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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

2019 - the final year in a dramatic decade for the nation, and a shifting, difficult one for C4 Center.

It was a choppy first year for Pakatan Harapan politically and economically. As the country went on a seesaw with its reform agenda, C4 Center, strived to push ahead with its responsibilities as a leading anti-corruption center, sometimes at odds with its dual functions of being a key watchdog group, and at the same time seizing the opportunities to engage with the new government on law reform and public policy discussions.

The euphoria that set in amongst Malaysians after the general elections in 2018 faded away quite quickly showing itself quite clearly through several losses by Pakatan Harapan in by-elections that were held over the year.

Despite the less than favorable political landscape that developed over the year, we found ourselves deeply engaged in several reform committees set up to reform laws, policies and study the priorities needed for the new nation building process.

In particular C4 played important roles in the 1MDB investigation committee and was appointed into the drafting team of the National Anti-Corruption Plan, a first ever roadmap for the country to combat corruption for the years 2019-2023.

With a robust team, we took the bull by its horn and went straight into difficult terrain of engagement and training with civil servants, a primary group that needed much revamping especially around the bleeding procurement system of our country and began much needed work at subnational level with communities affected by mega infrastructure and development projects.

The C4 board thanks its vibrant, courageous and motivated team, the many Malaysians who support our work and our donors who place their trust in us and made our work impactful and of great value.

Perseverance, courage and collective wisdom have seen a grand possibility for a better Malaysia, and as we strive on, we remind ourselves and all Malaysians that this opportunity before us is one that we cannot afford to lose.

C4 Board of Directors
4 Major Events

16 Press Statements/64 Citations in the News

C4 IN 2019

7 National Consultations with CSOs
(Political Financing Bill, FoI Bill, IPCMC Bill, Charities Commission, NAFCC, Caucus for Reform, UN Special Rapporteur on Poverty)

5 Publications
MAJOR ADVOCACY AREA: GOOD GOVERNANCE & ANTI-CORRUPTION

The fight against corruption is now the No. 1 priority of the government of Malaysia. The government realizes that if it wants to lead Malaysia into a prosperous country, we would have to lay out concrete plans and actions to combat the corruption and integrity problem at all levels of society.

C4 Center has been actively involved at every level of society, both private and public sector in bringing this message across. We have been involved in advocacy at the state and federal government level and in raising awareness at the grassroots level. We believe that one of the important strategies in the fight against corruption and in advocating for the good governance agenda is to engage with the civil servants particularly the youths who are key to setting the landscape and path towards a new and clean Malaysia.

The key is to regain the people’s trust and putting the reform agenda back on track.

Sudhagaran Stanley spoke to members of the media from South East Asia on environmental issues affecting our country including over development, sea reclamation, and how business is linked to politics, issues of Patronage, cronyism and political funding.

Cynthia wrapping up 2019 on governance reforms and anti-corruption under PH Government.

C4 Center’s Executive Director Cynthia Gabriel on business integrity and anti-corruption measures in the private sector.
PH Litmus Tracker which was launched on 2 May 2019 is an initiative that tracks the progress of the 16 manifesto promises by Pakatan Harapan to combat corruption and 6 strategies of the National Anti-Corruption Plan (2019-2023).

The tracker is a monitoring mechanism that will keep track of the Pakatan Harapan government's performance over the next year, and serve as a repository of articles and updates on the NACP and the progress or lack of it on its governance, political and institutional reforms. The scope covers the 16 promises in Harapan's election manifesto, which corresponds with the six strategies embodied in the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP).

The six strategies are: political governance, public procurement, law enforcement, public sector enforcement, legal and judicial, as well as corporate governance. It seeks to serve as a reminder for the government to go back to its initial commitments and do the right thing. Most importantly, this tracker is meant to be an interactive platform for public feedback and insights, to move towards the Malaysia we all strive and yearn for. It bears reiterating that public participation is key to keeping the government in check. In light of this, we invite members of the public to actively use the tracker and provide feedback that is urgently needed to push the good governance agenda forward.

We also met with the Reform Caucus chaired by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. After presenting our concrete recommendations from our report, that asset declaration should also include business interests and making political financing transparent, as part of MPs' code of conduct for good governance, there were an amazing spectrum of responses, some in support and others not, and it clearly demonstrated how critical the caucus role is to have further dialogue and moving reforms forward. Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim accepted the report and said that the caucus members will read and deliberate its recommendations.
Engagement with Young Civil Servants

Forum entitled “The Role of Youths in Establishing Good Governance” moderated by Fadiah Nadwa from C4. Panel speakers were Puan Fariza Omar, Head of Public Education Unit, Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and Mr Mohamed Fisul Ismail, Director, State Audit Department, Perak.

An engaging activity was done whereby participants were divided into groups representing different government agencies such as the police, the armed forces and other ministries. The task was to think of ways the agencies/ministries can indulge in corrupt practices and its effects on the people.

C4 together with the Youth Office of the Perak State Government and Perak Youth Aspiration Center (PASAK) co-organised a first of its kind workshop targeting young civil servants from the administration in Perak. We took the bull by the horns and were among very few CSOs that did direct capacity building and strategic programs with the civil service. The workshop themed on the role of youth in upholding the good governance agenda saw many young civil servants under the age of 35 from the various government agencies in Perak participating.

The workshop touched on issues of corruption and how it destroys our community. The effects of corruption on our society was explained in detail and awareness was raised on the concept of integrity and good values. The goal was to inspire young people who are working in the Perak Government to be able to create a wave of positive energies in the environment they work in. They need to be the voice of change and soldiers of good values in our society. This was a unique and critical workshop. Youth are an important asset to our country. The reform towards a corruption-free Malaysia begins with them.

During the session, the participants were also made aware of the Whistleblower Protection Act and encouraged to report corruption or any malpractices that may occur in their work environment. They were also made aware of the huge wastage that is occuring in the procurement sector. The workshop ended with an Integrity Pledge - to not commit corrupt practices and report when there is one; which was personally written by YB Howard Lee, State Minister for Youth and Sports Development and was read out together by all the participants.

The workshop was held on 10 December 2019 in conjunction with International Anti-Corruption Day (9 Dec) and International Human Rights Day (10 Dec).
First of its kind forum entitled "Corruption in Public Procurement: Cause, Consequences & Cure". Panel speakers were Datuk Zulkipli Abdullah, Deputy Auditor General (Governance), National Audit Dept; Ir Kamaluddin Abdul Rashid, Deputy Director General (Specialist Sector), Public Works Dept; Amir Mahmod Abdullah, Program Director, Procurement and Supply Chain Dept, TNB; Deputy Commissioner Mohd Hafaz Nazar, Director Policy, Planning and Research Dept, MACC. Keynote speech was by Tan Sri Abu Kassim, Director General of GIACC.

C4 has been a strong advocate for the implementation of a more transparent public procurement policy at both state and federal level.

Government or Public Procurement is one area that is most vulnerable to corruption and other illegal activities. Every year, the Auditor's General Report exposes millions in wastage but no action has been taken to address the issue. The Malaysian government spends over RM100 billion a year on government procurement through various projects.

C4 took the initiative to co-organise a Public Procurement forum for civil servants to provide a platform for open discussion on the current procurement practices that contributed to mismanagement of public funds and corruption across the supply chain.

The forum saw an impressive attendance from various government sectors who were aware of the loopholes in the current Procurement Act that allowed corruption to happen.

The National Anti-Corruption Plan listed Public Procurement as one of the priority areas in need of reform and Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng had announced that the government will introduce a new Government Procurement Act to promote transparency and competition in procurement processes.

It has been ONE year since the NACP was launched and we still have not seen a draft of the new Government Procurement Act. Until then, those who are in positions of power are still continuing with 'business as usual' approach.
Conflict of Interest (CoI) and political patronage have dominated our country's economic and political landscape for decades, permeating every level of government and society. While practices such as government procurement, award of contracts, and appointments to certain positions are technically legal, they are by no means ethical.

C4 Center published an evidence-based report on conflict of interest which includes a recommendation that the current government deal with serious cases of corruption and abuse of power as demonstrated in the cases of Felda, the Scorpene corruption scandal, Taman Rimba Kiara land grab and the invisible hand of police corruption.
Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers. — Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

In order to make informed choices, citizens must have a right to information in order to access documents which the government collects and holds. The right to information opens up opportunities for citizens to scrutinise government decisions and spending that directly or indirectly affect them.

C4 Center has long advocated for a Federal Freedom of Information (FoI) Law, especially under the oppressive conditions of the Official Secrets Act, which, either by design or implementation, was anathema to the spirit of freedom of information. This report clearly spells out best practices necessary to prevent such loopholes from denying citizens their right to information.

We are advocating for a transparent administration that publishes its reports in a timely manner and for an FOI law that gives any citizen the right and the ability to access any information on public spending and activities.

C4 is a member of the Freedom or Expression (FoE) Cluster, a coalition of CSOs working with the government to among others draft a new FoI Law which is scheduled to be tabled in 2020. We work towards embedding the culture of transparency and accountability in government, establishing a Federal FOI Law, increasing the proactive publication of data, strengthening whistle-blower protection, and aiding communities in using their right to access public information.
MAJOR ADVOCACY AREA:
Investigative Research on Political Financing/Conflict of Interest

Our duty as a member of civil society is to expose weaknesses in governance structures, wastages, and outright corruption. When governments conduct business of any kind, they are doing so using the tax money provided by the rakyat, therefore, it is the rakyat’s inalienable right to scrutinise what the money is being spent on and which party is benefiting the most.

The topics chosen for our research mainly involved abuse of power by authorities for personal monetary gain that was aided by laws, or lack thereof, that failed to enforce transparency and accountability on the use of public funds.

In 2019, we have published detailed exposé (evidence based research) on:

- The rise in the business connections within the Royal Malaysian Police
- The invisible hand of possible police corruption
- 64 plots of dubious Kuala Lumpur land corruption
- Cronyism in Yayasan Wilayah Persekutuan
- Taman Rimba Kiara dubious land deal
- Bukit Nanas Heritage Zone and Forest Reserve Enroachment
- Taman Tiara Titiwangsa dubious land deal
- River of Life – A vanity project that fails to measure up
- KL City Plan 2020 – How a Mutilated City Plan was forced on the people of Kuala Lumpur
- Forest City Reclamation Project

We conduct political-legal environment research and publish reports on mismanagement of public funds, to push government agencies to be independent and accountable, and spearhead a good governance agenda program.
Koperasi Polis Diraja Malaysia Berhad (KPD) was incorporated as a cooperative society to reduce the financial burden of the police. However, over the years, it has developed into a conglomerate, venturing into various profit making businesses:-

**EXPOSÉ 1**

The rise in the business connections within the Royal Malaysian Police (RMP) as well as the business joint ventures and partnerships with private entities creates a huge grey area raising the question: can the police force who is business minded remain ethical. The conflict of interest becomes inevitable when law enforcement agencies are involved in businesses, thus creating opportunities for abuse of power and corruption.

Apart from having “active investing” in companies such as Ipmuda Berhad, Teletech Corporation Sdn Bhd, etc, KOP Mantap Berhad has also formed joint ventures or partnerships with many private companies, such as Eita Resources Berhad and AG3 Sdn Bhd.

The considerable powers entrusted to law enforcement officers can be easily manipulated for private gain, as can be seen in the case of the former Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar (Khalid).

Khalid’s brother, Abdullah Abu Bakar and his brother-in-law, Mohd Isa Hussin became actively involved in numerous businesses after Khalid was appointed as the Deputy IGP and thereafter IGP. Khalid himself became a director of SME Ordnance (SMEO) and Pembinaan BLT (PBLT).

The following was alleged and revealed:-
1. Khalid’s daughter (Juwiza) and brother-in-law (Mohd Isa)’s Nilai Arms & Ammunitions, is involved in the firearms business amongst others, selling firearms (which by time Khalid was able to deputise in the role of signing off gun licences);
2. all relevant enforcement agencies are to purchase ammunition supplies solely from SMEO; and
3. Abdullah’s Unggul Arms and Ammunition has exclusive distribution arrangements with SMEO and that it has sub-contracted sales to the police force.

Khalid and Mohd Isa were also implicated to have direct contact with a businessman who acted as a middle person to help officers collect bribes from operators of massage parlours and illegal gambling centers in Melaka.

To-date, the enforcement agency has not responded if, Khalid has misused his position to assert control or influence over the affairs related to the enforcement agency he was in charge of, in particular, the selection of firearms and ammunition suppliers. They have not responded on whether Khalid has abused his position by making decisions in ways that will provide personal benefit and favouritism for his family members and associates.

Addressing police corruption is essential to maintain public order and the rule of law as well as to restore public trust in democratic processes and institutions.
Large-scale land deals are often shrouded in secrecy, negotiated without open tender, the involvement of affected communities and governed by legal agreements which are difficult to access. This was the case during the tenure of the former Federal Territories (FT) Minister, Tengku Adnan, whereby Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) was alleged to have sold 64 plots of land without an open tender. It was also alleged among others, the transaction price was set below the market price and some plots were sold without proper valuation.

On 16 May 2018, the Kepong Member of Parliament (MP) Lim Lip Eng lodged a report with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to investigate the officers who were involved in the 64 dubious land deals. However, on 18 July 2018, MACC cleared 48 of 64 plots of land. MACC cleared DBKL of all wrongdoing even though the plots were sold without an open tender and below the market prices. On 10 October 2018, C4 Center expressed its concern on the lack of clarity and opaque explanations from the current FT Minister have left the current status of the land deals appearing suspicious.

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EXPOSÉ 5  Taman Rimba Kiara questionable land deal

The residents of Taman Tun Dr Ismail have been protesting a high-rise development project at Taman Rimba Kiara (TRK) for the past three years. The TRK park comprises 25 acres of state land and situated within this is a Hindu temple (0.6 acres), the Bukit Kiara longhouses (4.4 acres) and green park land (20 acres). In 2014, Yayasan Wilayah Persekutuan (YWP), the charity arm of the Federal Territory (FT) Ministry, somehow procured the issuance of a title to itself for 12 acres out of the 25 acres. This was a purported transfer of state land to YWP.

On 7 April 2014, YWP entered into a joint venture development with a private developer to develop the “carved out” land with an expected Gross Development Value in excess of RM3 billion. This development involves building eight blocks of 42-54 storey high end service apartments, which will be known as Pavilion Taman Tun, and building only one 29 storey block of 350 units for the current residents of the Bukit Kiara longhouse community.

C4 Center noted a series of parallel events occurring in relative proximity to each other over the course of 2016 and 2017, which appear to indicate a correlation between progress of approvals for the proposed Pavilion Taman Tun project and corporate/equity movements connected to Pavilion Genting Highlands, in particular the events culminating in former FT Minister’s acquisition of 20% effective interest in the Pavilion Genting Highlands project company and the appointment of his brother to the board of the project company:-

It appears Tengku Adnan could have abused his position by making decisions in ways that would benefit his associates and family members.

Tengku Adnan was charged with two counts of receiving a bribe from property developers. One of the count, he was alleged to have received RM2 million and the sum was allegedly deposited into Tadmansori Holdings’ account. Note that Tadmansori Holdings is also the vehicle involved in the acquisition of 20% interest in Pavilion Genting Highlands project.

This case has had multiple reports lodged before and after Pakatan Harapan government took over and is currently being investigated by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission. The complex dealings of land transfer and ownership have been a frightening development, showing the dangerous nexus between business and politics, and how readily they get mired into the web of corruption.
The River of Life (ROL) project was allocated a whopping RM4.4 billion for the redevelopment of 10 kilometres of the Klang River in central Kuala Lumpur and the clean-up of its waters and shoreline running 100 kilometres upriver. The project was launched in July 2011 to transform the Klang River into a vibrant and liveable waterfront with high economic value.

According to the 2015 Auditor-General's Report Series 1, an audit was conducted and it has revealed amongst others, lack of feasibility studies, procedural missteps, lack of oversight, poor contract management and enforcement, which contributed to cost escalations and delays in execution. These flaws continued to prevail since no corrective and preventive action was taken to address them, as revealed in the subsequent audit in 2017.

In addition, the transfer of government lands to Project Delivery Partners as well as awarding lucrative government contracts to incompetent contractors took place during the tenure of the former Federal Territories Minister, Tengku Adnan. He was charged on November 2018 with two counts of receiving RM3 million bribe from property developers.

The shortfall in terms of physical progress in different components of the ROL project along with an overall cost escalation is clearly a cause for concerns for taxpayers. It is also extremely worrying that there is no systemic measures put in place to ensure transparency and accountability, which exacerbate ongoing disagreements about the real costs and benefits of this ROL project for the government and citizens. Without a comprehensive audit and public access to information, this project will be vulnerable to corruption.

The idea of a new national car (ie. the third national car) was mooted by the Prime Minister just weeks after he returned to power following the GE14 election. Pursuant to this, DreamEdge was cherry-picked as the "anchor company", leading the project whilst Daihatsu Motor Co Ltd will provide the technology support.

The Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI) Datuk Darell Leiking has stressed that the project will be privately-funded. However, the media quoted Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan Yusof as saying that part of the RM20 million research and development (R&D) fund will be used to develop the third national car prototype.

DreamEDGE, mostly owned by Khairil Adi Bin Adnan (91%) together with Azhan Bin Abdul Aziz (9%) whilst Venturetech Sdn. Bhd. owns shares in the form of Redeemable Convertible Preference Shares (RCPS), which in future, can be converted into common stocks and thus increasing its ownership in DreamEDGE. Venturetech is wholly owned by the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT). MIGHT is a government linked company which is wholly owned by the Minister of Finance (Incorporated) [MOF (Inc.)].

Khairi Adri, the director and shareholder of DreamEDGE, was also appointed as a director of MIGHT on March 2017.

This raises the question as to potential conflict of interest with Khairi Adri holding positions in both the company, ie as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of his private company which is leading this car project as well as a director of a government linked company overseeing the funding of this car project. Khairi Adri acting out of private self-interest may exercise undue influence over this project which may undermine accountability and erode transparency.

DreamEDGE, being a private limited company with a small-cap equity fund would certainly require a government guaranteed debt to proceed with such a mega project. If indeed it has secured a government guaranteed debt and should the project fail, then the government will be forced to bear its' costs and liabilities.
In February, C4 Center accompanied William Bourdon, the lawyer representing the Scorpene case in France to meet with the Deputy Defence Minister, the Attorney General, and the Committee on Governance, Procurement and Finance to provide latest case updates and discuss how he could assist the Malaysian government in reopening the Scorpene case in Malaysia.

The meetings were successful. C4 Center welcomes the government’s assurance to expedite the process of reopening the case in Malaysia. We truly hope that this undertaking will be pursued with the highest level of commitment.

In 2018, the Council of Eminent Persons appointed C4 Center into the 1MDB Committee to look into matters relating to the scandal. C4 is the only CSO appointed in the Committee and we continue to push for clean governance and raise awareness on how 1MDB has caused catastrophic loss to the country. The 1MDB scandal cast aspersions on the former Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and the Barisan Nasional [BN] governance which consequently resulted in the power loss of the Barisan Nasional’s grip and contributed to the Pakatan Harapan’s victorious win in the General Election 2018.

C4 also pushes for corporate liability, asset declaration and right to information to prevent another 1MDB scandal from happening. Ever since the Pakatan Harapan government took the helm, the major scandals revolving high profile individuals and members of their families have been expeditiously moved forward through court trials and continuous correspondence of international foreign intelligence agencies.

To date, the recovered assets of the 1MDB scandal comprised Jho Low’s asset in a settlement worth of $700m and the return of the superyacht, Equanimity worth US$250 million. More than $1bn is recovered by US authorities in their 1MDB crackdown.

C4 works in close collaboration with the Bruno Manser Fonds in regard to high profile corruption cases in Sarawak. As opposed to the previous government, Pakatan Harapan’s Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad is willing to look into allegations surrounding the high profile ruler in Sarawak. Bruno Manser Fonds is willing to share the evidence collated over a period of seven years about the corrupt practices with Prime Minister Mahathir.
MAJOR ADVOCACY AREA:
BUILDING ANTI-CORRUPTION INTEREST AT SUB-NATIONAL LEVEL

There was an urgent need for NGOs to work collectively to address the need for a right to information law and to challenge the nexus between business and politics. This event by GIAT was a culmination of various workshops in Johor and Penang to facilitate local NGOs and public interest groups to work more effectively to improve governance and stamp out corruption at the national level. Corrupt practices and poor governance in development projects appears to be the driving factor of environmental degradation which threatens the right to life and livelihood of the affected communities.

Some of the core issues surrounding governance identified at the workshop were lack of public consultation, conflict of interest and non-availability of information. The collusion between business players and those in positions of power to allow these development projects across Malaysia to continue at the expense of the people is becoming increasingly apparent. All participants agreed that there was an urgent need for NGOs to work collectively to address the need for a right to information law and to challenge the nexus between business and politics.

The launch was followed by a roundtable discussion which was joined by Dr Lim Ming-Kuok from UNESCO Jakarta, Tehmina Kaoosji representing Institute of Journalists Malaysia, Edmund Bon, Serene Lim of KYRSS, Former Investigative Reporter Terence Fernandez and Khairil Yusof from Sinar Projek, Malaysia became inundated with plastic waste imports since a ban on 24 types of solid waste by China came into effect in January 2018. Plastic waste processing factories mushroomed around West Malaysia’s major ports, followed by several cases of open burning and illegal dumping of waste. Despite complaints and protests by citizen activist groups, particularly in Kuala Langat and Klang (Selangor), and Sungai Petani (Kedah), their neighborhoods continue to be disturbed by foul smells emitted by factories. As more illegal dumpsites are found, the imported or smuggled waste have been proven to not only include dirty plastics, but also e-waste.

C4 Center organised a field visit to Penang island and Sungai Petani, Kedah, from 21-22 November 2019 to better understand the issue and to investigate the state of environmental governance in Malaysia. The team spoke to officers from Penang Port, who explained the difficulties in monitoring the arrival of foreign plastic waste at the port. It was found that a high percentage of containers with plastic waste originated from the United Kingdom and the United States. The team also travelled to Sungai Petani to meet community activists who outlined their fight against allegedly illegal waste processing factories. Several factories had large stockpiles of jumbo bags full of waste as well as mountains of crushed plastic waste lying in the open. Deeper research and more site visits regarding this issue will continue into 2020.
C4 Center with GIAT members met with Dato’ Mohd Arif, Speaker of the House and the Parliament research team bringing forward the GIAT agenda and our role as civil societies in pushing for reform and good governance at the parliamentary level.

COALITION OF CIVIL SOCIETY

GIAT is a coalition of CSOs that promotes Good governance, Integrity, Anti-corruption, Transparency. GIAT members are C4, IDEAS, PROHAM, Transparency International - Malaysia, Sinar Project, MyPJ and Friends of Kota Damansara.

C4 Center is a member of the GLC Reform Cluster, a watchdog to keep the government accountable to their pledge of reforming the government-linked companies (GLCs). This cluster is within the larger CSO Platform for Reform Coalition consisting of 50 NGOs.

C4 Center met with Persatuan Patriot Kebangsaan discussing potential collaboration to fight against corruption. These honorable patriots have witnessed how corruption has affected our national defense procurement system.

C4 Center with Greenpeace Malaysia team after a discussion to collaborate in identifying potential corrupt practices behind environmental pollution.

SDG Alliance Group where C4 Centre’s major advocacy areas are aligned with SDG Goal 16 - Promoting Peace, Just & Inclusive Societies.

C4 Center stands in solidarity with the fishermen folks, Persatuan Nelayan Malaysia & Penang Forum in their plight against the Penang Master Plan.

C4 and TTDI Residents Association submitted new and material evidence to MACC re the TRK land grab issue, with findings by C4 Center relating to Tengku Adnan’s conflicts of interest and personal dealings with Malton/Pavilion principals.

C4 Center with GIAT members met with Dato’ Mohd Arif, Speaker of the House and the Parliament research team bringing forward the GIAT agenda and our role as civil societies in pushing for reform and good governance at the parliamentary level.

In a groundbreaking meeting, C4 Center together with GIAT held a first ever meeting to discuss collaboration on anti-corruption measures in the police force.
C4 Center stands in solidarity with the fishermen folks as they boycott the seas to raise awareness of their plight, in the wake of a 1,820ha reclamation project, which involves three artificial islands in the south of the island. The reclamation project will create land that will be developed and sold to cover the cost of the state's ambitious Penang Transport Master Plan.

In conjunction of World's Anti-Corruption Day on 9 December 2019, C4 and other strategic partners of the MACC took part in a walkabout spreading anti-corruption efforts in Putrajaya.
In 2019, we took in two batches of chambering students with each batch undertaking 14 weeks of learning about current laws and challenges in fighting for clean and transparent governance. They were also given hands-on experience of legal work through working with affected community in C4 Center’s Public legal Aid Clinics.

This program is a collaboration between the Selangor Legal Aid Center of the Selangor Bar and C4 Center. It is designed to encourage young lawyers to increase awareness on issues related to social justice and good governance. They also met with the Dewan Rakyat Speaker, some Parliamentary Select Committees, the GIACC and MACC to learn about the roles and function, of the institutions.
The Annual Meeting of the Global Future Councils in Dubai where C4 Center has been invited to become a member of the Council. We are honored for the recognition for our work and will raise our efforts in combating corruption across borders.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION ON ANTI-CORRUPTION MOVEMENT AROUND THE WORLD

Cynthia spoke in a plenary session at the 7th ICAC SYMPOSIUM organized by the Hong Kong international anti corruption commission and the World Justice Project.

Julia Bentley High Commissioner of Canada & Political Counsellor, Ms Esther Van Ness, for visiting our office. They were here find out more on our work in combating corruption in Malaysia.

Senior officials from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) visited our office in December seeking our views on Malaysia’s financial governance, progress on reforms and anti corruption measures and more.

Cynthia Gabriel were invited to attend the eighth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption which was held in Abu Dhabi from 16-20 Dec 2019. More than 1,300 participants from all over the world gathered for one of the largest anti-corruption gatherings in the world.

UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) 10th Implementation Review Group (IRG) Session in Vienna. As part of the NGO Briefing session titled “Grand Corruption Cases - What Schemes and What Consequences?” Cynthia spoke about 1MDB.

C4 meets the IMF chief Madam Christine Lagarde in June. (Christine left IMF in November 2019. She is now the President of the European Central Bank)

UNODC Engagement with Civil Society on anti-corruption initiatives in Manila in November 2019.
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Our Thanks

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Source | Duration | Amount(RM)
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Open Society Foundation (OSF) | 2019 - 2020 | 447,550.00
National Endowment for Democracy (NED) | 2019 | 261,870.00
United Nations Development Program (UNDP) | 2019 | 29,300.00
International Republican Institute (IRI) | 2019 | 122,187.16
Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI) | 2019 | 69,833.00
UNESCO | 2019 | 23,582.56
Donation & Others | 2019 | 1,500.00
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**Total** | 2019 | 955,822.72

PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES

| Source | Partner & Donor Support | Amount(RM)
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Youth Capacity Building | IRI/ Selangor Bar/ PASAK | 18,500.00
Asset Declaration Campaign | NED | 48,900.00
Subnational Anti-Corruption efforts/ workshop with community groups | UNDP/CIAT | 78,800.00
Procurement Forum | IRI/ INTEGRITI Malaysia | 13,500.00
Investigative Political Financing | OSF/NED/IRI | 88,500.00
Digital Spaces to Fight Corruption | IRI/OSF | 25,000.00
Conflict of Interest Research | DAI/NED | 75,800.00
Freedom of Information | OSF | 24,500.00
Freedom of Expression | UNESCO | 21,800.00
C4 Center general operations | OSF/NED/UNESCO/IRI | 352,800.00
C4 Center Northern Office team | OSF/NED | 58,560.00
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**Total** | 718,160.00

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