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I want to first thank the Commonwealth Secretariat for the fact that the Centre was set up in Botswana, in partnership with the government of Botswana and the Commonwealth Secretariat.

The Commonwealth Secretariat is doing a lot in terms of providing assistance to the Centre on issues of training, research, and capacity building for countries that belong to Commonwealth Africa. On an occasional basis, staff are sent to the Centre, they receive training on issues such as investigation, corruption prevention, and monitoring and evaluation. The Centre is providing the budget. It's also providing the resource persons and in all this. I must say that really, without the Commonwealth Secretariat, the fight against corruption, especially in Commonwealth African countries would be very difficult.

Of particular note I want to thank Dr Roger Koranteng, who has been with the Centre right from day one. He has been a pillar of strength for the Centre, he is the one who has taken the fight against corruption with so much commitment and vigour in providing the guidance to the Centre. I want to thank the Commonwealth Secretariat for releasing him during the early days and continuing to release him now. I have seen Dr Roger over the years as an asset not only to the Centre but to other Commonwealth African countries and the entire Commonwealth community, in that he is really providing guidance and helping African Commonwealth countries to fight corruption.

It has had a lot of impact, particularly that officers have been capacitated now. Their skills have improved, particularly investigation, prosecution, corruption prevention, and community education. The research level has also improved, in that now the different officers are able to do research on corruption before they can engage in any form of anti-corruption. This is all because of the help of the Commonwealth Secretariat, and in particular of Dr Roger Koranteng.