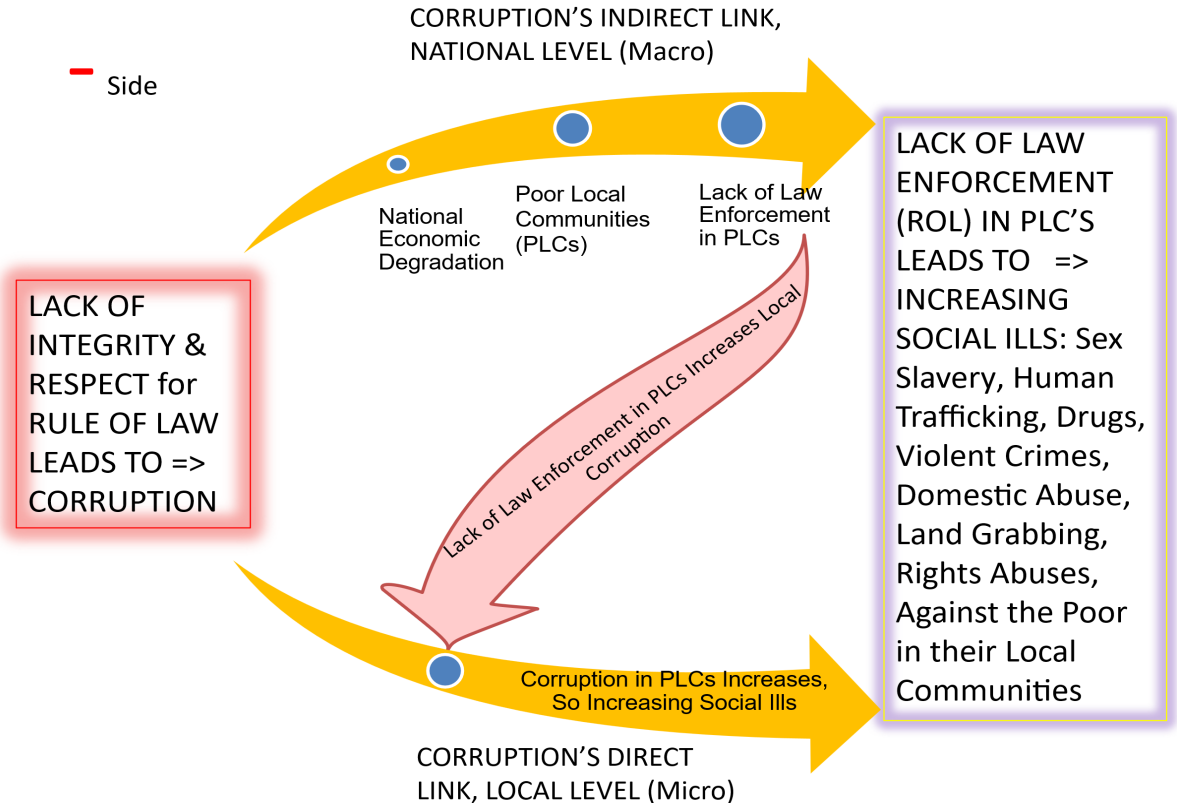
Slides 12.1 CORRUPTION (DOUBLE TROUBLE) → POVERTY vs. INTEGRITY (ROL) → GROWTH

A Comparison of Two Diagrams:



This slide shows how corruption causes poverty, and its attending social ills. These are things justice workers around the world are trying to combat in their local villages and communities, such as sex-slavery, violent crimes (rape, murder, etc.), stealing, abuse, lack of sanitation, clean water, sickness, weak education, and so on.

The slide is unique, as it starts at the *top* with high, national-level and cultural corruption, rather than with corruption in the local community where the problems are most often seen. It seeks to show the connection between these two, and how top-level corruption trickles down, causing a "double whammy" (a double hit) against people in local communities: (1) Corruption at the national and highest levels of government society worsens a nation's economy (its GDP). A poor nation means widespread (throughout the country) poorer cities, towns, and villages (local communities). In these poor local communities (PLCs), funding is insufficient to fight violence and other crimes, and incentives are mostly absent to tackle social ills

in the communities. As a result, social ills can run rampant and justice is denied to the poor (*cf.* Isaiah 10:1).

But a second disturbing thing happens in these PLCs: (2) They have less funding to also weed out and fight their own local corruption (the corrupt rise to power in PLCs). In turn, this local level corruption only exacerbates violence and other social ills in the community. It's double trouble (a "double whammy") – a vicious cycle feeding itself.

In effect, high-level national corruption feeds into the lower-level corruption in local communities, worsening their social ills and abuses. It's one thing to have corrupt local officials and business leaders in a town or city, and the violence and ills associated with that. It's another thing to have so many of these communities in the first place, due to highest-level-corruption in the nation. And both levels must be addressed. *See* Kirk Hamilton, *et al*., *Where is the Wealth of Nations*?, IBRD, THE WORLD BANK (2006)

The opposite is also true: When integrity and ROL increase in a nation, more resources are available. Growth occurs. The crimes, social ills, and corruption protecting all these in many suffering PLCs, then begin to dissipate. This leads to better standards of living for law-abiding inhabitants, as this second diagram shows:

