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Transparency International Pakistan attends COP28 this year which brings the world together at a critical moment for global transformative climate action. The conference aims to assess progress in dealing with climate change, negotiate agreements, and discuss strategies for addressing the challenges associated with climate change.



Executive Director, TI Pakistan Kashif Ali spoke at two side events on "Equity and Justice in the Financing Mechanism of Loss and Damage to meet the Needs of the Communities" and "The Global Stocktake and Climate Accountability: Unlocking Finance and Action".

The discussions highlighted how Conflict of Interests and Undue Influence in climate finance can undermine the fair allocation of resources, diverting funds towards projects that may not effectively address climate issues.



MEETING WITH FEDERAL SECRETARY CLIMATE CHANGE

Transparency International Pakistan Executive Director and Project Coordinator, Climate Governance Integrity Program had a meeting with the federal secretary Ministry of Climate Change to discuss recommendations on strengthening integrity and inclusiveness in Pakistan's climate response. TI Pakistan is advocating for the establishment of a national tracking system to disclose information pertaining to climate finance in Pakistan, its utilisation and compliance with procurement rules in climate related projects.

The side events emphasized that establishing clear institutional accountability mechanisms for climate finance enhances trust among stakeholders, promotes adherence to climate goals, and ultimately contributes to the success of global efforts in addressing climate change.



TRAINING OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS (PIOS)

Under Section 5, Proactive Disclosure - Right of Access to Information Act, 2017

Transparency International Pakistan (TI Pakistan) organized training of Public Information Officers under Section 5 Proactive Disclosure, Right of Access to Information Act 2017, in collaboration with Pakistan Information Commission in Islamabad on 20th Nov 2023.

The training aimed to enhance capacity of Public Information Officers (PIOs) on Proactive Disclosure as per Section 5, Federal RTI Act 2017 to ensure that departments upload necessary information on their website.

The training was attended by designated PIOs of various departments of the Federal Government. Diverse speakers including Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar, Legal Advisor, and Board of Trustee, TI Pakistan, Mr. Kashif Ali, Executive Director TI Pakistan, Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Chief Information Commissioner, Pakistan Information Commission, Mr. Mukhtar Ahmed Ali, Executive Director, Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) and former Commissioner, Punjab Information Commission, Mr. Muhammad Azam, former Chief Information Commissioner, Pakistan Information Commission attended the training and spoke on various aspects of Federal RTI Act 2017. Speakers stressed that the proactive disclosure represents the future of RTI laws, pointing out a noticeable gap in implementation.





TRAINING OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS

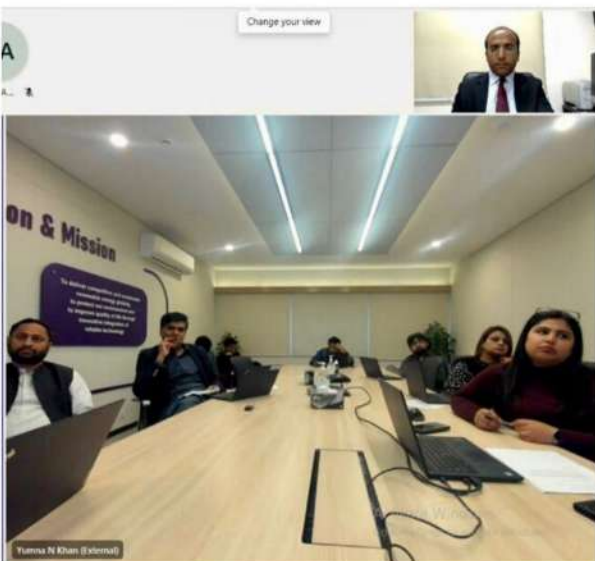
Under Section 6 Proactive Disclosure, Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016

Transparency International Pakistan organized training of Public Information Officers under Section 6 Proactive Disclosure, Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016, in Karachi on 15th Nov 2023. The training was attended by designated PIOs of more than 50 departments of the Government of Sindh.

Proactive disclosure empowers government agencies to release information to the public without waiting for RTI requests

Diverse speakers including Justice (R) Zia Perwez, Former Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan and Chairman TI Pakistan, Dr. Nausheen Wasi, Asst. Professor of International Relation, UoK and Board of Trustee TI Pakistan, Mr. Kashif Ali, Executive Director, TI Pakistan, Dr. Jawaid Ali, Chief Information Commissioner, Advocate Saima Agha, Information Commissioner and Mr. Shahid Jatoti, Information Commissioner from Sindh Information Commission, Mr. Nadeem Ur Rehman, Secretary Information, Govt of Sindh, Dr. Raza Gardezi, RTI Activist and Mr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh, former VC SMI attended the training and spoke on various aspects of Sindh RTI Act 2016.

PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT FOR ETHICAL COMPLIANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION



Transparency International Pakistan has entered into mutual cooperation with the Novo Nordisk Pakistan. The MoU was signed by Justice (R) Zia Perwez, Chairman TI Pakistan and Mr. Kashif Ali, Executive Director TI Pakistan and Mr. Rasheed Butt, Vice President Novo Nordisk Pakistan and Mr. Danial Ahmed, Director Legal and Compliance, Novo Nordisk Pakistan on 27th November 2023.

The objective is to enhance the ethical mindset among internal and external stakeholders, fostering a culture of integrity and responsible business conduct in health care sector.

Transparency International Pakistan also collaborated with Novo Nordisk for conference on Beyond Regulations: Partnering for Ethics. Mr. Jonathan, Director Transparency International Global Health Program spoke at the conference and emphasized on transparency and accountability in the health systems in order to improve health outcomes and achieve Sustainable Development Goal 3.

On International Anti-Corruption Day 2023, celebrated on 9th December, TI Pakistan collaborated with Scatec Pakistan to organize a chat with the staff on the importance of addressing corruption and the mitigating measures an organization and its employees can take to combat corruption at different levels. Mr. Kashif Ali, Executive Director TI Pakistan spoke about the corruption risks and business integrity measures organization's must put in place.

CIVIL SOCIETY AND CITIZENS TRAINING ON RIGHT TO INFORMATION (RTI)



Transparency International Pakistan hosted dynamic one-day workshops in District Sialkot, Punjab on 16th October 2023 and District Surab Balochistan on 31st October 2023, with a primary focus on raising awareness about the Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013 and Balochistan Right to Information Act 2021. The workshops brought together a diverse group of attendees from civil society, academia and general citizens.

Mr. Ashfaque Ahmed, Project Coordinator, TI Pakistan delved into a comprehensive training session on the Right to Information Acts, emphasizing its significance as a tool for holding the government accountable. The law, enacted post the 18th amendment of the Constitution, facilitates public access to information, albeit with reasonable restrictions.

Throughout the session, participants gained insights into key terms such as “applicant,” “public bodies,” “information,” and “information commission.” The law enables individuals to request information from government bodies.

Experts explained the process of submitting an RTI application and elucidated the role and responsibilities of the Information Commission, along with its complaint-handling procedures. Following the training sessions, participants had the opportunity to pose questions, and all inquiries were satisfactorily addressed. In the concluding segment, participants actively engaged in drafting RTI applications to different department.



CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK ON TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE CLIMATE GOVERNANCE

Transparency International Pakistan organized Inaugural Stakeholders' consultative workshop / meeting and established Balochistan Civil Society Network on Transparent & Inclusive Governance on 2nd November 2023 in Quetta. The objective of establishing this network is to highlight the effects of climate change and the significance of cooperating with marginalized groups such as rural communities, women, young people and civil society organizations through provincial networks.

Mr. Kashif Ali, Executive Director, TI Pakistan, while discussing the corruption in climate finance, said that honest and efficient procurement to acquire goods and services is central to enabling climate funds to achieve their goals – but spending entails key corruption risks, including collusion among suppliers or with a contracting entity, inflated prices or diversion of funds.

ENTRY POINTS FOR INTEGRATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN PROVINCIAL PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (PFM)

- Establishment of Provincial Climate Change Coordination Mechanism
- Establishment of Climate Finance Unit
- Establishment of Climate Change Node in Each Line Department
- Ensuring Accountability and Monitoring
- Comprehensive Whistleblower Protection

He said that a strong financial framework can ensure climate funding is used for intended purposes, keeping monetary flows fully transparent at every level. During the meeting, CSO organizations representing various vulnerable districts of Balochistan worked to prepare draft recommendations for the government of Balochistan.



Draft Proposal for Balochistan Climate Change Policy

Transparency International Pakistan:

Transparency International (TI) is the largest anti-corruption network acting globally. TI is an International, Non-Political, Non-Partisan, Non-Profit, Non-Governmental Organization which is headquartered in Berlin, Germany. It has over 100 National Chapters (NCs) working around the globe to promote integrity and good governance in public and private sector. TI Pakistan is an accredited chapter of Transparency International.

Climate Governance Integrity Programme (CGIP):

TI Pakistan Climate Governance Integrity Program (CGIP) aims to strengthen integrity and inclusiveness in climate governance and its main objective is to strengthen integrity and inclusiveness in climate governance framework through the seven pillars displayed in Figure 1 below.

FIG 1. STRENGTHENING INTEGRITY AND INCLUSIVENESS IN DRAFT BALOCHISTAN CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY 2023



Transparency International Pakistan in consultation with Civil Society Organizations, has prepared following policy paper emphasizing on key recommendations for Balochistan Climate Change Policy 2023 aimed at enhancing inclusiveness and integrity in the Provincial Climate Governance and Financing Framework to ensure that climate action in the province is transparent.

1



COMPLIANCE WITH BALOCHISTAN PROCUREMENT RULES

The Policy must emphasize to ensure strict compliance with Balochistan Public Procurement Rules, 2014 in emergency response and climate related projects and emphasize on disclosure of information on the provincial PDMA and EPA's website.

3



WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION

The Government of Balochistan has not enacted Whistleblower Protection Act which protects and defends those who report environmental corruption. The policy must emphasize on establishing Complaint Hotline at Chief Minister Secretariat where complaints can be reported to a toll-free telephone number, web, email and fax or by mail, and handled effectively to enhance the efforts to prevent corruption and to make climate action more effective.

CLIMATE FINANCE DASHBOARD

Efforts must be made to include in the draft Balochistan Climate Change Policy 2023 mechanism to set-up an online Dashboard on the website of Provincial Climate Change and Environment Department, P&D or Finance department to provide information of all the climate related funding, grants, expenditure aid flows, allocation procurement and distribution process.



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SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The Policy must emphasize on use of social accountability tools such as public consultations, public hearings, open budgeting and / or public surveys to ensure transparency in climate finance.



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COMMUNITY-LED MONITORING

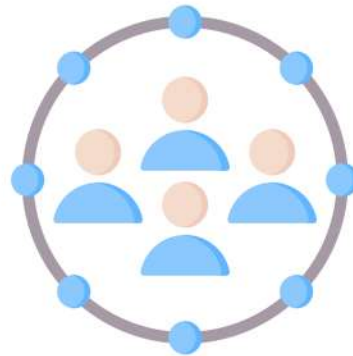
Establish a Community-Based Monitoring and Evaluation (CBM&E) mechanism to engage communities in the monitoring and evaluation of projects, ensuring that outcomes align with their expectations and needs.

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PREVENTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The policy must include a mechanism on Prevention of Conflict of Interest to ensure integrity for climate finance and projects.



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ANNUAL SOCIAL AUDIT OF CLIMATE-RELATED PROJECTS IN THE PROVINCE

A mandatory annual practice must be enforced in the Policy for Social Audit of all the climate related projects. The purpose is to ensure that a regular and systematic assessment of the social, environmental, and ethical aspects of climate-related projects is conducted, promoting transparency, accountability, and adherence to social responsibility standards on an ongoing basis.

Transparency International Pakistan aims to combat corruption, promote responsible climate governance, and ensure an effective utilization of climate-related funds for the benefit of the people in the diverse and challenging climate of Balochistan.

Policy brief prepared for the Government of Balochistan and United Nations Development Program for Pakistan (UNDP Pakistan) for inclusion in Balochistan's Climate Change Policy 2023 being spear headed by Government of Balochistan with support from UNDP Pakistan.

Transparency International Pakistan strives to promote rule of law at different levels of governance which is the only way to promote good governance and combat corruption.



COMMUNITY DIALOGUES IN CLIMATE VULNERABLE DISTRICTS

Raising Awareness against Corruption and Improving Climate Governance Accountability

Transparency International Pakistan organized 05 Community Dialogues in the climate-vulnerable districts of Sindh, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces. The purpose of these dialogues was to raise awareness against environmental corruption among marginalized communities, fostering citizen participation in climate decision-making and planning.

The dialogues were attended by the members of the communities and civil society, from climate vulnerable tehsils, along with members of the district administration, representatives of EPA and DDMA.

These dialogues were organized in Sujawal and Jacobabad, Nowshera, Swabi and Jaffarabad where speakers conducted awareness sessions on climate change, climate mitigation, Provincial Right to Information Acts, social accountability tools, climate vulnerabilities of districts, gendered vulnerabilities to climate change and role of local administration during emergencies.





CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH

Sustainable Development Goals - SDG16: Peace, Justice, And Strong Institutions

Transparency International Pakistan organized a capacity-building training workshop on Sustainable Development Goals - SDG16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions at Shaikh Shaikh Ayaz University, Shikarpur, Sindh.

The event was attended by over 120 students and faculty members of the Univeristy. The objective of the training was to raise awareness and enhance the capacity of students regarding Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the role young people can play in the promotion and implementation of SDG Goal 16 (Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions) in Pakistan.

During the occasion, Transparency International Pakistan Executive Director Mr. Kashif Ali and the Registrar Shaikh Ayaz University Dr. Saqib Mahar signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish Youth Integrity Club (YIC). YIC aims to provide a platform for student training on the topics of transparency, good governance, democratic participation, and SDGs. As part of the MoU, the university will nominate a group of four students to lead the “Youth Integrity Club” voluntarily, referred to as the ‘Student Executive Council and facilitate the council in organizing various activities such as lectures, seminars, debates, and panel discussions in collaboration with TI Pakistan.

Speakers highlighted that SDG16 focuses on fostering peace and reducing violence, ensuring access to justice for all, and building strong, accountable, and inclusive institutions. Youth today is active and they need to channelize their energies and direction to play an effective part in the society. Speakers encouraged students to come up with the ideas to promote SDGs through the platform of Youth Integrity Club set up by TI Pakistan.



MOBILE ALAC

Free Legal Advice Camp

Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with its partner organizations, hosted one-day free legal aid camps in Districts Jhang and Khanewal, Punjab and District Kalat, Balochistan.

Mr. Ashfaque Ahmed, Project Coordinator, TI Pakistan, while elaborating the objectives of the camp, emphasized the importance of legal aid in addressing community issues and raising their awareness.

Legal expert offered free legal advice and guided complainants on various legal matters.

During the legal advice camp, a wide array of complaints were received, reflecting the challenges faced by the communities. A recurring concern pertained to issues related to the local government, where citizens sought assistance in addressing bureaucratic hurdles and local governance problems.

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TRAINING WORKSHOP

Climate Change Impacts, Mitigation, Adaptation, Risk Reduction & Social Accountability Tools



Transparency International Pakistan organized two Training Workshops on 'Climate Change Impacts, Mitigation, Adaptation, Risk Reduction & Social Accountability Tools to Enhance Communities Participation in Climate Planning and Decision Making.' These workshops were organized in District Swat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and District Naseerabad, Balochistan. These two districts are most vulnerable to climate change and one of the highly affected during floods 2022.

The workshops were attended by local community members, youth, civil society representatives, representatives of DDMA's, climate change experts and journalists. During the workshops, the speakers gave awareness sessions on climate mitigation and adaptation. They also shared changes in life practices and tips for adaptable living.

The speakers suggested measures for mitigation such as constructing buildings to withstand shocks & tremors as earthquake mitigation, building dams to hold back overflowing rivers as flood mitigation and reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

The speakers also discussed the community participation in climate planning and decision making under Provincial Climate Change Policies. They emphasized that community participation in climate planning and decision making involves engaging local communities in effort to address climate change and its impacts.



COMMUNITY DIALOGUES ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Through Awareness of Their Rights, Responsibilities & Participation in Decision-Making



Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with partner organizations organized Community Dialogues for women. The dialogues were held in District Sanghar & Mirpur Khas, Sindh, and District Haripur & Mansehra Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

During the events, community activists highlighted that in different districts of Pakistan, the literacy ratio for women is commendable, indicating progress in women's education and empowerment. However, they emphasized a significant challenge: despite their educational achievements, women often lack decision-making power in choosing the best job opportunities outside the city.

Many housewives talked about the challenges women face, pointing out the rules and customs that make it hard for them to have property rights. They also highlighted how the barriers are widespread, and it's important to address them for gender equality in property ownership and inheritance.

Speakers stressed the crucial role women play in society and urged them to use their voting rights to influence their communities. They emphasized the need for well-informed voting decisions, encouraging people to research candidates, understand their policies, and consider their track records. They also highlighted the importance of voter registration, urging everyone to verify their details on voter lists for the upcoming elections, and encouraged women to actually come out on the day of the election and participate in the electoral process.

OBJECTIVES OF GENDER COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

The objective of these dialogues is to make communities aware about gender issues, inequalities between men and women and to support women's rights by promoting their involvement in political decision making.



INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY - UNCAC AT 20

Uniting Against Corruption for Development, Peace & Security

On International Anti-Corruption Day, December 9, 2023, Transparency International Pakistan organized seminars and walks across the country. The objective was to mobilize diverse stakeholders and unite efforts against corruption. The theme for this year was “UNCAC at 20: Uniting Against Corruption for Development, Peace & Security”.

A total of 11 events were organized across Pakistan in which around 548 citizens participated in the events. The diverse representation of government officials, civil servants, law enforcement officers, media representatives, the private sector, civil society, academia, and the youth reflected a multi-stakeholder approach essential for an effective anti-corruption strategy.



INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

Uniting Against Corruption and Climate Crisis for Sustainable Future

On International Anti-Corruption Day, UNCAC marks 20 years since the adoption of the landmark convention to address corruption at global and national levels.

This year, Transparency International Pakistan under its 'Strengthening Integrity and Inclusiveness in Climate Governance in Pakistan' program organized awareness seminars and walks in 12 districts across 4 provinces of Pakistan. The awareness seminars drew attention towards corruption which poses a significant impediment to effective climate action. Combating corruption is integral to ensuring that resources allocated for climate action are utilized efficiently, transparently, and in a manner that fosters sustainable development and environmental resilience.



MEETING WITH SINDH INFORMATION COMMISSION



TI-P Board Member Dr. Nousheen Wasi and Executive Director Mr. Kashif Ali had a meeting with Dr. Jawaid Ali, Chief Information Commissioner and Ms. Saima Agha, Commissioner, Sindh Information Commission. TI Pakistan shared findings from its research report on "State of Implementation of Proactive Disclosure Provision" under Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016. The Commission also briefed TI-P on its work of overseeing the implementation of the Right to Information Act and facilitating citizens' access to information.

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Transparency International Pakistan Board of Trustee Dr. Uzma Shujaat spoke at the 4th Plenary meeting of the Practitioners Forum. PF is launched by WWF, the Basel Institute on Governance, Transparency International, and TRAFFIC, to encourage and provide connections for conservationists and anti-corruption actors to work across disciplines to address corruption as a key driver of environmental degradation, biodiversity loss, and climate change. Dr. Uzma emphasized on developing prevention-focused tools and social accountability for transparent climate action.

TI PAKISTAN JOINS #16DAYSOFACTIVISM

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

Corruption exacerbates existing gender inequalities, perpetuate discrimination and violence against women. In institutions marred by corruption, women encounter additional hurdles in accessing justice, healthcare, and education. Corrupt practices entrench traditional power dynamics, rendering women more susceptible to exploitation and abuse.

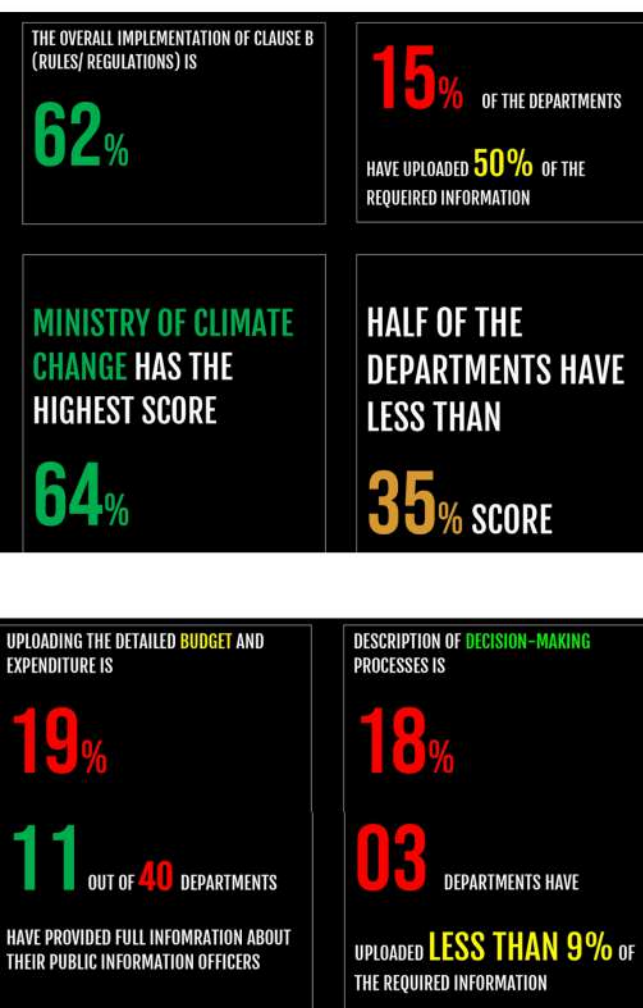
WHAT CAN WE DO?

1. Mainstream gender into anti-corruption programs
2. Implement gender-sensitive reporting mechanisms
3. Safeguard women's rights and participation in the political process



TI Pakistan Joined #16DaysOfActivism in raising awareness and focusing on women issues such as property rights, right to vote, and equal opportunities for them. TI-P works with community partners across Pakistan to raise awareness about women issues and provide them with skills and voice to demand their rights.

REPORT: STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE, FEDERAL RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 2017



Transparency International Pakistan released a report on “State of Implementation of Proactive Disclosure, Federal Right of Access to Information Act 2017” which aims to provide external feedback to the federal government’s departments and ministries regarding the implementation of Proactive Disclosure Provision under The Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

The study on Federal Right of Access to Information Act 2017 finds that the official websites of various important ministries and the departments of the Federal Government disclose only little information. The selected ministries and departments have been studied in the context of 9 clauses of Section 5 of Federal Right of Access to Information Act 2017.

The study also provides various recommendations aimed at enhancing the understanding of public bodies of their legal obligation to disclose information to the citizens and the role of the Pakistan Information Commission.

NATIONAL CORRUPTION PERCEPTION SURVEY 2023

Q1: In your opinion, which is the most corrupt sector?

1. Tender & Government Contracts
2. Judiciary
3. Police
4. Health
5. Education
6. Local Government
7. Custom/Excise/Income Tax

Table 1:

	National		Sindh		Punjab		KP		Baluchistan	
	F	%	F	%	F	%	F	%	F	%
Tenders & Government Contracts	232	16%	52	14%	24	6%	50	13%	106	31%
Judiciary	201	13%	28	7%	63	17%	56	15%	54	16%
Police	439	30%	137	37%	92	25%	143	37%	67	20%
Health	157	11%	43	12%	56	15%	29	8%	29	8%
Education	162	11%	48	13%	48	13%	38	10%	28	8%
Land Administration	87	6%	10	3%	24	6%	25	7%	28	8%
Local Government	104	7%	37	10%	38	10%	17	4%	11	3%
Custom/Excise/Income Tax	88	6%	14	4%	31	8%	23	6%	20	6%
Total	1470	100	369	100	376	100	381	100	343	100

On International Anti-Corruption Day, Transparency International Pakistan released its National Corruption Perception Survey 2023.

NCPS 2023 comprised of the perception of levels and frequency of corruption perceived by Pakistanis and was conducted in all four provinces of Pakistan from October 13 till October 31, 2023.

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