

Univerzita Hradec Králové  
Filozofická fakulta

## **VÝROČNÍ ZPRÁVA PROJEKTU SPECIFICKÉHO VÝZKUMU 2023/ THE ANNUAL SV PROJECT REPORT 2023**

**NÁZEV PROJEKTU/ PROJECT TITLE:** *Effectiveness of Investigative Journalism in Combating Corruption in Ghana*

**DOBA TRVÁNÍ PROJEKTU / PROJECT DURATION:** *1 ROK / 1 YEAR*

**ŘEŠITELSKÝ TÝM / TEAM OF INVESTIGATORS:** *Richard Andoh*

### **POPIS A SPLNĚNÍ CÍLŮ ŘEŠENÍ/ DESCRIPTION AND FULFILLMENT OF PROJECTS GOALS:**

This project forms a more significant part of my doctoral thesis. The goal of the project is to examine the impact of investigative journalism on the level of combating corruption in Ghana. The paper will be published in a peer-reviewed journal index in Scopus. Again, it is a fulfilment for course credit.

On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023, I left Hradec Kralove to Ghana for two main purposes. The first was to do an internship, and the second was to conduct fieldwork for my research project, a significant endeavour to evaluate the Effectiveness of Investigative Journalism in Combating Corruption in Ghana. This study is crucial as it sheds light on the role of investigative journalists in maintaining transparency and accountability in Ghana. The actual fieldwork commenced in March and concluded on August 3, after which I returned to Hradec on August 5. As part of my research, I conducted fieldwork in Ghana to collect primary data through interviews and questionnaires. While the endeavour was intellectually enriching, it was not devoid of obstacles, particularly in two key areas: participant recruitment and financial constraints. One of the primary challenges I encountered pertained to the reluctance of investigative journalists, particularly those employed by state media outlets, to participate in interviews or respond to questionnaires. I waited over one month to get feedback from the director of the state media. Several factors contributed to this challenge. Unlike the private media, investigative journalists working within state media organisations were constrained, including editorial policies, bureaucratic hurdles, and potential repercussions for openly discussing sensitive topics such as corruption. Many investigative journalists expressed concerns about potential reprisals or professional consequences for discussing corruption, especially in state-controlled media environments where dissent may be discouraged or punished. Again, the unavailability of funds for transportation hampered retrieving questionnaires from respondents scattered across various locations. I nearly gave up the survey at one point; the vice dean asked to put a hold on the fieldwork due to the fact that I

could provide a receipt for transportation and other matters relating to the research assistant. That is unimportant now, but I am trying to explain the impediments I encountered during the fieldwork. However, I realised I had to overcome these obstacles because that was my research work. I left Ghana, and most questionnaires could not be retrieved because I needed to come to Hradec since I had already spent six months there. I arrived in Hradec with a few questionnaires—over 100 of which I had gathered and 16 interview responses. Given that period, it was impossible for me to have entered the data into the SPSS and analyse it for the conference. Therefore, the only option was to gather interview responses, which I presented at the ECPR conference in Prague. At the conference, I presented one of the study's objectives, the impact of investigative journalism on the level of combating corruption in Ghana. This is the paper I am currently working on with the survey data using descriptive statistics of mean and standard deviation and inferential statistics of multiple regression analysis for publication. I am working to put together the feedback from the conference for another publication, which I have just started. In a nutshell, the survey was rolled out. I will say that notwithstanding the difficulty that emerged, I have gathered the data I needed for my thesis and publication. Very soon—this month, I will finish the final draft, send it to my supervisor for his comments and later submit it to the target journal for publication.

**PODROBNÝ POPIS ZMĚN V ŘEŠENÍ PROJEKTU/DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT CHANGES:** The project's title was modified due to suggestions and comments arising from the conference. However, this will not affect the content of the project.

**STAV A DRUH VÝSTUPU/STATE AND TYPE OF PUBLISHING OUTPUTS:**

Author	Title of the output	Name of Publisher	Type of output - Metodika 17+ <sup>1</sup> (Jimp / Jsc / Jost / B / C aj.)	State (in progress / finished / in peer review / accepted for publishing / published)	ID in OBD (only published or accepted for publishing)
Richard Andoh		Elsevier	Jsc	In Progress	

**POČET DISERTAČNÍCH A DIPLOMOVÝCH PRACÍ VZNIKLÝCH S PODPOROU SPECIFICKÉHO VÝTKUMU/NUMBER OF DISSERTATIONS AND THESIS CREATED WITH THE SUPPORT OF SPECIFIC RESEARCH: 1**

**PROJECT COSTS:**

<sup>1</sup> Definition of types of output:

	<b>PŘIDĚLENÉ/ ALLOCATED BUDGET</b>	<b>ČERPANÉ/ EXPENDED BUDGET</b>
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<b>Materiální náklady/ Material costs</b>	<b>CZK 8000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Služby/ Services</b>	<b>CZK 18000</b>	<b>CZK 25329</b>
<b>Cestovné/ Travel costs</b>	<b>CZK 55204</b>	<b>CZK 3740</b>
<b>CELKEM/ TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>CZK 96206</b>	<b>CZK 44069</b>

**PODROBNÉ ZDŮVODNĚNÍ ÚČELU ČERPÁNÍ FINANČNÍCH PROSTŘEDKŮ/  
JUSTIFICATION OF USE OF FUNDING**

**Osobní náklady / Personal costs:** For the cost or reward of writing a paper for publication

**Materiální náklady / Material costs:** Not applicable

**Služby / Services:** For the cost of proofreading and printing

**Cestovné /Travel costs:** For the conference in Prague. However, due to time constraints, I could not use all the funds allocated for travel.

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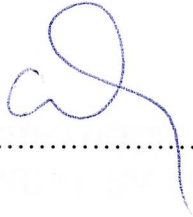
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Richard Andoh





Signature of Supervisor..... Date: 28/02/2024.