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Transparency International Pakistan has been working to contribute towards transparency in governance at national, provincial and the local levels. Every year the organization arranges number of activities to promote transparent and accountable governance, equal rights, citizen empowerment and capacity building.

The annual report of 2022 highlights the hard work and commitment of the team of Transparency International Pakistan towards the organization's goal. I am sincerely grateful to all individuals and institutions (local and international, public and private) who partnered with us and worked tirelessly to empower the citizens and promote good governance.

Justice (R) Zia Perwez Chairman Transparency International Pakistan I have great satisfaction to present the Annual Report 2022 of Transparency International Pakistan which highlights our-year long activities.

In 2022, like every year, Transparency International Pakistan worked to promote anti-corruption and empowered citizen. We coordinated our national activities and built sustainability through our partnerships and capacity-building. It was a year of exchange and interaction, involving intensive participatory processes to strategize for the years ahead.

With our capacity building workshops, we worked to aware the people from different fields regarding Right to Information Laws. Through our flagship program, we continued to provide free legal advice specially in less privileged areas where there is a huge communication gap between local people and government officials. Through our walks, seminars and sessions for government officials, civil servants, media representatives, civil society, academia and the public, we worked to engage people for a corruption free Pakistan. We commit to continue our work and struggle in upcoming years.

Mr. Kashif Ali A. Executive Director Transparency International Pakistan 2022 has been an engaging year for Transparency International Pakistan (TI Pakistan) and for the anti-corruption in the country. TI Pakistan continued to work to promote anti-corruption initiatives, public procurement monitoring and capacity building in various fields. TI Pakistan organized a range of physical and online activities, awareness and training workshops, research reports, and surveys to engage citizens, including women and young people in anti-corruption efforts.

TI Pakistan continued to advocate for the disclosure of information and the publication of contract information under Pakistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 47, on the authority's website. TI Pakistan launched the National Corruption Perception Survey (NCPS) Report 2022, which included the perception of levels and frequency of corruption perceived by the Pakistani Citizens. TI Pakistan also released two studies on the implementation of Proactive Disclosure clauses of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act 2013, and Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013, providing recommendations to the government on the gaps in the implementation of the proactive disclosure clauses.

TI Pakistan also worked to promote women's rights and gender equality in the country, organizing seminars and workshops for Women Empowerment for the Fight against Corruption. TI Pakistan continued to provide free legal advice, and organized free legal camps which offered citizens an opportunity to highlight their problems at the provincial level and urged the government to address them.

On International Anti-Corruption Day 2022, TI Pakistan arranged walks and seminars in 12 districts across four provinces of Pakistan in which government officials, civil servants, law enforcement officers, media representatives, the private sector, civil society, academia, the public, and youth participated to tackle corruption.

TI Pakistan's efforts in 2022 have contributed significantly to promoting transparency, accountability, and anti-corruption in the country. The organization's continued engagement with citizens and government entities alike reflects its commitment to ensuring a fair and just society for all Pakistanis.

TI PAKISTAN LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE (ALAC)

As part of its flagship program, Transparency International Pakistan continued to provide free legal advice to the citizens. During 2022 Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with partner organizations, organized free Mobile Legal Advice Camps in District **Faisalabad**, **Sahiwal**, **Punjab** and in District **Buner**, **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**.

The objective of TI Pakistan's legal advice camps is to provide free legal advice to the victims and witnesses of corruption on how to seek redress for their complaints. Number of citizens visited these camps including females to receive free legal advice to seek redress for their problems. Legal experts provided free legal advice to the complainants. Several complaints were registered by citizens, most of which pertained to the problems relating to sewerage system, online fraud, unavailability of public parks and libraries, shortage of doctors in public hospitals, property disputes, the violation of women rights, water supply issues, tube-well functioning problems, electricity issues and the registration of people with special needs.

TI Pakistan took up citizens' complaints with the authorities to seek redress for citizens' grievances. Citizens were grateful to the efforts made by Transparency International Pakistan by holding such camps which offered an opportunity to highlight their problems at the provincial level and urged the government to address citizens complaints. The free legal advice camps helped them in increasing their awareness about their fundamental rights.





PROMOTING TRANSPARENT PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN PAKISTAN

In 2022, TI Pakistan continued to provide oversight and action against public procurement violations to inhibit government practices of awarding government contracts to favorable companies at the taxpayer's expense.

Number of letters were written to the procuring agencies informing them of the violations of Public Procurement Rules. Due to TI Pakistan's watchdog role, in 2022, most procuring agencies rectified their violations on information provided by TI Pakistan and the action was taken by the regulators against the violators.



Disbursement of global donations to people affected by floods: TI-P urges PM to ensure transparency



ISLAMABAD: The prime minister has been sent recommendations from Transparency International Pakistan (TI-P) on how to handle international donations for flood victims in a transparency manner. These include involvement of affected communities in the process, setting up a national tracking system, establishing grievance procedures, and conducting international and external audits.



Pakistan Post's ICT Digital Platform Project Tendering Process Raises Questions



Serious quertions have been raised on the Pakistan Post's ECT digital platform project before the finalization of its tendering process.

According to the details, Pakistan Post has given advertisement with regard to receiving of unsolicited proposal 'without disclosing the name' under 37(A) of PPR, 2004 for trace and trace of the articles and allied system.



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TI-P advocates supply of gas to KE as per priority order

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ISLAMABAD: Trans-parency International-Pakistan (TI-P) has sought Prime Minister's intervention for supply of indigenous gas to Karachi-Electric (KE) as per priority list, aimed at reducing tariff of consumers.

A letter to Prime Minister, Shehbag Sharif, signed by TI-P, Chairperson YasmeenLari and Vice Chair Justice Nasiralqbal (retired) said that TI-Phas



ENHANCED AWARENESS & IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHT TO INFORMATION LAWS IN PAKISTAN

Capacity Building of Citizens, Civil Society and Journalists

Every citizen has the right to access the information, but unfortunately, despite the existence of the laws on Right to Information in Pakistan, citizens and journalists find it difficult to get access to public information. The basic purpose of the Right to Information laws is to empower the citizens, promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government. This is enshrined in the Constitution of Pakistan under Article 19-A which states that "Every citizen shall have the right to access information in all matters of public importance subject to regulations and reasonable restrictions imposed by the law."

To enhance awareness and implementation of Right to Information laws in Pakistan, Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with partner organizations arranged capacity building workshops in Kallat, Balochistan, TT singh, Chakwal, and Lahore in Punjab, Shangla in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Tando Allah Yaar in Sindh, for the citizens, civil society and journalists.



The workshops aimed to raise awareness about Access to Information laws in Pakistan and how citizens can use RTI laws to play an active role in combating corruption. Detailed training was given to the participants of these workshops on the Right to Information laws, its clauses and procedures to obtain information from the public bodies.

Number of participants including females took part in the capacity building trainings. Participants used the skills gained from these workshops to file RTI requests seeking information from different government departments.

Participants were explained RTI application procedure and the function and mandate of Information Commission, and how it deals with the complaints. In the end, the participants practiced how to write an RTI application and submitted their applications to different departments.









GENDER & CORRUPTION: WOMEN EMPOWERMENT FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

Women in Pakistan make up 51% of the population and women empowerment is a cornerstone of TI's work because the anti-corruption in the public sector and business integrity in the private sector cannot be promoted without involving women.

Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with Partner Organizations organized seminars in District Qasoor, and Lahore, Punjab on Gender & Corruption: Women Empowerment for the Fight against Corruption. Session's objective was to educate them on how various forms of corruption and corrupt practices usurp women rights and hinder women empowerment despite many women supported laws. The session covered Gender Discrimination and Property Rights of Women, Issues relating to getting CNICs, and Education Problems of Rural Women. Speakers not only highlighted these issues/problems but also provided participants with some solutions. Speakers urged the women to know about their property rights given by Islam and the Constitution of Pakistan. They said that usually rural women do not get their shares from the property of their parents. Mostly their brothers take the whole property, and women due to their lack of awareness and understanding remain silent.



Another workshop was organized by TI Pakistan in collaboration with private sector organizations on "Importance of Cyber Security and Women's Role in Digital Era" in Karachi.

The speakers highlighted that the digital transformation in Pakistan provides new opportunities for the economic empowerment of women and a potential to bridge gender divide and promote gender equality in both business and public sector in Pakistan.













NATIONAL CORRUPTION PERCEPTION SURVEY 2022

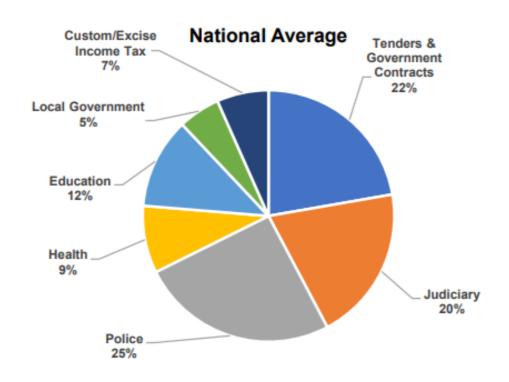
In the last 21 years, Transparency International Pakistan has conducted National Corruption Perception Surveys six times: NCPS 2002, NCPS 2006, NCPS 2009, NCPS 2010, NCPS 2011 and 2021. The NCPS 2022 comprised the perception of levels and frequency of corruption perceived by the Pakistani Citizens. TI Pakistan conducted National Corruption Perception Survey 2022 through its Partner Organizations, in all four provinces from 13 October 2022 to 31 October 2022 with 1, 600 respondents (400 respondents from each Province).

The survey is the perception of general public on important governance issues.

Q2: In your opinion, which is the most corrupt sector?

- 1. Tender & Government Contracts
- Judiciary
- 3. Police
- 4. Health
- 5. Education

- 6. Local Government
- 7. Custom/Excise/Income Tax

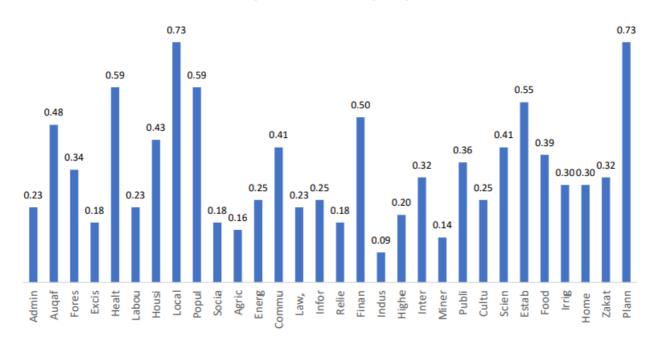


STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE- CASE STUDY OF KP AND PUNJAB RTI LAWS

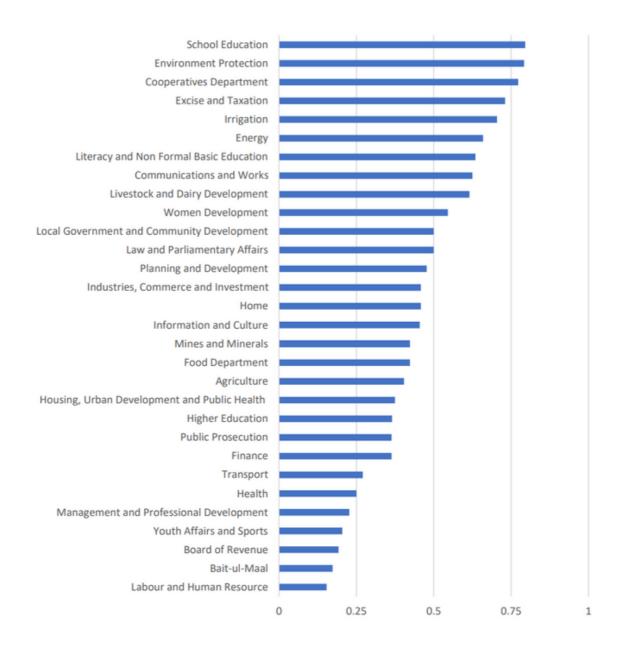
In 2022, TI Pakistan undertook two studies on the implementation of Proactive Disclosure clauses of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act 2013, and Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013, to provide an external review to the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the Government of Punjab and provide recommendations with respect to the implementation of the clauses of proactive disclosures.

According to the analysis, KP Planning and Development, Local Government, Health and Population Welfare department have highest compliance with majority clauses of Proactive Disclosure. Industries department complying 9%, while Mineral Development department complying 14%, Agriculture department complying 16% and Excise and Taxation and Social Welfare department both complying 18% - are some of the least compliant departments.

Implementation by Dept.



Similarly, the assessment of proactive disclosure provision implementation in Punjab revealed that 03 departments; School Education, Environment Protection, and Cooperatives Department are complying majority of the proactive disclosure items. The details of the 30 departments regarding their compliance of Proactive Disclosure Clauses is shown below.



LOCALIZATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

ROLE OF YOUTH IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

More than 64 percent of Pakistan's population is below the age of 30 while 29 percent is between 15 to 29 years. Pakistan has a bourgeoning youth bulge since the 1990's and currently stands as the fifth most populous nation in the world. Youth has always been a part of TI Pakistan's strategy and the organization has been working with young people organizing capacity building and learning events for youth.

On the occasion of International Youth Day on August 12, 2022, Transparency international Pakistan arranged series of workshops on the role of youth in implementing the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. The workshops were organized in District Mirpurkhas & Matiari, Sindh and District Vehari, Punjab. The main objective was to promote and appreciate youth, and to encourage them to come forward for sustainable development.

The workshops emphasized that young people have an important role to play in solving Pakistan's socio-economic and development problems including achieving sustainable development goals.





STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Training of Local Government Officials in Sindh

In 2022, TI Pakistan organized three trainings of public officials on local government laws, local government elections and local government system in Khairpur, Shikarpur and Sukkur in Sindh province. The capacity building training has helped local government representatives, candidates contesting local government elections in Sindh about their roles and responsibilities in addressing citizens' problems.

Speakers shared their views that the local governance system is basically very well settled system which is empowering people to get their rights at grassroot level. The meaning of a decentralized system is to break down the power structure at grassroot level, where local elected members address the local problems. These trainings have also contributed towards enhancing awareness among the communities at the grassroots level on how they can participate at the local level.









SUCCESS STORY: WOMEN AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Corruption takes many forms. However, it affects people differently based on gender, socio-economic status, background, position of power and influence. In a country like Pakistan, where abject poverty, misogyny, lack of access to essential services, is a description of the daily life of women in the rural areas, this means that due to their socio-economic background, women are often disproportionately affected by the corruption.

In fact, this gendered impact of corruption is far more glaring in cases where women have to strive to claim their due entitlements and rights. For instance, Article 23 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan guarantees the right to own property for every man and woman in the country. However, many women due to lack of legal awareness and the financial capacity to pay 'bribe' have to fight for their due right to 'inherit'. According to the Demographic and Health Survey of Pakistan 2017-18, "97 per cent of women did not inherit land or a house, while 1pc each inherited agricultural land and a house. Less than 1pc of women inherited nonagricultural plots or residential plots".

One such ordeal is of Bibi Sajida. In 2016, when Bibi Sajida's father (Mian Ahmed) passed away, he left behind two wives, 6 sons and two daughters. After Mian Ahmed died, his four sons from the first wife surreptitiously applied for the legal inheritance of their father's property and bank accounts under the Pakistan Succession Act, 1925 from the local court, claiming to be the only legal heirs of Mian Ahmed. Based on the succession certificate, the four brothers obtained custody of the bank account of Mian Ahmed. The bank account had a deposit of Rs. 1500,000. Pakistan's inheritance law entitles all children of the deceased (both male and female) as their legal heirs. However, all the four men illegally deprived their stepsisters of their inheritance rights.

During Covid-19, TI Pakistan regularly organized Access to Justice Campaigns. As part of this awareness campaign, TI Pakistan regularly shared information on wide range of topics including RTI laws, property and inheritance laws for citizens' awareness, through social media.

The material was shared with partner organizations as well. During this time, one of the daughters of Mian Ahmed, namely Bibi Sajida had come across TI Pakistan's Access to Justice Campaign and reached out to TI Pakistan Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC) to seek advice for her grievance.

TI Pakistan's Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC) advised Bibi Sajida that the Pakistan Succession Act 1925 entitles both the sisters and the two brothers who have been left out, with the right to inheritance of their father's moveable and immoveable assets. Bibi Sajida boldly taken up on the legal fight to seek justice and expose her fours step brothers who deprived them of their inheritance.

After a long struggle spanning over months, Bibi Sajida was able to prove to the court and later on to the bank, through her family tree, that the two sisters and two brothers are also the legal heirs of Mr. Mian Ahmed.

In February 2022, when Bibi Sajida approached the local bank to seek share of her inheritance from her late father's account deposit, she came to know that the four step brothers had already taken out half of the money i.e. Rs. 750,000 out of Rs. 1500,000 deposited in her late father's account. However, based on the succession certificate issued from the local court, the bank has given Rs. 93000 to each of the two sisters as their legal share of inheritance.

Bibi Sajida is only one of a multitude of women struggling to claim their rightful inheritance in Pakistan. To address this discrimination requires consistent efforts at creating awareness among women about their rights and entitlements. TI Pakistan's Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC) is at the forefront to give women a voice, bringing about a more open dialogue among the broad strata of society around the prevalence of gender-based corruption and discrimination.

INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY (IACD 2022)

UNITING THE WORLD AGAINST CORRUPTION

International Anti-Corruption Day is celebrated on December 9 every year to commemorate the signing of United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). The theme for this year is "Uniting the World against Corruption" which emphasizes how the world collectively can fight against corrupt practices. The core idea is that fighting this crime is everyone's job, and that the only way to lessen its impact is for everyone and every institution to work together.

There needs to be a global coalition against corruption, which includes states, government officials, civil workers, law enforcement personnel, media representatives, the private sector, civil society, academics, the public, and young people. It also needs to communicate the message of anti-corruption to the masses to work together. It is important to note that the 2022 IACD marks the start of efforts to mark the twentieth anniversary of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

Every year on International Anti-Corruption Day, Transparency International Pakistan, a leading player in the fight against corruption in Pakistan, arranges seminars and walks across Pakistan with various stakeholders to bring attention to corruption and the need for strong anti-corruption laws and their implementation in order to make Pakistan a corruption-free country.

In 2022, TI Pakistan arranged walks and seminars in 12 districts across four provinces of Pakistan in which Government officials, civil servants, law enforcement officers, media representatives, the private sector, civil society, academia, the public and youth participated in tackling corruption.





Walks and seminars were arranged in Tando AllahYaar, Sukkur, Hyderabad districts in Sindh province; Vehari, Multan, Bahawalnagar districts in Punjab province; Buner, Kohat, Chitral districts in KP province; Surab and Lasbella districts in Balochistan province and Chillas district in Gilgit Baltistan. A total of 512 citizens participated in these events including 94 females.

A speech competition was arranged in a college of District Sukkur, in which 50 female students participated. They highlighted how corruption steals dreams from young people and effects their ability to live in safe, just and inclusive societies. In activities held in other districts, the speakers highlighted how corruption has eroded the economy and brough misery, inequality, and injustice to the society. They pointed out that corruption is more dangerous to vulnerable segments of the society and having a disproportionate effect on minorities and women. Citizens were of the opinion that the government should take strong actions against corrupt practices, and should punish the individuals responsible for corruption.

TI Pakistan also released its National Corruption Perception Survey 2022, comprising the perception of levels and frequency of corruption perceived by the Pakistani Citizens. The findings of NCPS were also discussed during different events. All the events are covered in social media and print media.









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