

Essay on good governance and its different dimensions upon the deficiencies observed in the third World countries in general and Pakistan in particular. critically analyze the reasons there of viz a viz to west

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If sports can unite us, then good governance in politics can redeem us today (Wisdom VC Theerachio). These lines by 'wisdom VC Theerachio' clarifies that the distress and problems which we are facing today can only be overcome by good governance of a sincere leader in the country. because it is the good governance which makes the whole nation united as well as free from the debts or slavery of other countries and make it distinguishable and remarkable.

- e. The means of good governance is the process of decision making by which decisions are implemented or not implemented. The different principles of good governance include Participation, accountability, Equity and inclusiveness, Transparency, Rule of law, Consensus, Responsiveness.

However, there are many problems afflicted with the governance of third world countries including Pakistan. They are least ratio of literacy, No free and fair electoral process, rule of elitism and corruption, Weak accountability. Though these problems also leave longlasting impacts on these countries i.e. Ineffectiveness of government, Poverty and crimes/civil war. There are some suggestions to make some improvement in the situation. Some of them are 'Strengthen the institution of public accountability, high literacy rates, Rule of law and no one should be above the law. Good governance is the deliverance of the promise on human rights and it has many dimensions because the issue of governance is common in every country and no country is able to deliver the good governance in their country completely. However, by increasing the rates of literacy in the third world countries especially the system of public accountability can be strengthened like first world countries and good governance can be ensured there.

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one of the main aspects of good governance is to protect the human rights because the implementation of human rights relies on a conducive and enabling environment (United Nations) because it is only the good governance which can improve the state's capacity to fulfil its responsibility to provide public goods which in return is essential for the protection of a number of human rights such as rights to education, food and health (United Nations). In this era the main issues are with the human rights and the wars are conducted just for the protection of human rights which we see not in India, Palestine, Syria, Yemen etc. all these countries are not in good governance state because they are ready to give the minorities of the states their due rights so one of the main features of good governance is to protect the human rights and deliver them services which are due by governments.

The real means of good governance can be seen through the political and institutional processes and outcomes that are necessary to meet the needs of society because the people in today's era in some countries are even fulfilling their responsibilities but do not get the expected results from their government but even see instability in their governments. Good governance is an approach to government committed to creating a system that protect human rights and civil liberties. The good governance aim to minimize corruption, take into account the

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opinions of minorities, listen to the voices of oppressed people in the decision making process, and respond actively to the needs of the community now and in the future (United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific good governance, November 2021). Thus, it shows the good governance is the voice of oppressed and the protection of the rights of civilians.

one of the main principles of good governance is the participation (participatory government) because such governments are successful and prosperous in today's era in which there is seen no discrimination with the civilians and they are all allowed and encouraged to participate in the government. The only way to protect the rights of each and every community is the participation of all the community's representative in the country to discuss the issues with their leader about their community's rights. According to United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific is that one of the right principles of good governance is the participation in which without exception everyone has the right to freedom of association and expression. Thus the participatory govt is considered as the government with a feature of good governance.

The another principle of good governance is accountability and it is the answerability of one's own actions that he did during his tenure or in the mid of it because through their system of accountability, the deliverance of the duty is easily obtained or achieved. The accountability in the sector of the governance is a way to avoid the corrupt practices and kick backs which is a source of

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achieving great status and prosperity in the countries of nations. Promoting accountability is also important for corruption prevention and is one of the main purposes of United Nations Convention against corruption (Article 1 of UNCAC (United Nations Convention against Corruption)). Thus accountability is a principle of delivering good governance in a country.

Moreover, Equity and inclusiveness is a source of maintaining good governance in a country because it is a source of including everyone in the policy making by giving each and everyone or all and sundry equal opportunity to improve or maintain their well being. Through this principle no one in the society is left behind and it ends discrimination and conflicts in the society. According to Rawls's (1961) Principle of fairness, social and economic policy ought to satisfy two conditions: firstly that offices and positions are open to all under conditions of fair, equality of opportunity, and, secondly, that they provide the greatest benefit to the least-advantaged members of society (the difference principle).

Efficiency and effectiveness of a government is also an effective principle for ensuring good governance because for good governance every decision making process and its institutions must be able to produce decisions that meet every community's need. The governments whose governance are good, have easily meet the needs of their society's members. The main strategy of having effective and efficient governance is to relate to the functioning of the public sector focused on accountability and scrutiny. (Chermal Kefau, Good Governance enhance the efficiency and effectiveness public spending). Thus it shows that the Pareb efficiency and effectiveness of a government is a way to achieve good governance

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Transparency is the right and the means to examine the process of decision making is known as transparency. The transparency in the government is infusing the faith of people in the government. It is the source of giving access to seeking information. The government becomes accountable to the public. According to the article 10 of UNCAC, state parties should take necessary measures to enhance transparency in their public institutions for the free of relevant and easily accessible information to stakeholders in a manner that is understandable. This is the proof that through transparency governance will become good governance through public accountability.

One of the principles of good governance is the rule of law. It is the process, institution, practice, or norm that supports the equality of all citizens before the law. It restricts the arbitrary exercise of power by subordinating it to well-defined and established laws. It is the principle which shows that no power rule the government of the country except the power of the rule of law. It is the principle of governance in which all persons, institutions and entities, public and private, including the state itself, are accountable to laws that are publicly promulgated, equally enforced and independently adjudicated, and which are consistent with international human rights norms and standards (United Nations office on drugs and crime). The above statement clarifies that through rule of law but the rule of law in the country is a way to achieve good governance.

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in a government is a source of making it nicely governed because it is the source of taking into consideration different point of views of different groups of society i.e. often opposing groups. The different studies show that this is the most difficult principle and to arrive at compromise it demands the best interests of the whole community and the deliverance of those interest. (United Nation organization of drugs and crime). Thus the principle "consensus orientation" is the difficult one to run in the governance but is the one which guarantees the best governance in the country.

The last principle of the good governance is responsiveness. It is the principle in which the system should deliver the results of an operation to all the users i.e. stakeholders in a timely and organized manner. It is an effort that is made by a government agency to provide helpful services to the public. For ensuring the governance is good or not so it can be measured in terms of public official's ability to listen the demands and voice of citizens, easy access of complaints for service users and whom to contact with suggestions to change (Journal of legal & civil sciences, Assessment of Responsiveness and transparency). The above principle shows that the time period of the deliverance of services is very important for ensuring good governance.

The main issues that have been afflicted with the good governance of developing countries is the low literacy rates because education adds to the strength of the common man to raise its voice against the high ups.

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The literacy in a countries helps alot in forcing the upper classes on official seats to deliver the services. The current literacy rate of Pakistan is 58% against 80% of China (MTiaz Essa Halepoto, literacy rate, Aug 2020). This fact is the proof beares that the literacy rate is one of the problems Pakistan has afflicted with.

Additionally, elections are the essence of democracy which allows people to select their leader on their own will. To ensure the above statement and for elections to fulfil their critical function, they must be free and fair.

A free election is one which all citizens are able to vote for the candidate of their choice, and a fair election is one in which all votes have equal power and they are counted accurately. This is the thing which developing nations lack. Pakistan stands in 0.30 against 0.97 of Germany, Finland in free and fair electoral process. This clarifies that for bringing good governance the issue of the electoral process must be resolved first.

The another issue afflicted with or the cause of governance crises in third world countries is the corruption. The greed of money and desires are the main cause of corruption in these developing nations. The corruption is widespread and extends to every sector from government to judiciary, police, health service and education.

In the corruption perception index, countries are scored on a scale of 0 to 100 according to how honest their public sector are perceived to be; a high score indicates a perception of an honest public

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index, where the highest score of a country is 88 and the lowest is 11 (Corruption perception index 2021). This shows that how corrupt Pakistan is and this is obstacle in the way of achieving good governance.

One of the major issues afflicted with the developing countries are the transparency in debts because debts are useful tool for the development and growth of a country but if it is transparent and well managed. High public debt can inhibit private investment, increase fiscal pressure, reduce social spending, and limit governments' ability to implement reform. More than half of the IDA countries (International Development Association) today are in debt distress or at high risk of it (The World Bank). This manifests that the real problem of developing countries lies in their transparency in debt financing which is why they are under debt distress today.

One of the well known impacts of bad governance on a country is its bad economic growth because economy will automatically regress when the governance in the country is corrupt. And the different analysis shows government ineffectiveness and a lack of control on corruption have been linked to poor economic growth (International Journal of Arts and Commerce). Bad governance heavily impacts the per capita growth of a country (The Cato Journal). This states that the governance (bad) hampers

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economic growth of a country.

Thus, the another impact the bad governance leaves on that country is the poverty as the government are corrupts so they by coming into power will add up in their assets (personal which) deattracts the external investors and in results economy turns down. These practices are really impactful as the GDP growth recesses. According to a study a one-unit increase in corruption reduces GDP percent. by 0.15% to 1.5% which cause rise poverty in the country (Ninas Panagioti die, the impact of corruption on economic growth. 10, 2022). Thus the poverty is one of the impacts of bad governance.

In addition to the economic turndown the unstable politics is also one of the causes of governance crisis because if there will be bad governance there will always be economic crisis and it will create the restlessness among the masses of poor countries (third world countries). These conditions will not let the tenure of any PM or president accomplish on their seats. No Prime Minister in Pakistan has completed a full five year tenure in Pakistan's 75-year history - a trend extended with the ouster of Imran Khan who lost a vote of no-confidence (Syed Raza Hassan, Factbox: No Pakistani PM has completed a full tenure, April 2022). Though the above fact gives us the proof of this political instability due to governance crisis.

The solution to this bad governance in

Pakistan and Third World Countries is to strengthen the institute of public accountability. It is the answerability of one's deeds as taken from the public servant in the matter where the expense of public funds is involved. Accountability is that pillar of a state on which whole of its structure is erected. People in the developed countries take notice and do protest against any wrong doings of their leaders for which US' 42nd President Bill Clinton had to apologize in the monika case for the extra marital affair he kept with her during his presidency. Thus it clears out that through this system we can also move on the track of good governance.

The another thing which needs to be strengthened is high literacy rates because only literacy brings awareness of accountability in the masses that it is their basic right and also a basic duty to ask the people about the taxes they paid to people who are in authority. Therefore the things will change with the passage of time when the awareness level will rise of the masses along with rise of the literacy percentage. The root of good governance is good citizenship informed by civic literacy. (John Rendit, Civic Literacy, Good Governance, and Prosperity, Nov 2015) This indicates that the literacy rate also play a vital role in deliverance of good governance.

The strengthening of the system of rule of law is really vital for the good governance in the developing countries like Pakistan because the situation of law and order in the

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Country has remained grim for decades. It can be seen by the fact that the government in the past failed, particularly in Karachi, to establish its writ and calling of rangers to take hold of the charge is a clear manifestation of the civil government failure in carrying out its due order according to World Justice Project Rule of Law Index. Pakistan ranks at 129 out of 140 countries even below than Bangladesh which is at 127^{so} (WJP Rule of Law Index 2022). Thus it is the fact that the Pakistan is far behind in the position of rule of law which is why it is facing the grim situation in the way of good governance.

"Democracy, good governance and modernity cannot be imported or imposed from outside a country" (Emile Durkheim). In a nutshell it is not impossible to bring good governance in one's country neither it is bought from outside nor it is brought from any other country. It is the masses who need to rise and stand for it and need to take interest in the process of governance by protesting against any secrets kept among the branches of democracy. It is difficult to raise voice and take action but it is not impossible to keep our country in the list of good or nicely governed countries. The suggestions mentioned above are so strong that they will absolutely help in overcoming of the governance crisis that we are facing till decades. The suggestions mentioned above are clearly like "out of the mountain of despair" a

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Stone of hope" (Martin Luther King Jr). There
is nothing impossible to them who will try
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our voices against the injustice because
we are the better future of our nation.