

## Governance crisis in Pakistan: Need for Reform and Institutional Building

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Just like a home which needs management and maintenance of everything for peace and growth, in a broader context a nation also requires good governance for its development. Good governance is managing the affairs of public efficiently and effectively while mismanagement of public affairs cause governance crisis. Pakistan being a developing nation faced, and is still facing governance crisis and to curb this issue it needs various reforms and institutional building. Pakistan can set aside the debris of governance crisis by ensuring rule of law for all the citizens and the elites, equally. Moreover, making the concerned institutions accountable for the responsibilities the issues in the governance can be resolved to some extent. Further bringing efficiency in judiciary through judicial reforms can mitigate the issue of governance crisis. In addition, transparency in making decision regarding public affairs and in different institutional affairs can also be helpful in management of governance. Further, ensuring meritocracy and separation of power, the governance related issues can be curbed. Also,

reforms in anti-corruption agencies and strengthening democratic norms can be conducive in maintenance of good governance in Pakistan.

From the day of inception, Pakistan is a facing a number of governance issues in different forms; however, these crisis can be overcome by bringing reforms in the already existing institutions of government.

To begin with, ensuring rule of law in the nation can be conducive in overcoming governance crisis in Pakistan. Concept of rule of law ensures equality of law before everyone and that law applies equally to everyone. By maintaining rule of law, in the country like Pakistan, governance crisis can be reduced b/c absence of rule of law causes chaos in the management of governance. So mismanagement of public affairs causes governance crisis. According to World Justice Project Rule of Law Index, Pakistan stand at 129<sup>th</sup> out of 192 countries in year 2024, improved as compared to the previous year. So, Pakistani gov is trying its best to ensure rule of law for better governance.