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2022 has been an engaging year for TI Pakistan and for the anti-corruption work. TI Pakistan organized large number of physical and online activities, awareness and training workshops, and released research reports, and surveys. Citizens, including women and young people actively engaged in anti-corruption efforts and took measures in response to initiatives taken by Transparency International Pakistan (TI Pakistan).



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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MONITORING

TRANSPARENT PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

In 2022, TI Pakistan continued to provide oversight and action against public procurement violations to inhibit government practice 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.

TI Pakistan also continued to advocate for the disclosure of information and the publication of contract information under Pakistan Public Procurement Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 47, on the authority's website. To the success of TI Pakistan, federal and provincial governments have issued directives for the mandatory compliance of PPRA Rule 47.

Authorities took up number of cases on the complaints sent by TI Pakistan



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

By **Propakistani Staff** Published Mar 8, 2022 7:06 pm



Serious questions have been raised on the Pakistan Post's ICT 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.



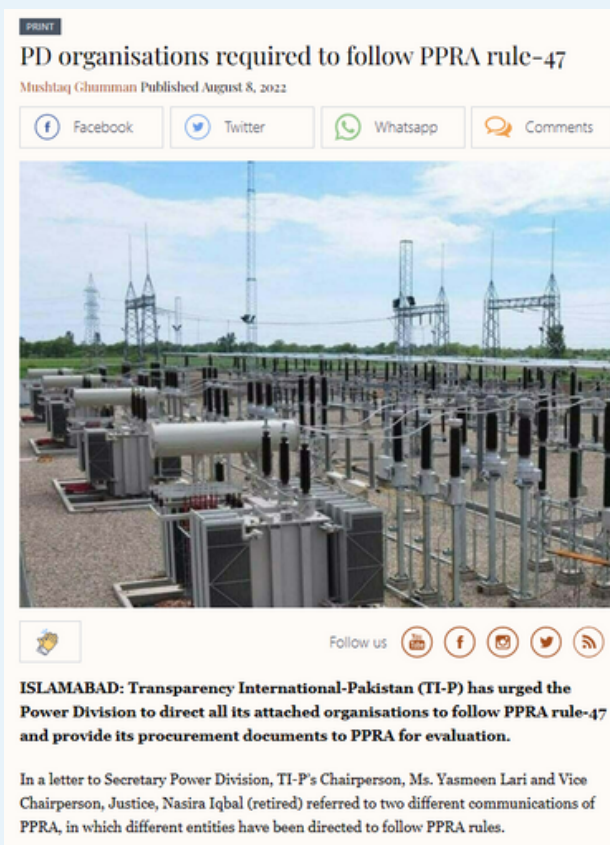
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14th March

Transparency International highlights irregularities in PCB's award of PSL broadcasting rights

By Our Correspondent
January 17, 2022

ISLAMABAD: Transparency International (TI) has accused Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) of several irregularities in the bidding process that gave broadcasting rights of Pakistan Super League (PSL).




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PD organisations required to follow PPRA rule-47

Mushtaq Ghumman Published August 8, 2022

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ISLAMABAD: Transparency International-Pakistan (TI-P) has urged the Power Division to direct all its attached organisations to follow PPRA rule-47 and provide its procurement documents to PPRA for evaluation.

In a letter to Secretary Power Division, TI-P's Chairperson, Ms. Yasmeen Lari and Vice Chairperson, Justice, Nasira Iqbal (retired) referred to two different communications of PPRA, in which different entities have been directed to follow PPRA rules.



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

Sep 02, 2022
RECORDER REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Transparency 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, Shehbaz Sharif, signed by TI-P, Chairperson Yasmeen Lari and Vice Chair Justice Nasira Iqbal (retired) said that TI-P has



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

Recorder Report Published September 7, 2022



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.

ENHANCED AWARENESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHT TO INFORMATION LAWS IN PAKISTAN

CAPACITY BUILDING OF CITIZENS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Workshop on Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013

On 28th February 2022, Transparency International Pakistan arranged a workshop in Shadipur, Lahore with an aim to educate the citizens particularly women about Access to Information laws in Pakistan and how citizens can use RTI laws to play an active role in combating corruption. At the end of the workshop, the participants wrote RTI applications to different departments of the Govt of Punjab.

Capacity Building of Journalists for use of RTI Laws

On 24th May 2022, Transparency International Pakistan organized one day training workshop for journalists on the use of Right to Information laws. The aim of the workshop was to enhance the capacity of journalists on the use of access to information laws as social accountability tool for investigative journalism.

Ensuring Participation, Accountability and Good Governance through RTI

On the occasion of International Day for Universal Access to Information, celebrated on 28th September every year, TI Pakistan in collaboration with its partner organizations organized four RTI workshops in Kalat, Balochistan, Kamaliya, Punjab, Shangla, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Tando Allahyar, Sindh. The objective of these workshops is to empower citizens to hold government accountable through filling RTI requests and demand various type of public information. Participants used the skills gained from these workshops to file RTI requests seeking information from different government departments which has directly contributed towards improved demand side for effective implementation of RTI laws in Pakistan.





WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AWARENESS OF THEIR RIGHTS

Gender & Corruption: Women Empowerment for the Fight against Corruption

On 23 February 2022, Transparency International Pakistan organized a seminar in Chinna Arla, District Qasoor, Punjab on Gender & Corruption: Women Empowerment for the Fight against Corruption. The objective of the session was to aware women participants on how various forms of corruption and corrupt practices usurp women rights and hinder women empowerment despite many women supported laws.

Different speaker shed light on Gender Discrimination prevalent in the society and the ways women can raise voice for their rights.



GENDER EQUALITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Workshop/Seminar: "Gender Equality today for a Sustainable Tomorrow"

In the wake of International Women Day 2022, Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with City Institute of Image Management, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, organized a seminar on the theme of International Women's Day, 8 March, 2022: "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow". The event was attended by number of female participants who shared their opinions and highlighted the challenges faced by women on daily basis in Pakistan.





WOMEN'S ROLE IN DIGITAL ERA

Seminar: Importance of Cyber Security and Women's Role in Digital Era

Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with different corporate and social sector organizations organized a seminar on "Importance of Cyber Security and Women's Role in Digital Era" on 19th March 2022 at Karachi School of Business and Leadership (KSSL).

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.

Transparency International Pakistan highlighted that women empowerment is a cornerstone of TI's work because you can't really promote anti-corruption in the public sector and business integrity in the private sector without involving those who constitute more than 50% of Pakistan's population i.e. women (51%). Mr. Kashif Ali Shaikh, Program Manager TI Pakistan, emphasized that it is important that we understand that Business integrity goes well beyond anti-corruption compliance, and touches upon diversity, inclusion and gender equality.



He shared that research shows that the "Phenomenon like discrimination, gender pay gap, exclusion from business opportunities, and other types of harassment are all examples of integrity flaws" which affect both the credibility of the company and the internal environment in which the employees work.

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 Campaign. As part 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 four 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.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO THE VICTIMS AND WITNESSES OF CORRUPTION

MOBILE ADVOCACY AND LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE (ALAC)

District Faisalabad, Punjab

On 26th February 2022, Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with Human Freedom Organization organized a free Mobile Legal Advice Camp at District Faisalabad, Punjab. 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.

A total of 40 citizens visited the camp including 4 females to receive free legal advice to seek redress for their problems. A total of 35 complaints were registered. Advocate Punjab High Court Mr. Raheel Minhaas, Advocate Tahir Vaseer, and Advocate Ali Furqan Haidri and Mr. Ashfaque Ahmed, Project Coordinator TI Pakistan provided free legal advice to the complainants.

Most of the complaints pertained to problems relating to sewerage system, online fraud, unavailability of public parks and public libraries, shortage of doctors in public hospitals, property disputes, a kidnapping case, and the violation of women rights.

TI Pakistan took up citizens' complaints with the authorities to seek redress for citizens' grievances. The session was also covered in local newspapers.



District Buner, Balochistan

On June 07, 2022, Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with Rural Development Organization organized a free legal advice camp, Mobile ALAC in Village Nawkalay, UC Karapa Tehsil Daggar, District Buner, Balochistan. The objective of the camp was to provide free legal advice to the victims and witnesses of corruption, collect applications and give awareness to general public at the grassroots level.



LOCALIZATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

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

District Mirpurkhas & Matiari, Sindh and District Vehari, Punjab

International Youth Day is celebrated every year on August 12 to promote and appreciate youth, and to encourage them to come forward for sustainable development. In this context, Transparency international Pakistan on International Youth Day 2022 arranged series of workshops on the role of youth in implementing the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

The workshops emphasized that youth is more than 60% of Pakistan's population, and the young people have an important role to play in solving Pakistan's socio-economic and development problems including achieving sustainable development goals.



CAPACITY BUILDING OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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 Sindh province. The capacity building trainings have helped local government representatives, candidates contesting local government election in Sindh, about their roles and responsibilities in addressing citizens' 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.



INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY 2022

UNITING THE WORLD AGAINST CORRUPTION

International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) 2022

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.

On IACD 2022, TI Pakistan arranged walks and seminars in 12 districts across four provinces of Pakistan in which people from Government officials, civil servants, law enforcement officers, media representatives, the private sector, civil society, academia, the public and youth participated in tackling corruption. A total of 512 citizens participated in these events including 94 females.

District Surab, Balochistan



District Vehari, Punjab



District Bhawalnagar Punjab



District Multan, Punjab



District Tando Allahaar, Sindh



District Hyderabad, Sindh



District Chitral, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



District Sukkur, Sindh



District Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



District Buner, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



Media Coverage of IACD 2022



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