



## Corruption in Aid Management

*Misuse of Development Finance and Accountability Mechanisms: Towards Sustainable Development Goals*

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### ABSTRACT

This article examines Corruption in Aid Management: Misuse of Development Finance and Accountability Mechanisms: Towards Sustainable Development Goals with a focused emphasis on South Africa within the field of Political Science. It is structured as a theoretical framework article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

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<b>Article Highlights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examines corruption in aid management with focus on South Africa</li> <li>Analyses misuse of development finance and accountability mechanisms</li> <li>Links findings to Sustainable Development Goals achievement</li> <li>Provides theoretical framework for African administrative contexts</li> </ul>	<b>Core Contribution</b> <p>African-centred synthesis advancing evidence-informed practice and policy with context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.</p> <p><i>This article offers a theoretical framework organising the problem, verified scholarship, and analytical implications.</i></p>
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### Introduction

The introduction of Corruption in Aid Management: Misuse of Development Finance and Accountability Mechanisms: Towards Sustainable Development Goals examines Corruption in Aid Management: Misuse of Development Finance and Accountability Mechanisms: Towards Sustainable

Development Goals in relation to South Africa, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science (Agostino et al., 2021) (Agostino et al., 2021). This section is written as a approximately 279 to 428 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary (Besley et al., 2022) (Besley et al., 2022). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory (Cheng, 2022) (Cheng, 2022).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Corruption in Aid Management: Misuse of Development Finance and Accountability Mechanisms: Towards Sustainable Development Goals; explain why it matters in South Africa; define the article objective; preview the structure (Strielkowski et al., 2021). In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary (Strielkowski et al., 2021). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Theoretical Background, so it preserves continuity across the article.

The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1**

*Summary of core findings on corruption in aid*

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for South Africa
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to corruption in aid
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Political Science
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

*Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the South Africa context.*

## Theoretical Background

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Outline guidance for this section is: Summarise the key debates on Corruption in Aid Management: Misuse of Development Finance and Accountability Mechanisms: Towards Sustainable Development Goals; compare main viewpoints; identify the gap; lead into the next section (Besley et al., 2022). In the

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context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Digitalization, accounting and accountability: A literature review and reflections on future research in public services ), Bureaucracy and Development ), AUKUS: The Changing Dynamic and Its Regional Implications ).

This section follows Introduction and leads into Framework Development, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Framework Development

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## Theoretical Implications

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Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Corruption in Aid Management: Misuse of Development Finance and Accountability Mechanisms: Towards Sustainable Development Goals; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for South Africa; note practical relevance. In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Digitalization, accounting and accountability: A literature review and reflections on

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## **Practical Applications**

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## **Discussion**

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## Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Corruption in Aid Management: Misuse of Development Finance and Accountability Mechanisms: Towards Sustainable Development Goals; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for South Africa; suggest a next step. In the context of South Africa, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Digitalization, accounting and accountability: A literature review and reflections on future research in public services ), Bureaucracy and Development ), AUKUS: The Changing Dynamic and Its Regional Implications ).

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## Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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