

Press release

Results Corruption Survey 2022

The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) recently concluded its Corruption Survey for the year 2022. The principle aim of the Corruption Survey is to acquire valuable information on the experience and perception of Aruban residents with regard to corruption. The information will be used to raise awareness in our community about the seriousness of the corruption problems.

The survey results show that about 70 percent of respondents indicated that the level of corruption increased in the past 12 months preceding the survey, the highest percentage since the CBA started conducting the corruption survey, from 52 percent in 2018. In 2020 the respondents indicated 59 percent (See Figure 1).

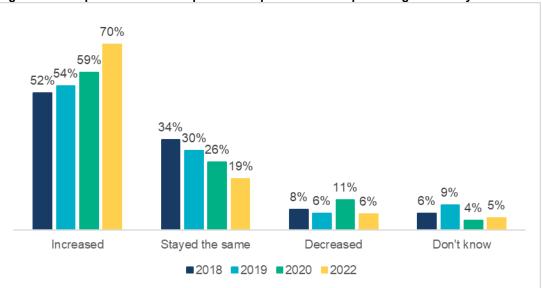


Figure 1: Perception level of corruption in the past 12 months preceding the survey

Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

Respondents viewed that the Government is doing badly in fighting corruption as stated by 79 percent of respondents, compared to 77 percent in 2020. Respondents also indicated a higher bribery rate of 7 percent, which is higher compared to previous corruption surveys. Remarkably, on average 95 percent of respondents, which is unchanged compared to 2020, considered that corruption acts are unacceptable. There is a minor drop to 35 percent in the shares of respondents who knew someone who paid a bribe, down from 39 percent for the previous corruption survey. Similar to previous surveys, almost half of the respondents indicated that reporting corruption is considered as the most effective thing that an ordinary person can do to fight corruption. Introducing a whistleblowing policy within the public sector is viewed as the most important measure in order to mitigate corruption. Additionally respondents indicated



that the Public Prosecutor's Office and Parliament of Aruba are seen as the two top organizations that should lead in the fight against corruption in Aruba.

The complete report of the Corruption Survey is available on the website of the CBA www.cbaruba.org

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About the Centrale Bank van Aruba

The main purpose of the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) is to contribute to the financial stability and economic well-being of the Aruban community. The CBA accomplishes this mission by implementing an effective monetary policy aimed towards maintaining the value of the florin, by promoting the soundness and integrity of the financial system, and by enhancing an efficient and reliable payments system.

Besides these core tasks, the CBA is also the sole issuer of florin banknotes and florin coins, and acts as banker to the Government of Aruba. In addition, it regulates the flow of international payments, manages the available foreign exchange reserves of Aruba, and supervises the spending thereof.

For more information on the Centrale Bank van Aruba, please visit the website www.cbaruba.org