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Mr. Azam Khan Sahib,
Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister,
Government of Pakistan,
PM House,
Islamabad

**Sub: IMF Condition, Consistently Reminded by TI Pakistan since May 2020 for the
Publication of COVID-19 Procurement Contracts on PPRA website under Public
Procurement Rules 2004, Rule 47**

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan refers to the IMF Staff Concluding Statement of the 2021 Article IV Mission and Staff-Level Agreement on the Sixth Review under the Extended Fund Facility dated 21 November 2021 for Pakistan.

PPRA Rules 2004 Rule No. 47 makes it mandatory on all the procuring agencies to publish awarded contracts information, along with BOQ rates on the website of the Pakistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority.

As announced by the Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, Mr. Shaukat Tarin, **“government would also complete the post-facto audit of Covid-related expenditures and make public the beneficial owners of suppliers of vaccines and related procurements as part of the IMF agreement” (Annex-A).**

TI Pakistan has consistently informed Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Health and the office of the Honorable Prime Minister through its earlier five letters (first letter No.TL2020/05/21/1D dated 21st May 2020 is attached as **Annex-B**), that none of the department of federal government is following the Pakistan Public Procurement Rules 2014 Rules No. 47, and the mandatory requirement of IMF under its 11 new structural benchmarks for Extended Fund Facility (EFF) Programme for Pakistan (**Annex – C**), which raises serious concerns regarding the transparency in the utilization of Covid-related funds.

It may also be pointed that the Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) audit report for the year 2020-2021 on the expenditure incurred on Covid-19 by the federal government has also unearthed various irregularities in the Covid expenditure.


However, the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination vide letter No. 6-37/2021-DDP-IV-MISC dated 2nd September, 2021 informed TI Pakistan that all Covid commodities have been received as in kind support from various donors/counties and that MNHS&RC has not made any procurement under PPRA Rules 2004, therefore MNHS&RC did not upload any contract information on PPRA website as required under PPRA Rules 2004, Rule 47 (**Annex-D**).




The Honorable Prime Minister is again requested to issue directives for the compliance of **PPRA Rule No. 47** and the disclosure of contract information along with BOQ rates for all Covid-19 spending as required by the IMF in its Sixth Review under the Extended Fund Facility for Pakistan, to ensure transparency in the procurement of Covid related supplies.

TI Pakistan is striving for across the board application of **Rule of Law**, which is the only way to stop corruption and achieve zero tolerance against Corruption.

With Regards,


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Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. Chief, National Command Operation Centre, Islamabad
2. Dr. Faisal Sultan, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health, Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination, Islamabad
3. Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), Islamabad
4. Chairman, National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Islamabad
5. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan