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Respondents



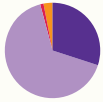
All 9 provinces  
represented



Data collected from  
**10 February – 12 April 2023**



■ 18-24 years old  
■ 25-29 years old



■ 30% female ■ 1% Non-binary  
■ 66% male ■ 3% prefer not to say

# Highlights from an Online Rapid Poll: Youth perspectives on Bribery, Corruption and Sexual Bribery in the Public Sector

When obtaining public sector services, more than

**85%**

of respondents are aware of incidents of bribery or corruption

**50%**

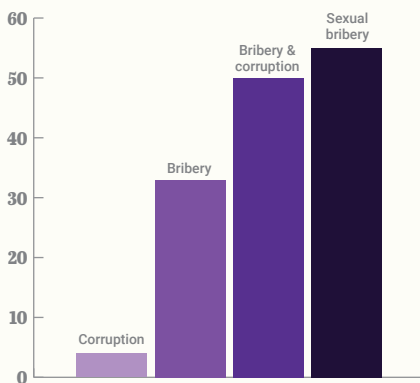
are aware of sexual bribery

**72%**

believe in a zero tolerance policy

**13%**

had reported an incident of corruption, bribery & sexual bribery



**87%** were aware of incidents

**4%** stated they were only aware of corruption but not bribery

Known incidents from the public sector

**60%** had experienced bribery and/or corruption-related incidents from the public sector

**30%** only experienced bribery and not corruption; however, bribery is a form of corruption

The increased first-hand experiences of corruption amongst the older age group could be attributed to the increase in independent access to public services with age.



Men were more likely to experience bribery and/or corruption

**66%** of men and **46%** of women

**42%** of 18-24 year olds and **66%** of 25-29 year olds



**7%** of respondents reported experiencing sexual bribery from the public sector

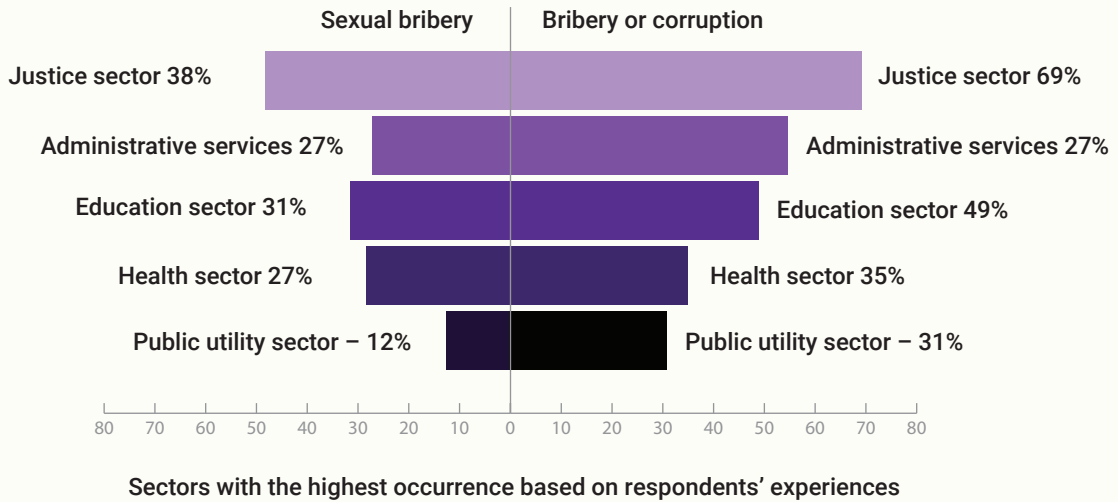
**6%** of male respondents

**9%** of female respondents

**58%** of respondents said they have not reported and do not know of anyone who has reported an incident of bribery, corruption, or sexual bribery from the public sector

Younger people and women were less likely to report

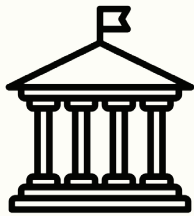
**58%** of respondents know a public sector employee who has experienced bribery, corruption, or sexual bribery in their workplace



Only **9%** of respondents were fully aware of available reporting mechanisms

**39%** were not aware at all

**14%** thought Sri Lanka does not have a reporting mechanism



Only **4%** of respondents were fully aware of Open Government Partnership in Sri Lanka

**63%** were not aware at all

**Corruption** - The abuse of entrusted power for private gain

**Bribery** - Offering, promising, giving, accepting, or soliciting an advantage as an inducement for an action that is illegal, unethical, or a breach of trust. Inducements can include gifts, loans, fees, rewards, or other advantages e.g. tax exemptions, and sexual demands.

**Sexual bribery** - A form of corruption where sex, rather than money, is the currency of the bribe.

**Open Government Partnership** - Sri Lanka joined the OGP in 2015, which is an initiative that encourages governments to make commitments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies in the country.

