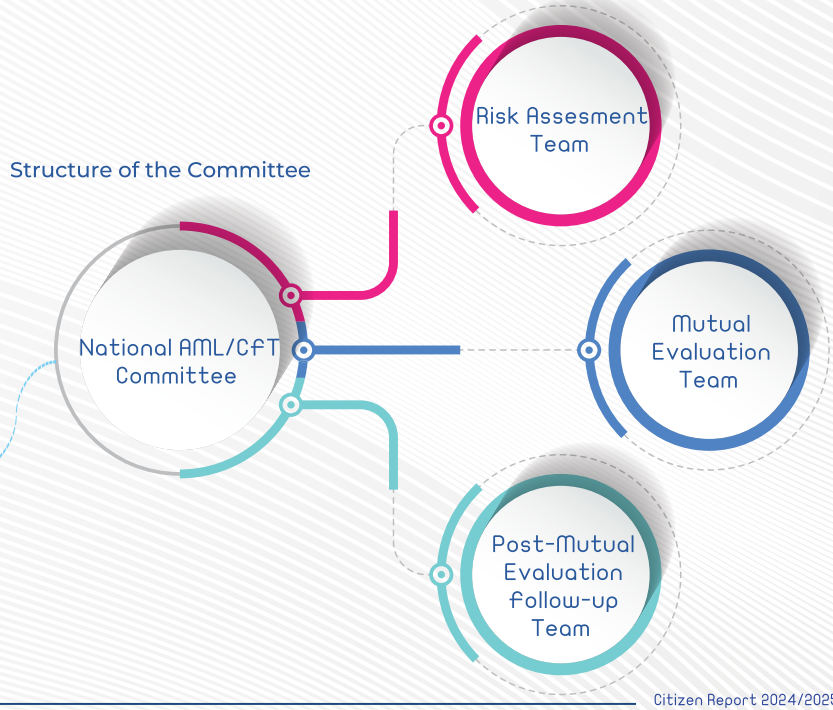
Pursuant to the Mutual Evaluation Report, no actions were recommended for Nazaha's work, or observations were made thereon.

Both the Risk Assessment Team and the Mutual Evaluation Team participated in the Mutual Evaluation of the State of Kuwait. Following the completion of the evaluation process, the Team turned into a follow-up team for the post-assessment phase, alongside four other working groups, under the chairmanship of the Committee.

Nazaha's Membership of the Committee:

Nazaha is a member of the National AML/CFT Committee, which is responsible for preparing the Mutual Evaluation Report for the State of Kuwait, based on the latter's submission to an international mutual evaluation of its national systems related to implementing FATF's international recommendations and standards on combating money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

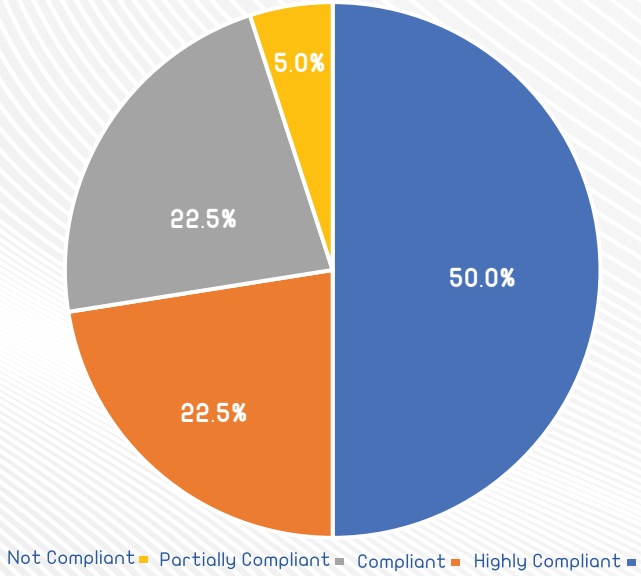
Structure of the Committee



Results of the First and Second Mutual Evaluations of the State of Kuwait:

The results of the second mutual evaluation reflect a substantial improvement in the level of Kuwait's compliance with the technical recommendations issued by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). This improvement is most noticeable in the higher compliance categories, with the "Largely Compliant" category increasing from (09) to (20) recommendations out of (40), representing a %27.5 improvement in the total recommendations. The "Compliant" category also increased from (01) to (09) recommendation, representing a %20 improvement. Conversely, the lower categories witnessed a positive decline, with the "Partially Compliant" category declining from (12) to (09) recommendations, representing a %7.5 improvement. The most notable improvement was recorded in the "Non-Compliant" category, which decreased significantly from (18) to only (02) recommendations, representing a %40 improvement in the total recommendations.

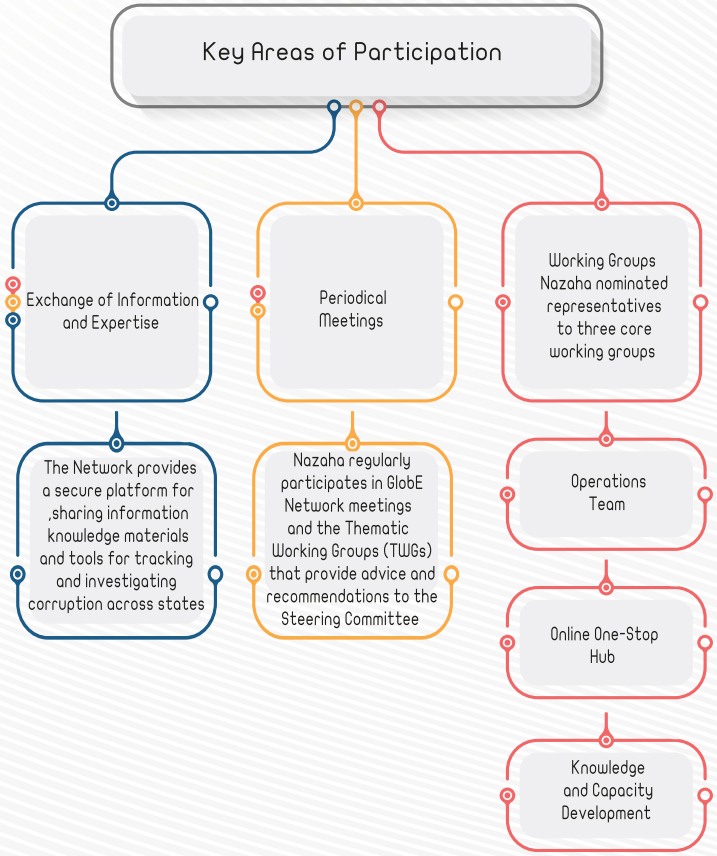
Percentages of Compliance with Recommendations for the Second Report



Extent of Technical Compliance	Number of Recommendations Complied with in the first Report 2011	Number of Recommendations Complied with in the Second Report 2024
Highly Compliant	9	20
Compliant	1	9
Partially Compliant	12	9
Not Compliant	18	2
Total Recommendations: 40		

Global Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities Network (GlobE Network)

On 12 October 2021, Nazaha joined the United Nation (GlobE Network), which is a global network aimed at enhancing cooperation among law enforcement authorities to combat cross-border corruption.



New Steering Committee Elections (2025–2027):

- Nazaha participated in the voting during the fifth session of the General Assembly held in Beijing (27–24 September 2024).
- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was elected for the Chairmanship of the Network, and Brazil was elected for the Vice-Chairman position.
- Thirteen (13) other stated joined as members of the Steering Committee, including: China, India, Italy, Russia, Spain, the UAE and others.
- Nazaha held bilateral meetings to enhance cooperation and exchange of expertise.

Outcomes of the Fifth Meeting: Key Milestones in International Anti-Corruption Cooperation Enhancement:

1. Institutional Development:

- Holding a high-level forum that addressed four main themes.
- Adopting the "Beijing Consensus" on denying safe havens for the corrupt
- Reviewing and adopting:
  - -Annual Report 2023.
  - -Action Plan 2024.
  - -Strategic Plan (2025–2027).
- Accepting five entities as observers, including the World Bank and
- the International Anti-Corruption Academy.

2. Cooperation and Communication Enhancement:

- Holding more than 182 bilateral meetings.
- Providing an update on the Model Voluntary Data Sharing Agreement.
- Supporting asset recovery in Algeria, South Africa and Zambia in cooperation with the StAR Initiative.

3. Empowerment and Capacity Building:

- Launching two reports on:
  - -Good practices in denying entry to corrupt persons.
  - -Legal challenges of Article (49) of the United Nations Convention on Joint Investigations.
- Organizing side events and case studies on corruption investigations.

Meeting Recommendations:

- Continuing cooperation on asset recovery.
- Developing international agreements for investigations and denial of safe havens.
- Enhancing the use of the GlobE platform for information exchange.
- Encouraging the exchange of expertise in cross-border investigations.

182 Meeting
New Reports..
& Strategic Plans Until
2027

Makkah Al-Mukarramah Convention

Nazaha signed Makkah Al-Mukarramah Convention on 27 November 2024 to be one of the key initiatives launched by the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), with the aim of: (Article 2)

1. Enhancing the exchange of information[4] and investigations to prevent and detect corruption crimes and recover stolen assets.
2. Enhancing the exchange of technical assistance[5], training and expertise to improve the effectiveness of their exchange of information and investigations[6].

A number of member states also signed Makkah Convention, representing a collective commitment to promoting good governance and sustainable development in the region.

A message was launched From Mecca
Transparency is a Collective Responsibility...



Makkah Al-MukarramahConvention stipulates a number of articles, including:

Law Enforcement Cooperation (Article 5)

Information Exchange

- Beneficial Ownership Identification
- Early Detection of Crimes
- Latest Criminal Methods
- Movement of Criminal Proceeds

Technical Assistance and Training (Article 6)

Technical Assistance

- Facilitating Legal Assistance Requests
- Training Programs
- Anti-Corruption Plans and Programs

Applications for Information Exchange and Investigations (Chapter III)

- Data Protection
- Terms and Guarantees
- Automatic Sharing of Information
- Rejection of Applications
- Responding to Applications
- Applications Submission Mechanism
- Rules and Principles

Local Partnerships



Adaa Initiative to Activate the Code of Professional Conduct

Nazaha has also launched "ADAA" initiative to implement the Code of Professional Conduct issued by the Civil Service Commission, No. (02) of 2021, in public sector institutions during 2023. ADAA is based on selecting a group of government agencies for transformation into successful change models, so as to encourage other agencies to join the initiative. Nazaha will cooperate with these selected agencies over a period of four years to meet a set of administrative, training and awareness requirements to enable them to achieve positive change, raise efficiency and reduce the risks of corruption therein. This is in conjunction with conducting a set of surveys and questionnaires for Nazaha to portray the nature of their work environment and the obstacles they face that prevent employees from complying with the code of professional conduct. Nazaha will also provide consultations to support them in achieving the desired goals.



Completing all levels of the project requires a span of four years, during which positive behaviors will be promoted through awareness training, and workplace environment control. The objective is to establish the principles of oversight, accountability, reporting and a culture of public service. The project aims to create a work environment characterized by professionalism, efficiency and optimal productivity, guided by institutional values and a healthy work environment that fosters integrity. This also includes maintaining standards of behavior expected of employees in line with the institutional values and work environment that the organization aspires to.

In its second year, the project reached 24,000 employees across (13) government agencies.

ADAA

The average awareness rate of the Code in government agencies increased by %25.

The entities participating in the project were distributed as follows:

- (5) entities at the Silver level.
- (8) entities at the Bronze level.

Building on the success of the initiative in its first and second years, preparations were made to launch the second "Adaa" conference to announce the results and invite more participating entities.

Second Year Highlights

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Participating Parties

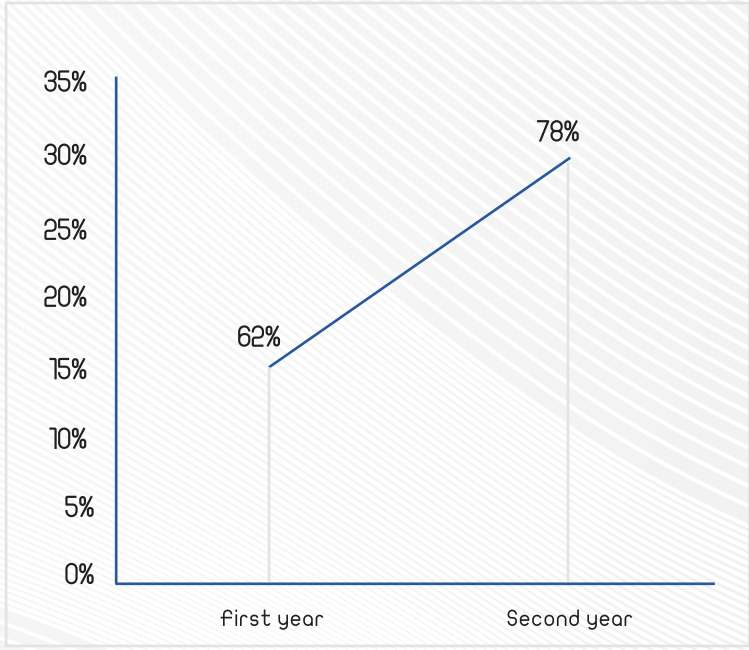
24,000
Male/Female Employees

7
Workshops/Lectures

20
Awareness Campaign

18
Questionnaires

95
Periodical Meetings



Parcentage of Change in Employee Awareness

Promoting integrity and raising awareness across educational institutions

"Bankee" program was launched as a result of a pioneering collaboration between the National Bank of Kuwait, the Ministry of Education and the Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha). This strategic alliance seeks to enhance financial literacy among students, with the goal of contributing to the creation of a generation capable of making informed financial decisions based on a solid foundation of culture and knowledge.

"Bankee" has witnessed widespread adoption and remarkable success in schools in Kuwait, becoming an exemplary educational model, with many states seeking to benefit from its experience. This success is attributed to the effective partnership between Nazaha, the National Bank of Kuwait and the Ministry of Education. The program combines the consolidation of educational values, such as honesty, integrity and responsibility, while enhancing financial awareness among students through the concepts of earning, spending and saving. Bankee's duration is three years, beginning with the academic year 2023/2024 and continuing through the end of academic year 2025/2026.

During the reporting period, the second season of "Bankee" program, for academic year 2024/2025, concluded. This included (10) field visits to (61) new schools joining the program, with the participation of (7219) male and female teachers, and (32,240) male and female students benefited from its awareness-raising and educational activities.

Bankee

61	7,219	32,240
Public and private schools	Participating teachers	Total students benefiting from the program

Based on the program's success in previous seasons, preparations have begun for the launch of the third season for academic year 2025/2026, including organizing a series of introductory meetings and workshops that addressed the program's objectives and future outcomes. This is part of Nazaha's continued support for the project and its implementation in cooperation with relevant partners.



Vision

To raise a generation of kuwaiti youth who undrestand the importance of financial stability and a future, and who passes the financial skills and knowledge necessary to contribute to achieving sustainable development and economic well-being for individuals and society.

MISSION

To design and implement an innovative and interactive educational program to build a solid financial literacy.

Core Values

- Accountability and assuming responsibility
- Honesty and Integrity
- Cooperation and promoting the spirit of teamwork
- Putting in exceptional effort
- Following Instructions and Laws
- Enhancing conduct
- Justice

What is Bankee ?

A national program that aims to enhance financial literacy among elementary school students in Kuwait using an innovative and interactive approach, through implementing a classroom economic model that transforms the school into a microeconomic system that mimics reality with its main components.





Nazaha and Education

University Students

122 Students/Academics

During the reporting period, Nazaha continued to deliver several awareness lectures at various colleges, including two main lectures in December 2024: the first, entitled "Code of Professional Conduct and Kuwait Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy" as part of the Professional Ethics course at the College of Administrative Sciences. The second, entitled "Educational and Professional Integrity", was delivered to students at the College of Life Sciences. (73) students and academics benefited from both lectures. Successful cooperation with Kuwait University also continued through field training for fourth-year students at the College of Law, where two lectures were delivered, benefiting (49) male and female students. The lectures aimed to educate students on the key topics of integrity and professional ethics, as well as relevant laws, such as Nazaha's Law of Establishment, the Conflict-of-Interest Law and the Right to Access Information Law. The total number of beneficiaries from the four lectures was (122) male and female students and academics.

Interactive Reading

17 Schools 474 Children

As part of its awareness-raising activities for students, Nazaha continued to offer interactive reading sessions, including a reading session within the summer club activities organized by the "Kids in Action" organization for children, with the aim of promoting the concepts of integrity and educational values among young people and school students. (63) children benefited from the session. In cooperation with the Educational Activities Department, the Ministry of Education, Nazaha also implemented the Interactive Reading Project in (17) schools within the six educational districts, targeting children and youth between the ages of 4 and 9. The project benefitted (411) male and female students, rendering the total number of beneficiaries from the sessions and the interactive program (474) children.



Awareness Lectures Delivered by Nazaha

Awareness Lectures

548 Beneficiaries

As part of its awareness programs, Nazaha delivered several awareness lectures during the reporting period, targeting various sectors, to promote concepts of integrity and combating corruption. The first and second lectures covered the topic of "Practicing Integrity in Construction Contracts", which were delivered favor of Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development. These lectures were part of a training and qualification program designed for newly graduated engineers and architects. They focused on the risks of corruption in the construction sector and ways to prevent it, in addition to introducing codes of professional conduct and ethics. (65) trainees benefited from these lectures.

In continuation of these efforts, Nazaha organized a series of awareness lectures entitled "Promoting Integrity and Combating Financial and Administrative Corruption", with the aim of reviewing Nazaha's efforts and relevant national and international legislation. These lectures included three lectures for employees of the Ministry of Finance, and separate lectures for each of the Ministry of Defense, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and the Ministry of Public Works. Total attendees amounted to (254) employees.

Nazaha also delivered five lectures as part of the annual training program organized by the Civil Service Commission, titled "The Role of Prevention in Promoting the Concepts of Integrity, Transparency and Combating Corruption." The program targeted executive and supervisory staff in government agencies, and the number of beneficiaries amounted to (229) employees.

The total number of beneficiaries of the awareness lectures delivered by Nazaha during the reporting period is (548).



Corporate Governance

29 Employees

Corporate governance is not limited to the presence of oversight departments solely but includes the existence of policy development and capacity building, such as the preparation of trainers certified in this field. Support is thus granted to KIAKS and to the implementation of CSC' strategies aimed at consolidating the principles of governance and transparency in the public sector.

In this context, a certified trainer from Nazaha delivered a training workshop titled "Corporate Governance" to Nazaha's employees, through a workshop that addressed several topics, most notably: the concept of governance, the reasons for its emergence, the importance of its application in the public sector and institutional awareness of its principles and applications. (13) Nazaha's employees benefited from the workshop, as part of enhancing institutional efficiency and implementing best practices.



Nazaha also presented a training program as part of CSC's activities, titled "Corporate Governance and its Role in Promoting Sound Practices". The program included a review of the National Guide for Corporate Governance, its principles and institutional evaluation mechanisms, along with the most prominent approved models.

This program is undertaken within the framework of Nazaha's ongoing efforts to raise awareness and educate, where (16) supervisory category employees participated.

Cooperation with Public and Private Sector Institutions and Civil Society Organizations

Youth Summer Training

302 Youth

As part of its cooperation with public and private sector institutions and civil society organizations, Nazaha participated by delivering (12) awareness lectures within summer training programs that target youth (14–25 years old). These lectures included: National Bank of Kuwait's "ASPIRE NBK" program, Boubyan Bank's "Bedaina 8" program, Warba Bank's annual summer program for recent graduates and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research's annual summer program for young trainees. This participation aimed to raise awareness of the risks of corruption and consolidate the concepts of integrity and social responsibility. The number of beneficiaries reached (302) young males and females.

Women Against Corruption

77 Participants

Nazaha organized the "Women Against Corruption" forum in cooperation with the Women's Cultural and Social Society, Kuwait Society for National Brotherhood, the United Nations Office in the State of Kuwait, and the Palestinian "AMAN" organization. The forum aimed to highlight the role of women in promoting integrity and combating corruption, exchange regional best practices in this field, discuss the most prominent challenges facing women's empowerment and highlight the importance of promoting a culture of reporting corruption (77) participated in the forum, both genders.

Cooperation with Religious Institutions

Nazaha cooperated with the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs to employ Sharia guidance in Friday sermons. Hence, a sermon was presented on 6 December 2024, titled "(And do not cause corruption on the earth after its reformation), at the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption. The sermon highlighted society's responsibility to prevent and eliminate corruption.

Enhancing Public Communication Channels

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Episodes

As part of its efforts to enhance public communication and implement its external communication plan, Nazaha continued to produce and publish awareness-raising episodes of the "Nazaha 3" podcast, with the aim of consolidating integrity principles and enhancing community awareness. During the reporting period, three episodes were published, featuring a number of specialists in various fields: civil society and its role in promoting integrity, education and instilling values, combating corruption and strategic planning. The episodes were broadcast across Nazaha's social media platforms and official YouTube channel. Total (15) episodes were podcast by the end of March 2025.



"Podcast Nazaha"
Season Three

Season Three Topics



Nazaha's International Participations

"Nazaha", chaired by His Excellency Mr. Abdulaziz Al-Ibrahim, participated in the Second Arab Forum for Anti-Corruption Agencies and Financial Intelligence Units, held in May 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, under the patronage of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. The forum aimed to enhance joint Arab cooperation in combating corruption and money laundering crimes in MENA region.

Nazaha participated in the "Health Sector Integrity in the Arab Region" conference, organized by the United Nations Development Programme and the Arab Anti-Corruption Network in Cairo in October 2024, and presented a working paper on the importance of enhancing the integrity of the health sector and its role in supporting public sector governance and combating corruption.

Nazaha participated in the regional meeting "Moving Forward: Promoting Business Integrity in the Middle East and North Africa Region," organized by the Administrative Control Authority of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission. Nazaha presented a working paper on the efforts of the State of Kuwait and Nazaha in activating the role of the private sector in combating corruption and supporting the integrity of the education sector, during a session titled "How Can Education Support the Fight Against Corruption in the Private Sector".

Nazaha participated in the 2025 World Government Summit, held in Dubai from February 11 to 13 2025, under the theme "Shaping Future Governments". The summit brought together leaders, experts, and decision-makers from around the world to foster international cooperation, address global challenges, develop shared visions aimed at advancing government practices and accelerating the development of future governments.

The State of Kuwait in International Indices

Nazaha works to monitor indices, measure their results and study them to achieve its objectives and implement its mandate, including "studying and evaluating reports issued by local, regional and international organizations related to combating corruption, reviewing Kuwait's status and taking appropriate action.The aim is to establish the principles of transparency and integrity, achieve the rational management of state funds, resources and property, ensure their optimal use and strengthen the rule of law.

We note here that the results and ranking of the State of Kuwait in international indices reflect the efforts and contributions made by various government agencies in areas related to combating corruption, each within its jurisdiction. The indicators are monitored through international sources and official publications, based on the analyses and studies conducted by the entities issuing these indices on the data and information they collect.



International Indices are an Effective Tool for Evaluating Performance and Guiding Reform..

*Law No. (02) of 2016 Establishing Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority / Article (5.9).



Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)

Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) is annually issued by Transparency International a non-profit organization. CPI is published in January every year and reflects the results of the previous year, except for the 2024 results, which were released in February 2025. CPI measures impressions (mental image) on the spread of political and administrative corruption in the public sector based on expert reviews and surveys of corporate executives, supervisors and business leaders.

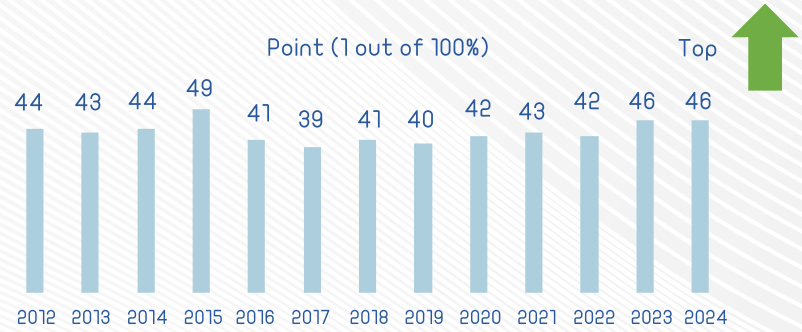
The State of Kuwait maintained its ranking progress on the CPI of 2024, scoring (46) out of (100) points, maintaining its score from 2023. Transparency International stated that over the past five years, seven states have significantly improved their scores on the index, including Kuwait, achieving its highest score since 2019.

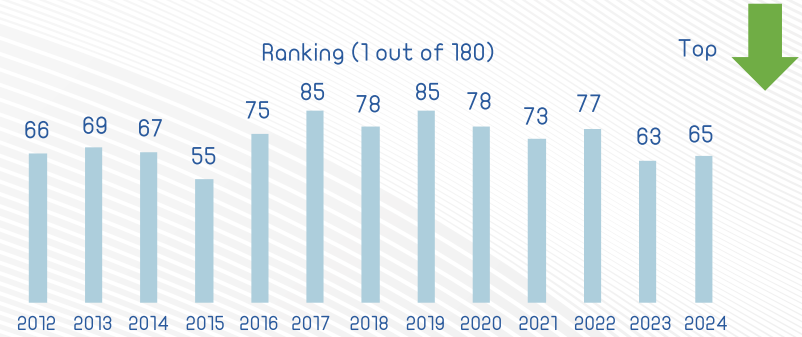
Kuwait's score on the CPI 2024 edition issued in February 2025

46/100

Kuwait Ranking

- **65**/180 Globally
- **7**/21 Arab States
- **6**/6 GCC States

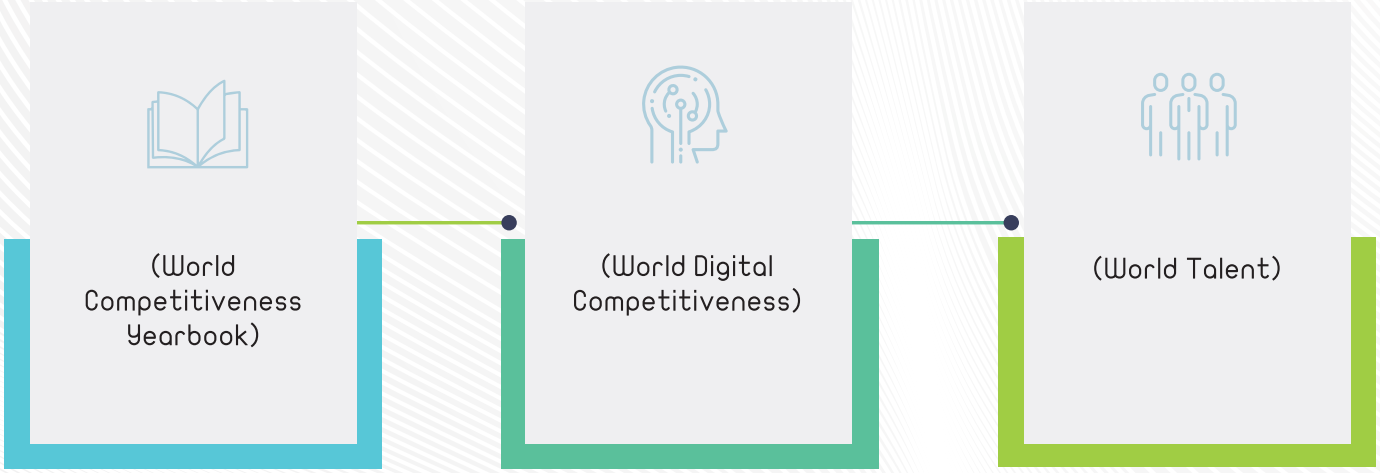




International Institute for Management Development (IMD) Indices:

Nazaha has gathered the necessary statistical data and surveyed the opinions of executives for 2024 in Kuwait, as part of its ongoing collaboration with the IMD for a third consecutive year, to be included in IMD reports. As a result, Kuwait's 2024 performance was included in the IMD's indices reports for the first time. In 2023, the IMD released its inaugural report concerning Kuwait, Scores range from 0 to 100, with 100 indicating the best performance.

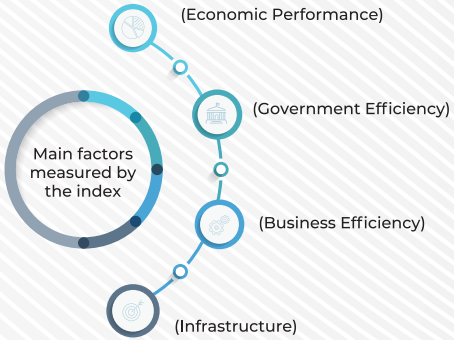
Reports issued by the IMD



World Competitiveness Yearbook

The Global Competitiveness Yearbook measures the state's economic performance based on several main factors and sub-factors, comparing the same with other states to enable decision-makers to identify strengths, weaknesses and best practices. It also analyzes the state's ability to create an environment where projects can generate sustainable value.

It is worth noting that one of the components of the index issued in this report, which measures the presence or absence of bribery and corruption through surveying the Opinions of Executives, is used to calculate the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), as the IMD is considered one of the CPI sources.



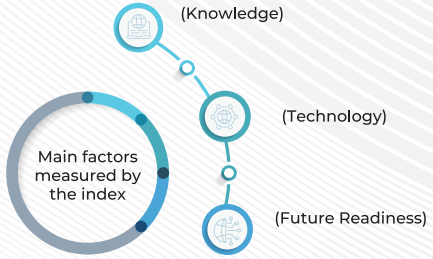
Kuwait's ranking and score in 2024 compared to its ranking and score in 2023

37
Out of 67 countries
Advanced by 1 rank

65.03
Out of 100 points
Declined by 0.56 points

World Digital Competitiveness

This report assesses the economy's ability to adopt and explore digital technologies that lead to transformation in government practices, business models, and society in general, based on several main and sub-factors.



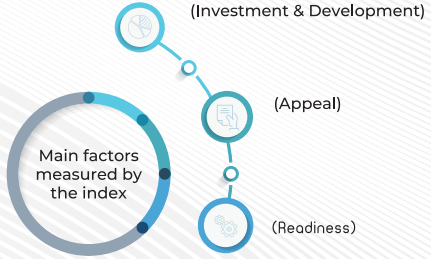
Kuwait's ranking and score in 2024 compared to its ranking and score in 2023

45
Out of 67 countries
Declined by 4 ranks

56.90
Out of 100 points
Declined by 8.24 points

World Talent

This report assesses the extent to which the states develop, attract and retain talents in their operating institutions, as well as the availability of talent and competencies based on several main and sub-factors.



Kuwait's ranking and score in 2024 compared to its ranking and score in 2023

31
Out of 67 countries
Declined by 3 ranks

60.49
Out of 100 points
Declined by 2.70 points

The Rule of Law Index issued by the World Justice Project (WJP):

The Rule of Law Index assesses compliance with the rule of law by reviewing policy outcomes, including whether people have access to courts or whether crime is effectively controlled. This stands in contrast to efforts that focus on written law or institutional means through which society may seek to achieve the results of these policies.

The Rule of Law index is composed of (8) main factors (sectors/indices), divided into 44 sub-factors (sub-indices). Scores range from (0 to 1), where (1) indicates the strongest commitment to the rule of law. It encompasses 142 countries.

One of the sub-indices factored into the calculation of CPI scores is the Rule of Law Index. For the "Absence of Corruption" sub-index, only scores generated by experts are taken into account, while public polls are excluded. These scores are submitted to Transparency International and are not accessible to the public.

Score of Kuwait In 2024



Out of 1.00 Points

Ranks of Kuwait in 2024, which remained stable compared to 2023



Out of 142 Globally

Out of 9 Regionally

Out of 46 according to the high-income status classification

Kuwait scores on main factors in 2023 and 2024

Source (Sub-indicators)	2023	2024	Change
1. Constraints on Government Powers	0.55	0.54	-0.1 ↓
2. Absence of Corruption	0.66	0.67	+0.1 ↑
3. Open Government	0.43	0.42	-0.1 ↓
4. Fundamental Rights	0.45	0.45	0
5. Order and Security	0.87	0.88	+0.1 ↑
6. Regulatory Enforcement	0.66	0.65	-0.1 ↓
7. Civil Justice	0.58	0.57	-0.1 ↓
8. Criminal Justice	0.47	0.47	0

Latest Edition of the Anti-corruption in the international indicators

Bribery Risk Index
2024

Trace- matrix:
TRACE Bribery Risk Matrix

It examines the risks of commercial bribery and its impact on the business environment in the monitored countries.

The score ranges from
1 (for best performance)
to 100 (for worst performance).

49/100
Score

The score does not change compared to 2023

E-Government Development Index
2024

EGDI: E-Government Development Index

It measures the level of progress of governments in providing digital public services online.

The score ranges from
0(for the worst performance)
to 1 (for the best performance).

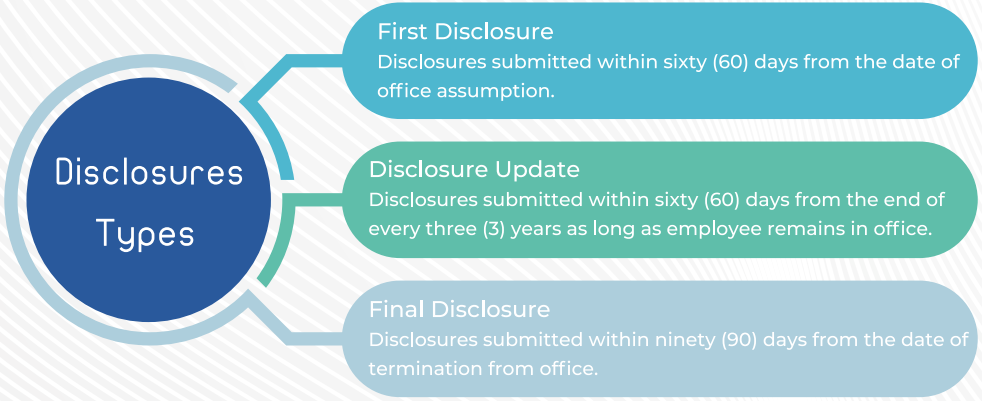
0.7812/1
Score

Improved by 0.0328 points compared to 2022*Issued every two years

Financial Disclosure

The United Nations Convention against Corruption requires States Parties to ensure that their public services are safeguarded from corruption through measures that enhance efficiency and transparency. It also stipulates that the public officials, upon appointment, shall be subject to codes of conduct, financial disclosure and appropriate disciplinary measures to protect public funds and public office.

Financial disclosure is one of the preventive measures covered and required by UNCAC. Financial disclosures are statements submitted by persons subject to the law by completing a financial disclosure form, which is submitted to a competent official at Nazaha's headquarters or at their place of work, as determined by Nazaha.



Nazaha monitors any increase or decrease in the examined persons 's wealth during the update period. In case of noticeable increase or a decrease or increase or decrease inappropriate for the examined persons' resources, the case shall be referred to the Public Prosecution.



Legal dates for submitting your disclosures are available through Sahl Application.

An additional year is granted to update financial disclosures... and new categories...

*According to Article (32.2) of Decree-Law No. (69) of 2025 amending some provisions of Law No. (02) of 2016 regarding the establishment of Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority and the provisions related to the disclosure of financial assets, issued on 25 May 2025.

Financial Disclosure

%99.6

Percentage of the financial disclosures received since the issuance of the Executive Regulations of Law No. (2) of 2016 until 31 March 2025.

47,019

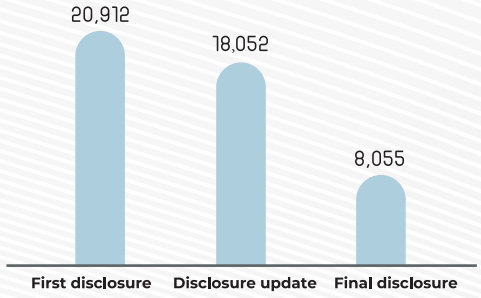
Cumulative total of the financial disclosures received since the issuance of the Executive Regulations of Law No. (2) of 2016 until 31 March 2025.

5,390

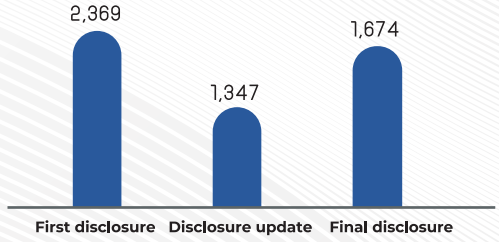
Total number of financial disclosures received during the period of this report.

Disclosures in Statistics

Distribution of disclosures by type for the cumulative period from the issuance of the Executive Regulations until 31 March 2025



Distribution of disclosures by type during the period of this report (from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025)



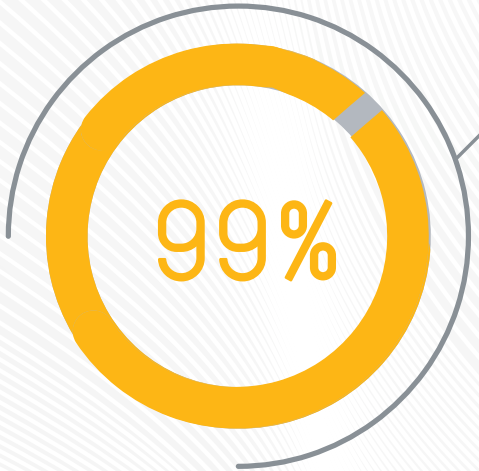
Financial Disclosures Examination Committees

Examination Committees

Examination Committees undertake formalities and substantive examination of the financial disclosures submitted to Nazaha using the established mechanism. After financial disclosures are submitted, the Examination Committees verify them and prepare reports in case of any suspicion of illicit gain, in preparation for referring the matter to the competent authorities.

9,930 Number of disclosures examined during the period covered by this Report.

38,754 Number of disclosures examined since the examination committees commenced their work till 31 March 2025.



Percentage of disclosures examined since the commencement of the examination committees' work until 31 March 2025

Corruption cannot be eliminated by silence...

but by a courageous report **protected by the law..**



Reports

Chapter III of the United Nations Convention against Corruption includes several articles related to criminalization and law enforcement. In line with this, and pursuant to Chapter IV of its Executive Regulations, the Anti-corruption Authority undertakes the reception of whistleblowers of corruption cases, the collection of preliminary evidence, and the implementation of whistleblower protection measures and those in a similar position according to its jurisdiction. Additionally, the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) measures (11) aspects of corruption, one of which is the legal protection of whistleblowers-an area that falls under the Authority's mandate.

Submitting Reports

Call 118 and book an appointment to visit Nazaha's HQ

Or

Report via the following e-mail
Incident_report@nazaha.gov.kw

Corruption crimes under Nazaha's jurisdiction



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Reports



Total number of reports during the period of this report.



Total Number of Reports and Complaints Submitted by the Public During the Reporting Period.



Total number of reports referred to the Public Prosecution from the date of issuing the Executive Regulations until 31 March 2025.



Number of reports referred to the Public Prosecution during the period of this report.



Total Number of Monitoring Cases Conducted by Nazaha from the Date of Issuance of the Executive Regulation until 31 March 2025.



Total Number of Monitoring Cases Conducted by Nazaha During the Reporting Period.



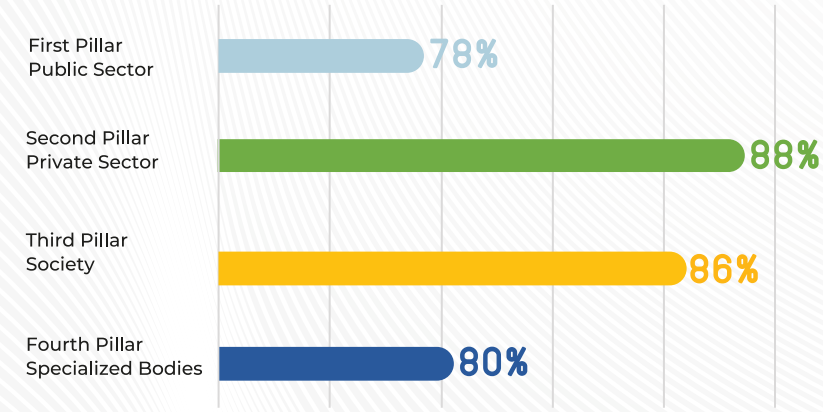
Judicial seizure cases across (4) government agencies during the period of this report.

Kuwait Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy (KIACS)

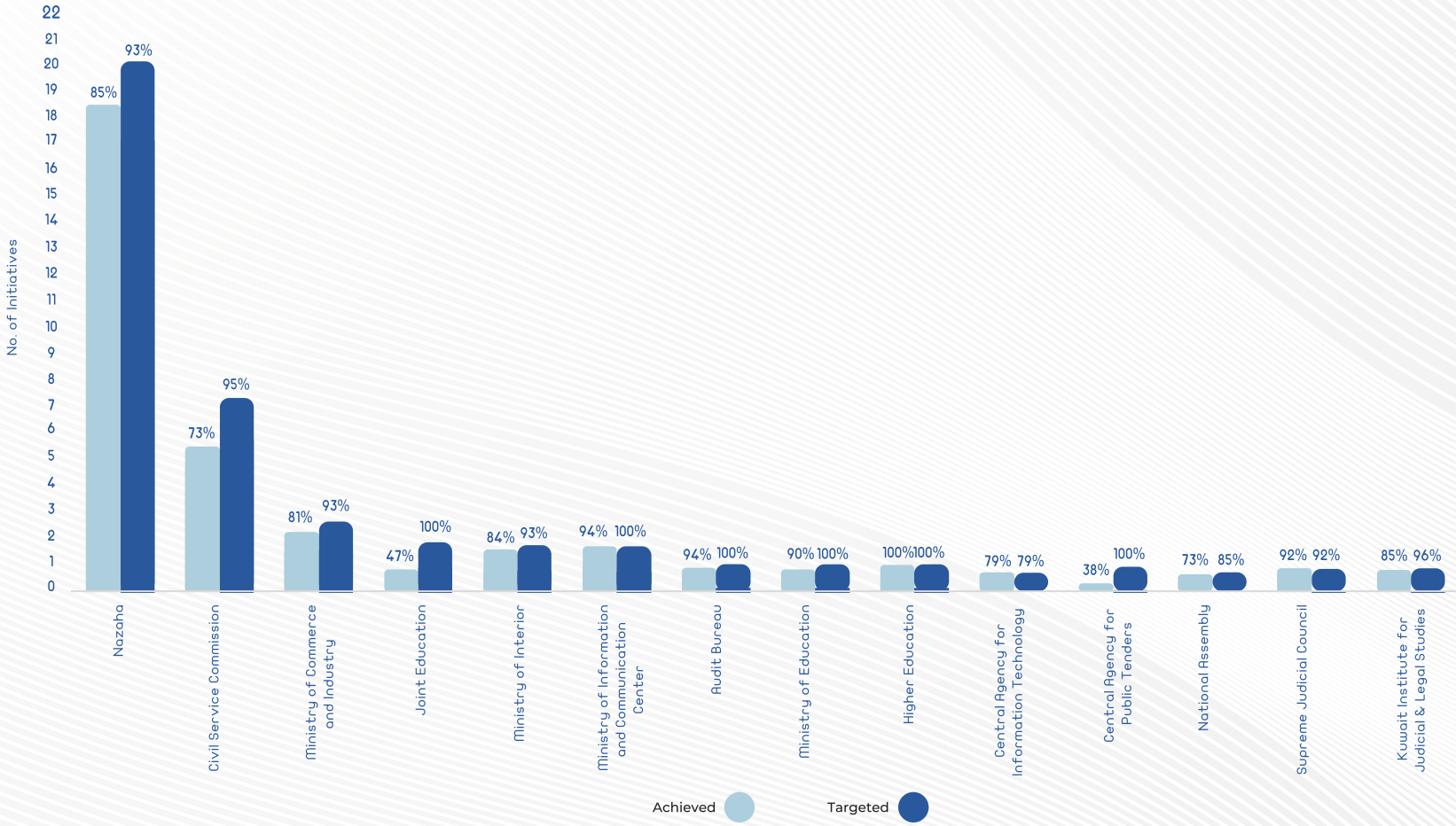
KIACS' term started from 2019 and was supposed to end in 2024, yet the High Committee for Leadership and Coordination of KIACS decided to extend that term to the end of 2025. KIACS is based on (4) pillars and (4) main objectives, including (13) priorities, distributed over (47) initiatives, which all are being implemented. Completion rates until 31 March 2025 reached (%83) compared to the target rate of (%95).

KIAC includes indicators that measure the impact at the overall level and at the level of each pillar, in line with the relevant global indicators. It also includes indicators to measure progress in achieving the targeted outcomes, to support the annual monitoring and evaluation processes based on the established objectives and baselines approved prior to implementation.

Completion rates of initiatives according to the KIAC's pillars from the beginning of KIAC implementation until 31 March 2025.



The completion rates of the agencies implementing their initiatives and commitment to the Kuwait Strategy until 31 March 2025



Key Links

Various Publications	Kuwait Integrity Strategy Reports	Citizen Reports	Annual Reports



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