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Executive Summary

2021 was an engaging year for TI Pakistan. Even though there were some covid restrictions in place at the beginning of the year, TI Pakistan managed to organize webinars and a large number of physical activities, awareness and training workshops, and released research reports, and surveys. People, including women, young people, and other vulnerable groups, actively engaged in anti-corruption efforts and took measures in response to initiatives taken by Transparency International Pakistan (TI Pakistan). We along with our partners implemented outreach and awareness activities at the national and subnational level.

The beginning of the year marked with the release of Corruption Perception Index (CPI) by Transparency International. Pakistan's score lowered to 28/100 in 2021 and rank to 140/180.

In 2021, a total of 3366 citizens participated in 29 physical and 6 online activities including Mobile ALAC, Workshops, Webinars, Community Gatherings, Seminar, and Walks organized by TI Pakistan. More than 130 persons, including women, submitted RTI applications to various government offices as a direct result of the RTI work that TI Pakistan initiated. Throughout the year, TI Pakistan organized 6 RTI training sessions. Around 200 individuals from different areas attended RTI workshops and increased their awareness about the law and its use. Due to the consistent efforts of TI Pakistan and civil society organizations, the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan had passed the improved version of RTI law in Balochistan titled "Balochistan Right To Information Act 2021" on 29th March 2021 incorporating various recommendations provided by TI Pakistan.

TI Pakistan also organized free legal advice camps which provided free legal advice. These camps were held in collaboration with partner organizations working in communities. The free advice was also given to the people who contacted ALAC center at TI Pakistan's office. Around 200 victims and witnesses of corruption contacted TI Pakistan through these channels and received free legal advice.

TI Pakistan is working on youth empowerment and believes that without the involvement of youth of Pakistan desired anti-corruption results cannot be achieved. Number of activities were designed which focused on enhancing youth leadership and awareness. During 2021, 260 students including 120 females increased their awareness about corruption and social accountability through a webinar, youth empowerment workshop and a debate competition organized on the topics of Role of youth in the fight against corruption.

In 2021, TI Pakistan continued to take complaints pertaining to violation of procurement rules. A total of 150 complaints identifying instances of corruption and violation of laws against different government departments were registered and sent to the authorities. TI Pakistan also observed tender opening process at Trading Corporation of Pakistan. It is because of the advocacy of TI Pakistan, the private import of Covid-19 vaccine for commercial sale was restricted.

After a gap of 10 years, in December 2021, Transparency International Pakistan released National Corruption Perception Survey (NCPS) 2021 report. The report received massive coverage in press, electronic and social media. The report will help the government to reconsider their policies for the benefits of the people of Pakistan, and its strategy to uproot the corruption. 02 Citizen Report Card studies were conducted analyzing citizens' experience about public services.

This year, TI Pakistan celebrated International Anti-Corruption Day, and joined hands with civil society organizations and government stakeholders to sensitize citizens on the detrimental effects of corruption

and the role citizens, youth and women can play in the fight against corruption. TI Pakistan arranged seminars, walks and debate competitions in 13 districts across four provinces of Pakistan. Walks and seminars were arranged in Mirpurkhas, Matiari and Larkana, districts in Sindh province; DG Khan, Chiniot and TT Singh districts in Punjab province; Mardan, Swat and Buner districts in KP province; Kalat, Quetta and Jaffarabad districts in Balochistan province. A total of 582 citizens participated in these events including 110 females.

Transparency International (TI) Pakistan will keep working as an anti-corruption agent, raising awareness among the public about the need for a shift in attitude and conduct, and pushing for stronger legislation and government action.

SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Community Dialogues: Challenges Faced by Community during COVID-19

Transparency International Pakistan arranged Community dialogues in two districts; CHK 323 T Chobara and in Tehsil Athara Hazari CHK.399 on 29 March 2021 and 31 March 2021 respectively. The purpose of these gathering was to share COVID experiences and challenges faced by the community during COVID-19. In Tehsil Chobara a total of 30 male participants participated from local village. The speakers were Mr. Muhammad Ashraf, Ex-village councilor; Mr. Shafqat Rasool, a businessman; Mr. Mudasir Ahmed, a schoolteacher; and Mr. Mohsin Ahmed, a social worker, and moderated by TI-Pakistan representative, Mr. Ashfaque Ahmed. People shared different viewpoints, on how devastating the pandemic occurred for the education sector. One participant demanded government to restore old, elected members of the local government during pandemic so that they could work with communities and give awareness. In the end, Transparency International Pakistan's efforts were appreciated for imparting awareness and providing platform where local villagers could share their experiences.



The other community dialogue took place in Tehsil Athara Hazari CHK.399 on 31 March 2021 with female community of the local village. The speaker was Ms. Rubina, a private school teacher; and Ms. Afshan, social worker along with 16 female participants and was moderated by TI Pakistan representative, Mr. Ashfaque

Ahmed. It was discussed how children were disconnected from learning during COVID and were not even accustomed to online education. Ms. Kulsoom, who has been working for women economic empowerment, highlighted that women entrepreneur worked on small home businesses during this economic slowdown to support their families. Moreover, It was also discussed how women were unable to visit hospitals due to COVID fear, while private hospitals charges were exorbitant.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world

On International Women Day, TI-Pakistan organized a webinar on the topic: "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world" which was also the theme for this year. It celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The participants who were mostly women appreciated other women stand at the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis, as health care workers, caregivers, innovators, community organizers and in some cases as most exemplary and effective national leaders in combating the pandemic.



Teshil Burewala: In the wake of International Women Day, on March 10, 2021, TI-Pakistan organized a community dialogue in Teshil Burewala, District Vehari Punjab on “Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world”. 31 female participants and women speakers, associated with different segments of society, gathered and discussed several issues that women had to go through during pandemic.



Several incidents were reported, such as, how difficult it was for the female staff to earn their bread and butter since they did not receive any pay during lockdown. Moreover, incidents of children’s misconduct and mischief increased as they did not attend school, in addition to learning loss. When schools resumed, they also faced suffocation problems due to masks. Similarly, women entrepreneurs who lost their business during pandemic demanded government support, while, an Ex-Local Government councilor pointed out that in the absence of local government system, government aid should be fully disbursed among deserving people.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE CAMPS

On March 4, 2021, Transparency International Pakistan organized a free legal advice camp (Mobile ALAC) in Tehsil Matli, District Badinin collaboration with HAPE Development Foundation Badin. During the session a total of 30 complaints were gathered, in which male submitted 28 complaints while 02 were submitted by females. Most of the complaints were about poor or no drainage system, unavailability of medicines in government run hospitals, substandard quality of roads, and about ghost

school. Legal Advisor (Advocate) Mr. Muhammad Fayyaz provided free legal advice to 28 victims and witnesses of corruption. The session was covered by local print and electronic media.

As 4th quarter reaches to its end, Transparency International Pakistan organized a Mobile Legal Advice Camp at TMA Hall, District Bahawalnagar, Punjab on 13th December 2021. 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 prominent political and social personalities of Bahawalnagar District including Ulema, Minority Leaders and Trade Unions participated in the legal advice camp. Citizens from different tehsils of the district Bahawalnagar attended the camp to discuss their problems with the lawyers. A total of 55 citizens visited the Mobile Legal Advice Camp including 10 females and 45 males. A total of 25 complaints were received related to Health, Education, Land Administration and Local Government. The complainants were given free legal advice by the professional lawyers present at the Mobile Legal Advice Camp.

TI Pakistan will take up citizens' complaints with the authorities to seek redress for the governance problems affecting daily lives of the people.



POLICY ADVOCACY

Demystifying Amendments to SBP Act 1956

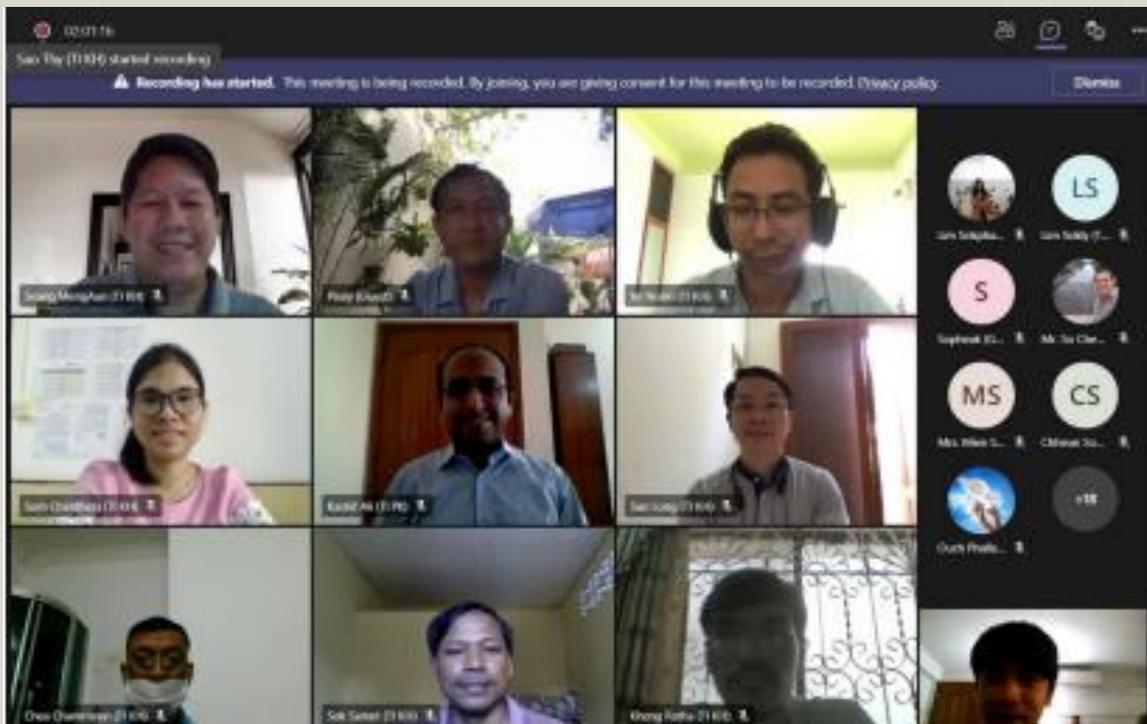
On April 5, 2021, Transparency International Pakistan, along with Independent Economists and Policy Practitioners Forum jointly organized a webinar on The Autonomy for SBP: Demystifying Amendments to SBP Act 1956, to discuss the proposed amendments to the State Bank of Pakistan Act 1956 and its implications for Pakistan. The speakers included among others Prof Dr. Shahida Wizarat Dean Institute of Business Management and President Independent Economist and Policy Practitioners, Dr. Arshad Zaman former Chief Economist, Government of Pakistan, Syed Adil Gilani, MD TI Pakistan and participants from different sectors and moderated by Mr. Kashif Ali, Program Manager, TI Pakistan. The webinar deliberated on the questions on the implications of the proposed amendments on the economic stability, economic growth and more importantly accountability of the Central Bank.

Strengthening CSOs Capacity on Sustainable Development Goal 16

On 24 June 2021, TI Pakistan successfully organized a Webinar on “Strengthening CSOs Capacity on Sustainable Development Goal 16”. Mr. Kashif Ali, Program Manager – TI Pakistan, gave a presentation on the “Role of CSOs in the implementation of SDG 16” and explained that civil society groups strongly advocated for an ambitious and holistic agenda covering a wide set of objectives across social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. Then, Mr. Ashfaque Ahmed, Project Coordinator – TI Pakistan gave a detailed presentation on the Progress towards SDG 16.10 which is “Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedom”. Mr. Raza Ali, Executive Director Peace & Justice Network, talked about “Evaluating SDG 16 Implementation Post-Pandemic Civil Society Advocacy Strategy – Lessons Learned”, he informed that the pandemic impacted the progress of every target in SDG 16. Towards the end, the webinar was open for general discussion in which participants including Mr. Kashif Siddique from CARD Foundation and Mr. Anwar Mehar from NARI Foundation shared their views as to how civil society can collaborate and work for the implementation of SDG targets.

Knowledge Exchange Webinar

On July 30, 2021, Transparency International Pakistan representative Mr. Kashif Ali, Program Manager, participated in an exchange webinar organized by Transparency International Cambodia. TI Cambodia staff attended the webinar where Mr.- Kashif Ali spoke about the work of TI Pakistan particularly its advocacy work during Covid-19 pandemic as well as the corruption reporting mechanism and success stories.



CITIZEN REPORT CARD STUDY

From 29 March to 1st April 2021, Transparency International Pakistan conducted a Citizen Report Card Study focusing on the education sector in district Layyah and district Jhang. The objective of the research is to take citizens' feedback to analyze the impact of various government COVID-19 related decisions (such as the lock down, closure of schools, online education, and implementation of SOPs) on education particularly at primary and secondary level. The data was taken from 400 respondents from Tehsil Chobara, Tehsil Layyah, Tehsil Athara Hazari, Tehsil Ahmed Pur Sial and Tehsil Jhang by experienced enumerators who were thoroughly briefed about the scope and objectives of the survey before the data collection.



NATIONAL CORRUPTION PERCEPTION SURVEY 2021

The NCPS 2021 comprised the perception of levels and frequency of corruption faced by common Pakistanis on a daily basis. Similar to NCPS 2011, the comparison of performance in combating corruption and controlling inflation between present and previous federal governments has been more detailed this time, as the respondents in each province were asked to give his/her opinion about the government's performance.

National Corruption Perception Survey 2021 revealed that police remains the most corrupt sector, Judiciary was seen as 2nd most corrupt, Tendering and Contracting 3rd most corrupt while Health climbed to become 4th most corrupt since the last NCPS 2011.

NCPS Comparative Analysis

2021 Ranking	2011 Ranking	2010 Ranking	2009 Ranking	2006 Ranking	2002 Ranking
1. Police	Land Administration	Police	Police	Police	Police
2. Judiciary	Police	Power	Power	Power	Power
3. Tender and Contracting	Taxation	Land Administration	Health	Judiciary	Taxation
4. Health	Judiciary	Education	Land Administration	Land Administration	Judiciary
5. Land Administration	Power	Local Government	Education	Taxation	Custom
6. Local Government	Tender & Contracting	Judiciary	Taxation	Custom	Health
7. Education	Customs	Health	Judiciary	Health	Land Administration
8. Taxation	Health	Taxation	Local Govt.	Education	Education
9. NGOs	Military	Custom	Custom	Railway	Railway

STRENGTHENING DEMAND SIDE FOR RTI IMPLEMENTATION IN PAKISTAN

CSOs Provincial Coordination Meeting for Enhanced Awareness and Implementation of Right to Information Laws in Sindh

27 May 2021, Transparency International Pakistan organized CSOs Provincial Coordination Meeting for Enhanced Awareness and Implementation of Right to Information Laws in Sindh to discuss the current situation of RTI law in the province and to coordinate with civil society organizations on how to play a prime role in the effective implementation of the law. Participants discussed the role of Public Information Officers and Information Commission, and the procedure of getting information according to the law. Citizens received information on how they can proceed with their complaints to Information Commission in instances where information is not being provided. In the end, a total of 25 RTI applications were sent to various public bodies including Commissioner Sukkur, Deputy Commissioner Sukkur, Education Department, Municipal Corporation, Public Health Engineering, and Administrator Sukkur to seek relevant information under the RTI law. Q&A session was also held at the end of the workshop.



On 30 May 2021, Transparency International Pakistan organized a CSOs Provincial Coordination Meeting for Enhanced Awareness and Implementation of Right to Information Laws in Toba Tek Singh, Punjab. The representatives from the following CSOs attended the meeting: Aman Welfare Association Sindlia Wali, Pir Mehal Development Council Pir Mehal, Iqbal Eagle Foundation Pir Mehal, Peace and Environmental Cooperation Circle Pakistan, Holy Human Development Organization, and Social Welfare Society. The meeting took place in strict compliance to the COVID-19 SOP's.

Mr. Nasir Saleemi from Social Welfare Society gave a detailed presentation Punjab RTI Laws. After that the participants discussed the challenges faced by the civil society in the implementation of the law such as lack of knowledge among the citizens and public officials, attitude of government departments for not sharing their information, the role of Information Commission and inefficiency in the implementation of proactive disclosure. Towards the end, the participants identified governance related issues and wrote applications to different departments which will be sent by Transparency International Pakistan and the partner organization after review.

On 11 June 2021, Transparency International Pakistan organized a CSOs Provincial Coordination Meeting for Enhanced Awareness and Implementation of Right to Information Laws in Baluchistan. The Government of Balochistan has recently enacted Balochistan Right to Information Act 2021. So, it is

important for stakeholders to know salient features of the law. In this regard, the participants were briefed on various sections of the law including definition of act, maintenance and indexing of records, publication and availability of records, process for requesting of information, assistance to applicants, and offences.



The presentations were followed by a detailed Q&A session in which the participants asked various questions regarding the revised Balochistan RTI law from the speakers. They also deliberated upon a collective advocacy by members of the civil society for the implementation of RTI law in Baluchistan.

SUCCESS STORY

The Power of Being Informed

Armed with the right information about how their countries are run, people can expose and prevent corruption, and make fact-based decisions about their lives. When Zahida Bibi's oldest daughter, Sumera, asked if she could join a beautician's course at a state-run vocational training institute, Zahida didn't know how to respond. She wanted the best for her daughter and welcomed Sumera's wish to help support the family. But she knew nothing about the institute, whether it was safe for girls and how studying there might help Sumera. The family lives in Pakistan's Punjab region, sharing a mud-brick house in a remote village in Tehsil Pir Mehal. To support her husband with disabilities and five children, Zahida carries out domestic work in several households. A daughter with vocational skills could provide an urgently needed boost to the family income, hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. But Zahida needed to know more before she could allow Sumera to take a big step and attend the college.

Fortunately for the family, in May 2021, Transparency International Pakistan had organised a right to information (RTI) workshop in their village. The event was part of a campaign to raise awareness of Punjab's RTI law. It showed people how to submit requests to obtain information from public bodies. Women were encouraged to attend, so Zahida went along. Laws like the Punjab RTI law enable civil society, the media, business and ordinary people to request and receive information on how their country is run in a wide range of areas, including public contracting, service delivery, expenditure and exercise of authority. Access to such information is a human right, enabling people to make fact-based

decisions about how they interact with authorities and who they vote for, and to seek remedies for wrongdoing. RTI laws are an essential tool to engage and empower citizens to demand accountability from governments, fight corruption and develop trust in their institutions.

Law Awareness of the Right to Information; Globally, around 120 countries have RTI legislation. However, the quality of these laws varies. A strong RTI law prevails over all other legislation, prioritises the public interest, provides for proactive disclosure of information and requires refusal of information to be justified. A well-formulated law doesn't necessarily mean that the right to information is widely known and upheld. According to the Global Corruption Barometer (GCB) – Asia 2020, which surveyed more than 20,000 people in 17 nations about their day-to-day experiences of corruption, less than half of citizens (46 per cent) are aware of their right to request information from government agencies and institutions. Only 11 per cent of citizens had used this right to request official documents from their government in the previous 12 months. That's why Transparency International is working worldwide to promote RTI laws that meet international standards, are fully applied in practice and are used by people to hold their governments accountable.

Promoting openness and transparency Since 2016, Transparency International Pakistan has trained and helped almost 1,350 people in submitting RTI requests – over 30 per cent of them women. These cover subjects from development plans and support for people with disabilities, to budget allocation and expenditure. Thanks to the workshop Zahida attended, she knew how to find out more when Sumera asked to enrol in the institute. Armed with knowledge about her right to information, she filed an RTI application with the Vocational Training Institute Punjab.

Transparency International helps ensure that the detailed provisions of RTI laws are translated into meaningful tools for the public. Chapters inform people of their RTI rights, and train and support them to submit requests for information. Chapters' Advocacy and Legal Advice Centres (ALACs) are key to encouraging people to take action on RTI.

Workshop: The Right to Know – Building Back Better with Access to Information, Chiniot, Matiari and Quetta

Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with partner organizations organized awareness seminars on International Day for Universal Access to Information at Chiniot, Matiari and Quetta. The objective of the seminar was to raise awareness about the Right to Information law and enhance the capacity of civil society in using RTI laws. In line with the theme of 2021 International Day for Universal Access to Information, the crucial importance of Right to Information during the times of Covid-19 was emphasized. The seminars were attended by 90 participants representing individuals from different segments of life including the welfare Organizations, academia, social workers, journalists, government representatives and students.

The speakers discussed in detail Provincial Transparency and Right to Information laws. Participants were informed that RTI laws provide citizens the right to access facts and data concerning the exercise of authority by different departments of Government. It was highlighted that during Covid-19, RTI is the most crucial right that people have and it can be used to obtain information regarding the purchase of vaccines, testing kits, public procurement contracts, budgets, development plans etc. Participants were also informed about the procedure of filing RTI request and were encouraged to file RTI requests.



PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Training on Punjab Public Procurement Rules 2014

Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with Higher Education Department and Directorate of Public Instruction (Colleges), Punjab organized an online training for the staff working in the office of the Directors of Education (Colleges) in the 9 Division of the Punjab Higher Education Department, Govt. of the Punjab, Lahore. Mr. Syed Adil Gilani, Managing Director, TI Pakistan gave a detailed presentation on Punjab Procurement Rules 2014. He explained a brief history of procurement laws in the province and briefed the participants on Punjab PPRA Rules 2014. For the relevance and the benefit of the participants, he explained in detail the purchase process.

Mr. Gilani also highlighted the common mistakes committed by the procuring agencies while making purchases and mistakes committed in floating the tender advertisement. He also thoroughly explained the process of documentation with practical examples which were relevant for the staff from the Education Department.



STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Workshop: Local Government- A Key to Development and Effective Recovery from COVID -19

Transparency International Pakistan has successfully conducted a workshop on Local Government in collaboration with City Institute of Image Management, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC). The objective of the workshop was to discuss how instrumental the local government is in dealing with the challenge of COVID-19 Pandemic at the grassroots level.

The meeting was attended by 25 local government representatives including 9 females and 16 males. The session was also attended by two female MPAs from ruling and opposition parties who had also served as local city councilors in the past

Mr. Kashif Ali Shaikh, Program Manager TI Pakistan gave a detailed presentation on the 'IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DURING COVID-19'. He first discussed the role of TI Pakistan during Covid-19 crises, and highlighted the importance of Local Governments Action during the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response. He shared best practices from Asia Pacific on the key areas in which Local Government has played frontline role during Covid-19 crisis such as managing workforce and communication, providing reliable information to the public on Covid-19, and at the same time gathering data on affected citizens and/or possible carriers.

Thereafter, Mr. Ashfaque Ahmed, Program Coordinator TI Pakistan gave a detailed presentation on Sindh Local Government Act 2013. He discussed social accountability tools such as RTI, and Citizen Report Card Study which local government representatives can use to enhance citizen participation in the local government. He also discussed the effective role of local government in dealing the challenges at grassroot level and how local governments can generate fund and allocate resources at the local level in solving local problems. During the open discussion, local government representatives highlighted the important role they have been playing during Covid-19 and the challenges encountered by them. Participants agreed that an effective local government is the essence of democracy and must be empowered more for effective service delivery in the province.

At the end of the session, plaques were given to the guests and certificates were distributed among the participants



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Good Governance and Youth Leadership: A webinar was organized on Good Governance and Youth Leadership on 15 June 2021, which was attended by 25 civil society members together with general citizens. Mr. Kashif Ali, Program Manager TI Pakistan discussed the importance of youth and their role in building the society with democratic values while Mr. Ashfaque, Project Coordinator talked over the significance of access to information for youth.

After the presentations, it was discussed that such awareness should also be disseminated amongst rural areas where there is hopelessness due to COVID condition. Participants also highlighted youth unemployment as key issue in these localities. Towards the end, TI Pakistan appreciated the active participation of youth and on their recommendations. It was highlighted that TI Pakistan will continue this endeavor with youth through various platforms with an aim to hear their voice and collectively draft recommendations for enhancing the role of youth in the decision making.



Webinar on “Youth Policy Dialogue with Policy Makers

International Youth Day is commemorated every year on 12th August. This year, Transparency International Pakistan organized a fascinating discussion on the role of ethics in politics and how can the youth influence, create, or change public policy decisions on August 12th, 2021 via Microsoft Teams. Around 70 participants attended the event including students from different universities, civil society and youth networks of different political parties.



TI Pakistan was able to invite representatives of different political parties to offer their perspective on the complex yet intriguing relationship between ethics and politics and what opportunities different political parties and leadership aspire to provide for the youth of Pakistan. Eng Firdous Shamim Naqvi, Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) Sindh represented Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf, Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Member National Assembly (MNA) represented Pakistan Muslim League (N), Syed Waqas Anjum Jaferi, Deputy Secretary JI and Ex Nazim-e-Ala Jamiat-e-Talaba, represented Jamaat-i-Islami Pakistan and Nayab Javed Laghari, President Provincial PPP Youth wing and Special Assistant to CM Sindh represented Pakistan People's Party.

It was also highlighted that Youth in Pakistan are aware of and surrounded by corrupt practices from a very early age, and how young people are taught to respond to corrupt practices, lack of transparency, accountability and integrity plays a vital role in determining their future behaviour and the democratic culture of the society as a whole. With a large and growing percentage of the population in Pakistan under the age of 30, engaging young people around democratic values and process is essential for long-term democratic stability and anti-corruption efforts in Pakistan. The webinar also provided an opportunity to the young people to have an interaction with the representatives of different political parties. The participants asked questions as to what opportunities political leaders and parties seek to provide for them. The event ended with many young participants expressing their opinions and sharing the challenges youth faces in Pakistan.

Workshop on raising awareness about the rights and responsibilities among the citizens towards building a better society

Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with The Heritage Foundation of organized a workshop on raising awareness about the rights and responsibilities among the citizens towards building a better society. The workshop took place on October 14, 2021 between 11am – 12.30 pm at the historic Denso Hall. The Heritage Foundation of Pakistan has taken an initiative, recently, to build a beautiful lane, known as the 'Denso Hall Rahguzar Landscaped Walking Street', through its citizen led initiative to protect and preserve heritage in Karachi.

The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for youth and general citizens to learn about the social accountability tools to build a society which is inclusive and accountable. The workshop was attended by the students representing different universities of Karachi, civil society members and general citizens. Around 70 participants attended the workshop, which included 30 females.

Transparency International defines corruption as the abuse of entrusted power for private gain which eventually hurts everyone who depends on the integrity of people in a position of authority.

Moving on, a detailed presentation on the importance of barefoot social architecture and zero carbon methodologies by Ms. Yasmeen Lari, CEO Heritage Foundation of Pakistan and the Chairperson Transparency International Pakistan. She shared that she took an initiative to pedestrianize Rahguzar Street and convert it into a landscaped walking street with an aim to preserve and protect Karachi's rich heritage. Furthermore she added that the tiles used in this pedestrianization are made in Makli, Thatta by the women in Makli who used to be beggars in the street before. These women were trained

by The Heritage Foundation of Pakistan to not only enhanced the capacity of these women but also provided them avenue for income generation.

Moving on, Mr. Avinash Advani, project specialist SABAQ Pakistan emphasized on the female literacy. He shared that his organization has piloted a project to provide digital literacy in selected schools in Sindh where they have provided tablets to the female students. He shared that their intervention shows significant improvement in literacy skills among females.

Mr. Gilani also highlighted the common mistakes committed by the procuring agencies while making purchases and mistakes committed in floating the tender advertisement and thoroughly explained the process of documentation with practical examples which were relevant for the staff from the Education Department.

Next, Advocate S.M. Ali Jaferi discussed in detail Sindh Transparency and Right to Information law 2017. He discussed the role of Public Information Officers and Information Commission, and the procedure of getting information according to the law.

Afterwards, Mr. Aqeel Karim Dhedhi, Chairman AKD Group delivered remarks. He applauded The Heritage Foundation of Pakistan for its work to build Raguzar Street at Denso Hall and preserve and protect rich history of Karachi. It was added that Transparency International Pakistan has an important role in fighting corruption in Pakistan and appreciated the efforts of TI Pakistan in gathering youth, students and the civil society members for capacity building. He showed his willingness to support and play his part in such initiatives by students and civil society in the future. Thereafter, certificates were given to the students by the guest of honor, thereafter.

In the end, Mr. Syed Adil Gilani, Managing Director TI Pakistan delivered closing remarks. He thanked the students, civil society and citizens for their participation and the speakers for their presentations. He hoped that the participants had found the workshop worthwhile and hoped that they will use the skills gained from the workshop to play their part in creating an inclusive and accountable society.



WALKS AND AWARENESS SEMINARS

All Karachi Bilingual Declamation Contest

To mark International Anti-Corruption Day 2021, Transparency International Pakistan joined hands with Office of Student Affairs, University of Karachi to organize All Karachi Bilingual Declamation Contest on the theme of “Your right, your role: Say no to Corruption”. The objective of the declamation contest was to raise awareness among the youth on the important role they can play in the fight against corruption.

36 student teams from 18 universities and colleges across Karachi participated in the declamation contest which was held at Arts Auditorium, University of Karachi. The event was attended by around 120 participants. Following universities participated in the debate competition: DHA Suffa, Dow College of Pharmacy, Al Beruni College, Jamia Suffa, Jinnah Sindh Medical University, NED University, Dow Medical College, Jamia Tur Rasheed, Karachi Institute of Management, Sindh Madrassa Tul Islam University, Jamia Tul Anwar, Sir Syed Govt Girls College, Tabanis School of Accountancy, Institute of Business Administration, Defence College for Women, JSMU Institute of Pharmacy and Bahria College Karsaz.

Students delivered excellent content and powerful oratory on how corruption affects people and proposed recommendations for the policy makers on the need for anti-corruption reforms in Pakistan to enable Pakistan to emerge as a prosperous nation. The debates were followed by the feedback and critique provided by the judges in respective categories

TI Pakistan representative, Mr. Kashif Ali joined the event and explained in detail the importance of International Anti-Corruption Day as a source of consciousness among the citizens on the need to engage in the fight against corruption. He highlighted that engaging youth is essential for success in curbing corruption as youth represent a majority portion of Pakistan’s population and are generally more open to social change and political transformation, since they may have less interest in maintaining the status quo.

The concluding remarks were delivered by Ms. Shumaila Samad Khan, Lecturer University of Karachi. She thanked Transparency International Pakistan for the support and collaboration in organizing ‘All Karachi Bilingual Declamation Contest’. At the end, trophies were distributed among the winning individual and winning teams and certificates were given to the participants.



INTERNATIO AL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY 2021

In line with United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), December 9 is observed globally as International Anti-Corruption Day. IACD aims to raise awareness of corruption and the role of the convention in combating and preventing it. Each year on international anti-corruption day, Transparency International Pakistan being a leading player in the fight against corruption in Pakistan, joins hands with different stakeholders, to raise consciousness of corruption and the need for strong anti-corruption laws to make Pakistan corruption free country.

The 2021 International Anti-Corruption Day theme is “Your right, your role: Say no to corruption”. It seeks to highlight the rights and responsibilities of everyone – including States, Government officials, civil servants, law enforcement officers, media representatives, the private sector, civil society, academia, the public and youth – in tackling corruption.

This year, TI Pakistan joined hands with civil society organizations and government stakeholders to sensitize citizens on the detrimental effects of corruption and the role citizens, youth and women can play in the fight against corruption. In collaboration with different stakeholders, TI Pakistan arranged seminars, walks and debate competitions in 13 districts across four provinces of Pakistan. Walks and seminars were arranged in Mirpurkhas, Matiari and Larkana, districts in Sindh province; DG Khan, Chiniot and TT Singh districts in Punjab province; Mardan, Swat and Buner districts in KP province; Kalat, Quetta and Jaffarabad districts in Balochistan province. A total of 582 citizens participated in these events including 110 females.

Speech competition was organized in district Chiniot, Punjab where students from various schools and colleges participated.

During all these events, citizens highlighted the factors contributing towards corruption in Pakistan and also pointed out the disastrous effects of corruption. Citizens urged the government to take strict action against corrupt individuals. It was highlighted that it is the responsibility of every individual whether in government, academia, law enforcement, or the public and youth to play their part in tackling corruption. The key findings of the recently released National Corruption Perception Survey 2021 were also discussed during different events.

