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Email: ti.pakistan@gmail.comWebsite: www.transparency.org.pk**Transparency****International Pakistan**Plot 72F/2, 1st Floor, 9th Street, Jami Commercial,
DHA Phase 7, Karachi**Embargoed till 1:00 am Wednesday 8th December 2021****Transparency International Pakistan has released National Corruption Perception Survey 2021**

Karachi, Wednesday 8th December 2021: In the last 20 years, Transparency International has conducted National Corruption Perception Surveys five times: NCPS 2002, NCPS 2006, NCPS 2009, NCPS 2010 and 2011.

In 2021, TI Pakistan has conducted National Corruption Perception Survey 2021 in all four provinces. The survey was held from 14 October 2021 to 27 October 2021.

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

The key findings are,

1. National Corruption Perception Survey 2021 has revealed that police remains the most corrupt sector, Judiciary was seen as 2nd most corrupt, Tendering and Contracting 3rd most corrupt while Health has climbed to become 4th most corrupt since the last NCPS 2011. According to Judicial Statistics of Pakistan 2020 report by National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee, there are 46,698 cases pending in Supreme Court and 1,772,990 cases pending in District Judiciary.¹
2. Vast majority 85.9% of people considered Federal government's self-accountability to be unsatisfactory.
3. Pakistanis continued to believe that the corruption in government sector is high. Police (41.4%), Judiciary (17.4%) and Contracting/Tendering (10.3%) according to the citizens are three most corrupt sectors, while contracts of roads (59.8%), cleanliness and garbage collection (13.8%), access to water (13.3%) and drainage system (13.1%) top the list of public services for which to have access people have to pay bribes.
4. Three most important causes of corruption, according to NCPS 2021 are Weak Accountability (51.9%), Greed of Powerful People (29.3%) and Low salaries (18.8%).

¹ Judicial Statistics of Pakistan 2020, National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee, Law & Justice Commission of Pakistan

5. As measures to reduce corruption, 40.1% Pakistanis say increase/stringent punishments for corruption cases, 34.6% Pakistanis say accountability of public officers by expediting NAB's handling of corruption cases, and 25.3% say complete ban on those convicted in corruption from holding public office, are key to combat corruption in Pakistan.
6. The survey also sheds a light on local government and how its presence could have helped Pakistan establish a firmer grip on the situation arising out of Covid-19.
7. About 47.8% of Pakistanis considered that if local government elected representatives were in place, Covid-19 public awareness campaigns could have been launched in an effective manner.
8. Large population of Pakistanis (72.8%) who believe that public sector corruption at the grassroots levels has increased due to the absence of local government.
9. 89.1% of Pakistanis have said that they did not pay any bribe to any government official during the federal government's Covid-19 relief efforts for the deserving citizens.
10. A significant population (81.4%) has declined that they willingly pay bribe and likewise it was a clear perception that bribes are rather extorted from the public through tactics such inaction or delay, in the provision of public services.
11. Compared to the three federal governments, majority of Pakistanis (92.9%) consider inflation and price hike to be highest in the current PTI government (2018-2021), compared to 4.6 % in PML N government (2013-2018) and 2.5% in PPP government (2008-2013).
12. This coincides with 85.9% Pakistanis who say that their income levels have rather squeezed and decreased during the last three years.
13. The main reasons citizen's accord to the rising inflation and unemployment are: Government Incompetence (50.6%), Corruption (23.3%), Undue Interference of Politicians in government affairs (9.6%) and Lack of implementation of policies (16.6%).
14. The majority Pakistanis (66.8%) say that the present government's accountability drive is partial.