

Q: Evaluate & elucidate the key indicators of good governance, including participation, rule of law, transparency, accountability, responsive, efficiency.  
Ans: Clarify their roles in ensuring effective governance. How Pakistan is lacking in these respective indicators?

## Introduction

The development of any country is interlinked with its governance. Good governance not only helps a country in managing the resources efficiently but also helps in the country's socio-economic and the political development. The practicality of this good governance can be easily seen in different part of the world. In this region, we have a example of "Kerala Model". Kerala model is just a visionary which gives the countries an insight about effective and efficient governing policies. "Newzealand" is another example of good governing model. According to Transparency International Corruption perception Index 2022, Newzealand is the high

ranked country in the  
"Transparency"

## Key indicators of good governance

### → participation ←

Participation is one of the most basic features of a good governance. That means governance requires participation of everyone to operate fully.

In the a good governance model, there should must be a **cohesion**, that is a social cohesion along with **mutual consensus**.

There is a great example of a **European Union** which depicts these very features by confirming their participation.

## 3 Rule of Law

If there is no rule of law there would be a no governance. Rule of law provides the country a basis of good governance. Rule of law ensures the basic fundamental rights of all citizen. Like **The constitution of Pakistan** ensures fundamental rights of its citizen in chapter I, Article 2 to 28.

## 3 Efficiency

Efficiency is the very prominent feature of the good governance. For resource management and the its allocation, efficiency is required. Efficiency needs in things like **policy making, policy analysis, allocation etc.** resources

# → Transparency ←

For the work done in a given time line, Transparency is required. And Transparency only comes by the way of **Accountability** **Checks & balances** made. Process of transparency clear.

# → Accountability ←

While discussing transparency, accountability comes along the way.

According to **Jassonkotte** who wrote in his article in 2012 that

“An inclusive state give everyone opportunity to access resources”. This would only happen when there is a accountability in the system of governance.

## 3 Responsiveness

If the institutions are more responsive towards their duties and the society, the system would run more smoothly. In Pakistan, the active and timely responses of the organizations under the government has always done by the respective institutions.

**National Disaster Management System** is one of the example which respond in any case of calamity (Natural) with its due potential.

### Inefficiencies of good Governance Indicators in Pakistan

\* Lack of mutual consensus among key stakeholders lead to low participation

There is a huge problem of mutual consensus

white policy analysts.

The Sanctionary machinery of the state often got break down in its various part because of lack of consensus. And one of the major reason in this regard is maybe a short government tenure & lack of interest in public-centric reforms. As most of the officials stuck in different problems.

\* presence of non-state actors undermine the rule of law

Since 9/11 Pakistan has got hit by the attacks of terrorism. Pakistan fought with these evils with its full potential and successfully undermine Terrorism in the country. However, in recent time along with economic and political grievances,

Terrorism hinders the country's very capable system. TTP only this year in 2023 only has projected many attacks including the state institutions.

## ★ Lack of Checks & balances over Institutions undermining the process of transparency and Accountability

According to the critics of Plato ideal state system (absolute authority) makes ruler corrupt. By this mean, there must be a system of checks and balances over the state institutions and public policies in order to ensure the transparency and the accountability. For instance. According to Corruption perception Index 2022, Pakistan ranks 140 out of 180 nations in corrupt practices. The only reason

for that is the absence of checks over the system.

\* Lack of Infrastructure and available resources often a reason for the irresponsiveness and inefficiency.

The country is currently facing a huge economic downturn. Where socio-political problems are accompanied by it. Most of the time the institutions are unable to respond and the reason is not their capability rather it is the lack of available resources and infrastructure.

## Conclusion

Good governance is a by product of the factors like efficiency, transparency, accountability, responsiveness etc. However,



all of them are join hand  
in the completion of  
programs. They all together  
work to made model  
of good governance. Pakistan  
is an developing country  
however striving hard  
for the betterment of  
its position, along with  
facing threats from  
economy down turn and  
socio-political factors.

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