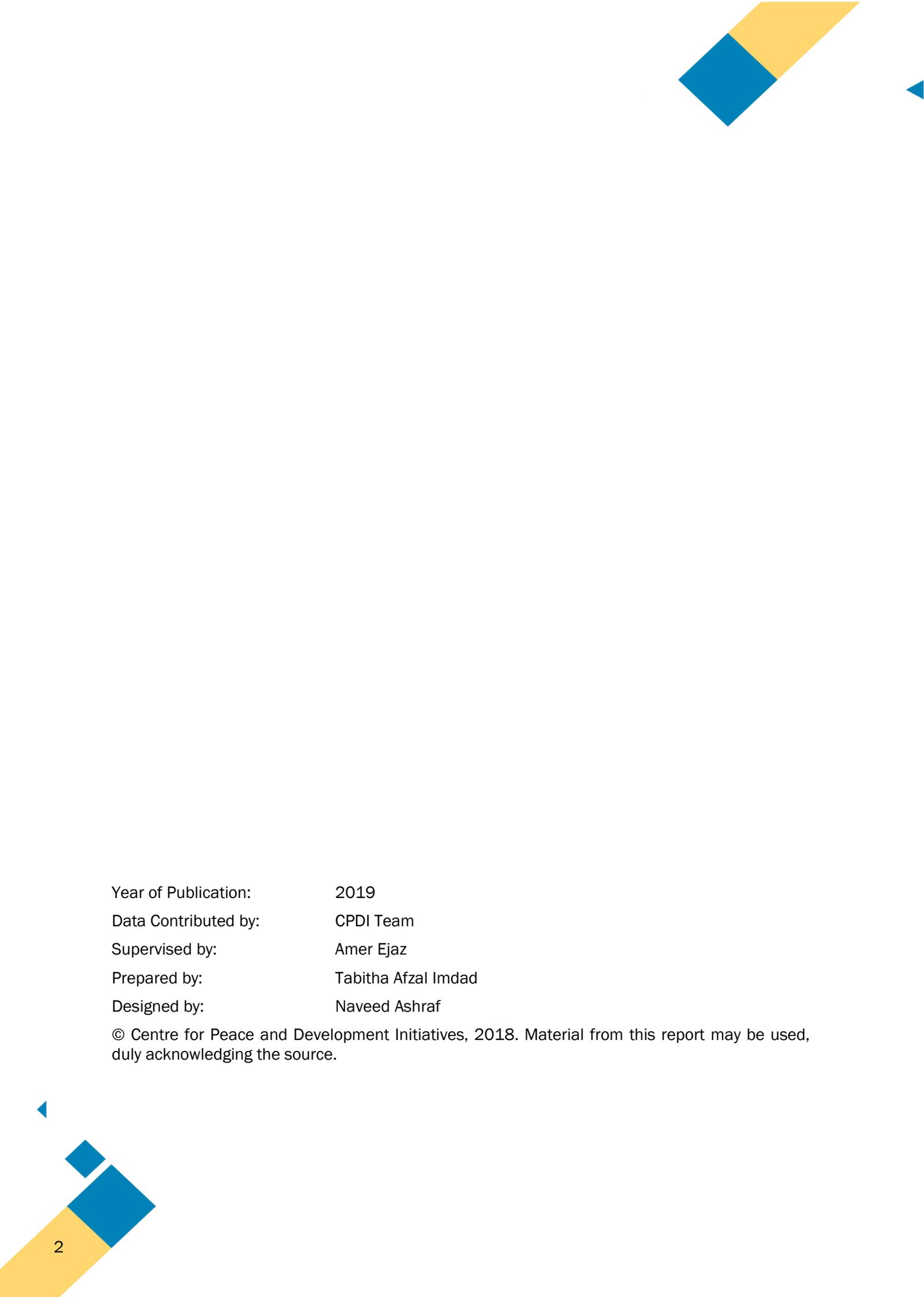




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Message by the Executive Director

Although 2018-19 was year of smooth sailing for CPDI but it kept us on our toes as new changes and challenges were introduced for the development sector in Pakistan. This change was not just restricted to the development sector in the country but also the change effect was reflected to CPDI as we went through major changes within our organization whereby both managing to retain its operations and expanding new openings to prove our standing. We paced towards our commitments while engaging our stakeholders, partners and alliances. These commitments, respectively were for greater transparency and strengthened accountability mechanism, rule of law, voicing for the inclusive elections, strengthening of local governance and participatory budgeting.



Amer Ejaz, Executive Director, CPDI

The year was marked with ample achievements for CPDI. These achievements were made possible with the cooperation of our stakeholders, valuable support of our partners and the dedicated and untiring efforts of the entire CPDI team. I congratulate CPDI Team, partners and volunteers for their meaningful and significant work and look forward for an equally productive and rewarding year ahead.

This report in hand is an overview of CPDI activities during 2018-19. The X-Factor of CPDI work in last fiscal year was Pakistan's first ever Exit Poll in by elections. CPDI conducted the exit poll exercise in the 5 by-elections for National and Provincial Assembly Constituencies. Majority of the Exit Poll findings were vindicated by the official results. In each exit poll CPDI was able to provide the brief result of the exit polls barely 15 minutes after the closing time (5 pm) of the polling.

From political advocacy for right to information legislation to capacity building of civil society organizations, journalists, youth groups and concerned citizens on using existing right to information laws, CPDI has spearheaded right to information movement in the country. A tour de force for our flagship Transparency and Right to Information (RTI) program was the strength of Coalition on Right to Information, CRTI. It was a great achievement of CRTI that it successfully opposed the restrictive insertions as we introduce the law in Balochistan and are demanding from the provincial government to activate this ineffective law. CRTI Partners in leadership of CPDI opposed the amendments promptly.

CPDI is actively seeking the support of the general public and is hopeful that this law will be implanted as soon as possible just like in the other provinces.

CPDI's Citizen's Network for Budget Accountability (CNBA), which started on a pilot basis in District Rawalpindi in 2006, with the aim to promote participatory budgeting, efficiently monitor the use of public funds and take initiatives to make the relevant public authorities accountable, expanded its operations to 102 districts across Pakistan. Another first in Pakistan by CPDI were the two unique activities i.e. Citizen Report Cards, (CRC) and Citizens' Budget. With the support of European Union and FNF Pakistan, CPDI produced these two publications for the 15 project districts in KP, Balochistan and Sindh under its Democratic Local Governance for Development in Pakistan. Before the provincial Elections 2019 the revamped and more accessible version of Pakvoter initiative of CPDI, with the support of Tabeer-CDIP, generated huge awareness on civic and electoral subjects in the virtual domain through its web-portal at www.pakvoter.org.

CPDI will continue its persistent efforts to bring peace and development in Pakistan - a journey that is long, but surely worth the struggle.

Who We Are

Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) is an independent, non-partisan and a not-for-profit civil society organization working on issues of peace and development in Pakistan. It is registered under section 42 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (XLVII of 1984). It was established in September 2003 by a group of concerned citizens who realized that there was a need to approach the issues of peace and development in an integrated manner.

CPDI is a first initiative of its kind in Pakistan. It seeks to inform and influence public policies and civil society initiatives through research-based advocacy and capacity building in order to promote citizenship, build peace and achieve inclusive and sustainable development. Areas of special sectoral focus include promotion of peace and tolerance, rule of law, transparency and access to information, budget watch and Legislative Watch and Development.

Vision

CPDI envisions a world that guarantees rule of law, protects human and civil rights, embraces diversity of views, supports vulnerable people and provides optimum conditions in which each individual can realize his or her full potential.

Mission

CPDI aspires to become a national and international leader in advocacy. We resolve to build on its reputation for informing and influencing public policies and initiatives through research based championship of rights based campaigns. We are determined to continue our engagement with the people and the Government of Pakistan, and to promote active citizenship in all its forms. CPDI specializes in five sectors of development: Promotion of Peace and Tolerance, Rule of Law, Transparency and Right to Information, Budget Watch, Legislative Watch and Democratic Development.



Board of Directors

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Programme Areas

- 01 Transparency and Right to Information
- 02 Legislative Watch and Development
- 03 Budget Watch
- 04 Rule of Law
- 05 Promotion of Peace and Tolerance
- 06 Media Watch

Projects

Budget Watch Progress 2018-19

The Budget Watch Program is one of CPDI's Key thematic areas. The program aims at strengthening of budget making process and budget accountability through public voices based on research and objective analysis of budget data.

Progress during the year 2018-19

Citizens Network for Budget Accountability (CNBA)

The Citizens Network for Budget Accountability (CNBA), established in 2012, is the network of civil society organizations that carries out research and advocacy and capacity building activities around budget issues at local level. The network has expanded from 102 to 110 districts across the four provinces of the country during the year with inclusion of 10 new partners.

Budget Study Centre

The Budget Study Centre (BSC) is the nucleus of the Budget Watch Program of CPDI. The Centre is housed in the CPDI head office. It provides technical support to the CNBA partners, carries out research and publishes reports and other material. The BSC issued around 2 dozen publications during the year; including, first ever Punjab health sector shadow development budget, district citizens' budgets, study reports on status of local government budget making in the four provinces, policy paper on provincial finance commission (PFC) award in Punjab, position paper on Budget Transparency and many more.

Training of CSOs on Budget Research and Advocacy

Training of civil society organizations, especially the CNBA partners, is a regular feature of the CPDI and Budget Study Centre activities. These trainings aim at enhancing the capacity of CSOs about budget research and advocacy. More than 80 CSO representatives and budget activists benefited from four trainings, two held in Quetta and Karachi in July 2018 and two in June 2019.



District Budget Survey

The 68 CNBA member organizations conducted survey on budget making process in 102 districts of all the four provinces of Pakistan. Involvement of the local CSOs in the budget research not only enhanced the capacity of these organizations but also helped in promoting the culture of transparency and public accountability in district governments. The purpose of this survey was to assess inclusion of people, implementation of budget making process and adherence to its timelines.

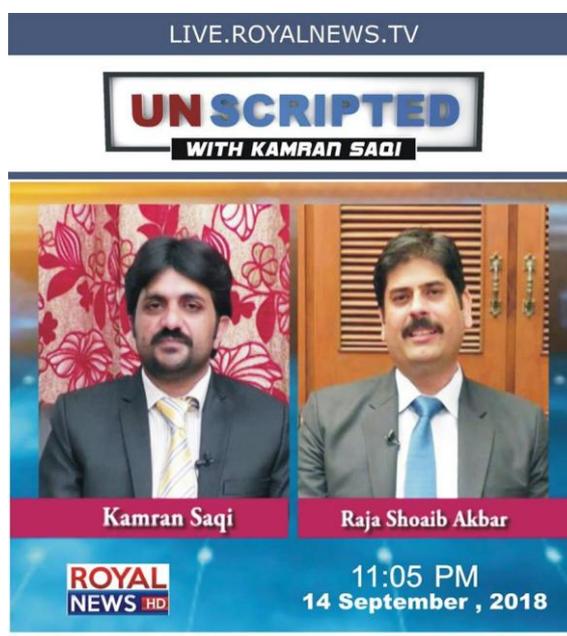


Study of Budget Making Process at District Level

In August 2018, the Budget study Centre published four different study reports analyzing budget making process at district level in each province of Pakistan. The reports present to what level the budget rules are implemented at district level budget making. The reports provide details of each district in a way that the citizens can gauge the overall performance of districts in a particular province as well as compare two or more districts separately.

Campaign for Financial Devolution and Powerful Local Governments

The new elected government had promised during its election campaign that it would bring new local government system. Keeping in view the changing political scenario in the country and realizing dire need for true financial devolution at the local level the CPDI team initiated a campaign for strengthening of financial devolution at local level. The campaign took a kick start from an exclusive one-hour primetime live TV show on state of financial devolution in the province. Other activities included social media educational material, advocacy videos and facebook live sessions. The campaign reached its peak with one exclusive Radio Show and another TV show discussing the PFC award and other related issues.



Budget Internship for University Students

CPDI has been providing budget internship to university students for three consecutive years now, 2018-19 was not an exception. Ten university students and fresh graduates benefited from a month long paid internship. The purpose of this initiative was to equip students with ability to understand various aspects of the budget making and analyse the budget with a lens of citizen rights.



District Budget Consultations

The CNBA partners conducted 91 District Budget Consultations across four provinces of the country during the year 2018-19. The purpose was to initiate discussion around budget issues at district level and pave way for more inclusive and transparent budget making in local governments. A total of 2666 citizens participated in these events, 303 speakers expressed their views out of which 187 were senior local government elected representatives and district level government officials.



Figure: A view of District Budget Consultation Held in Peshawar

Development of District Citizens Budgets

The Budget Study Centre at CPDI pioneered District Citizens Budgets in Pakistan during early 2017. During 2018, CPDI continued this tradition to cultivate the culture of budget transparency at district level. The Budget Study Centre developed 21 district citizens budgets under different initiatives of CPDI during the year.

Punjab Health Sector Development Shadow Budget 2019-20

Shadow budget is the term generally used for an alternative budget presented by opposition parties. In Pakistan, this concept is not much rooted yet. Even the Pakistani civil society has not entered in this domain at all. CPDI decided to pioneer creation of sectorial provincial Shadow Budget by any civil society organization in Pakistan. The budget Study Centre developed the Punjab Health Development Shadow Budget for year 2019-20. This document identifies the health sector problems and comes up with clear budgetary allocations for resolution of these problems.

Conference on Shadow Budget and PFC Award in Punjab

To disseminate the shadow budget and the policy paper on PFC CPDI organized, in Lahore, a conference titled “Presenting Health Development Shadow Budget and Status of PFC Award in Punjab” on 31st of December 2018. The event was attended by members of Punjab Provincial Assembly, senior government officials from the provincial health department, renowned activists, members of civil society and citizens. The speakers lauded the efforts by CPDI and the MPAs assured to include the shadow budget proposals while deliberating the next year health development plans.



Democratic Local Governance for Development in Pakistan

The year (July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019) of the “Democratic Local Governance for Development in Pakistan” program implementation reports various events and activities in fifteen target districts. Substantial efforts were placed in 2018 & 2019 to engage District Interest Groups (DIG), sub grantees in programme implementation to establish work and coordination routines among beneficiaries. The emphasis in 2018-2019 also focused on building capacities of LAs, CSOs and citizens (referred as District Interest Groups) on local governance issues and advocacy engagement with media personnel and civil society. Furthermore, Local Authorities were also engaged on Advocacy, Governance, Budget Making Process and Right to Information to capture the legal side to promote accountability and transparency in districts. Overall, substantial progress has been made on all program elements resulting in important achievements throughout the year. The project component was also subject to a Result-Oriented Monitoring mission (ROM) issued by European Union Delegation. Conducted in September 2018, the recommendations of the ROM report were of strategic importance that has been addressed.

The intermediate results suggest that CPDI has remained consistent in engaging district civil society organizations to create an environment to promote and strengthen public participation on local governance. The sub-grantees (district civil society organizations) have also remained active in administering project activities in the districts under CPDI.

The results for this year of the project have shown considerable work being carried out in the targeted districts of the project. The inputs and activities to reach results have overall supported the achievement of outcomes of the Action. The Action continues to be carried out via an encompassing strategy of constant interaction/ meetings among key stakeholders in terms of bi-monthly, quarterly interface meetings and pre-budget consultations, technical capacity building sessions with targeted groups of civil society organizations, media and locally elected representatives, collection and disseminating research by carrying out citizen report card surveys and citizens’ budget in the field and publishing information online on project website and information and advocacy campaigns in fifteen targeted districts through radio programs, radio messages and press conferences/Media Interactions. A significant number of stakeholders which includes civil society organization, media, local authorities and marginalized groups were engaged throughout the year.

However, the reporting period also faced certain challenges while considerable efforts have been taken to mitigate them. Lack of expertise of Sub-grantees in following the stringent administrative and financial guidelines applied on them under the project has been difficult for them. This is mostly due to the absence of human resource and institutional capacity to maintain quality reporting for international organizations. CPDI’s constant involvement with the sub-grantees has not only proved beneficial but critical in maintaining the flow of documents and compliance. With regards to the project activities, Budget Tracking Reports could not be carried out this year due to un-availability of district expenditure data of selected districts to civil society. The non-availability of funds at the district levels, non-compliance of provincial governments to release expenditure figures and the absence of budget rules in the local government impedes CPDI to carry out district budget tracking in the targeted districts. Keeping in lieu with the ROM recommendation and LFM objectives an alternate activity of Social and Physical Audit of development projects has been proposed.

	CSO/DIG	Local Authorities	Journalists	Civil Society Organizations
Men	314	290	181	120
Women	64	35		
Total	378	325	181	120

Training Profile

Title of Training	District	Target Audience Category (i.e. journalists, CSOs or youth etc.)	Number of Persons Trained
Annual Refresher Capacity Building Workshop-CSO & DIGS	15 Selected Districts	CSO& DIGS	378 Participants
Annual Refresher-Capacity Building workshops for LA'S	15 Selected Districts	Local Authorities	405 Participants

Press Conferences/Media Engagement

Title of press conference	Date	Districts
Findings of Citizens Report Card on Health	July , 2018	Selected 15 districts of Project
Importance of Citizens' inclusion in Budget making at Dist. Level	September, 2018	Selected 15 districts of Project
Strengthening Local Governance through Citizens' Participation	October, 2018	Selected 15 districts of Project
Citizens' Budget of 2018-2019	November, 2018	Selected 15 districts of Project
Finding of Citizen Report Card on Education & Water	March, 2019	Selected 15 districts of Project

Radio Programs

Radio programs represent a direct way to reach the local populace in 15 districts. During the reporting period, three radio programs were recorded. These programs were centrally recorded at provincial capitals and then aired for 45 times in all 15 targeted districts.

Topics Covered: The Radio program covered the topics of Health, education and water and sanitation issues, Right to Public Services Act-KP and Right to Information.

Province	Topic	Program Recorded	Programs aired	Completed
Balochistan	Water and Sanitation issues in Balochistan	1	5	July
	Health Sector Issues, Citizens Report Card findings on existing health care services and solutions for improved services via District Head Quarter Hospitals at Balochistan	1	5	September
	Right to Information Law of Balochistan	1	5	December
KP	Potable water and sanitation facilities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1	5	July
	Citizens Report Card findings on existing health care services and	1	5	September

	feasible solutions for its Improvement at the District Head Quarter Hospitals			
	Role of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Public Services Act-2014 to Promote Local Governance	1	5	December
Sindh	Water and Sanitation Issues at District Level	1	5	July
	Existing Health Services at the DHQ Hospitals in Sindh	1	5	September
	Educational Issues at district level	1	5	December

Producing and broadcasting regular radio messages aims at inspiring, informing and motivating target stakeholders, i.e. the general public of the targeted districts, to understand the duties of their local authorities and demand good governance and pro poor development.

Radio Messages

The radio messages were aired in 15 districts, covering different issues including education, right to information and citizens' inclusion in budget making at district level. These messages were produced by CPDI.

Topics Covered: Right to Information, Citizens' inclusion in budget making, education issues

Province	Topic	Message Recorded	Aired messages	Completed
Balochistan	Demand for Effective RTI law in Balochistan	1 message	416	September 2018
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Demand for Citizen's Inclusion in Budget making at District level	1 message	417	September 2018
Sindh	Demand for free education in Sindh under the Article 25-A of the Constitution of Pakistan	1 message	417	September 2018

CPDI in Media

National Newspaper (Eng)	National Newspaper (Urdu)	Local Newspaper	Regional Newspaper	TV (Electronic)
9	8	40	143	14

Publications

In order to meet the communication and visibility standards of EU, all publications/reports issued so far have EU's logo and disclaimer on appropriate places.

Activity	Total copies printed	Online availability
Citizens' Budget	15000 (1000 copies for each district)	https://dlg-pakistan.org//publications/budgets social media posts (Facebook and Twitter)
Citizen Report Card (December 2018)	15000 (1000 copies for each district)	https://dlg-pakistan.org//publications/reports social media posts (Facebook and Twitter)
Training Manual For annual refresher of CSOs and DIG	500	Hard copies (distributed among participants of workshops only)
Training Manual for Las	500	Hard copies (distributed among participants of workshops only)



Figure 4 Jamshed Tariq Project Coordinator CPDI giving presentation on budget making and approval process at the dist. Level in Peshawar



Figure 3 Mr. Naseem Tareen Sub Grantee Ziarat sharing the copy of CRC with Mr. Muhammad Aslam, DEO Ziarat.

Pictures

Election Watch

This program area aims to strengthen one of the key components of democratic process. Elections are equated as one of key characteristic of democracy. Free and fair



Figure 2 Ms. Ambreen Kanwal, Communication Manager CPDI explaining benefits of Citizen Report Card during annual refresher of CSOs and DIG at Khairpur



Figure 5 Figure 1 Federal Minister of Education Mr. Shafqat Mehmood visiting the DLG-Pakistan stall during the #FNF60 event in Nov 2018, Islamabad



Figure 6 Mr. Ghlam Nabi, Liaison Officer HWA Foundation shared the copy of CRC with Medical Superintendent of Taluka Hospital Ghotki

elections are a direct platform for citizen's voice to echo and reflect their choices in power corridors. CPDI aims at making the electoral process inclusive for all people irrespective of their social identities. Engaging with all stakeholders and work for stronger electoral procedures.

CPDI works on different aspects of elections. Some of the main focus areas are as below

- Observing elections to see international electoral procedures and standards are being followed
- Conducting accessibility audits of polling stations to highlight differences and similarities in contrast to international accessibility standards of polling stations
- Analyzing different aspect of women participation in elections as a marginalized voter

Collation for Elections and Democracy (CED) and Pakistan Alliance for Inclusive Elections (PAIE) are those which are directly engaged with the election watch program area.

Collation for Elections and Democracy (CED)

The Coalition on Elections and Democracy (CED) is a Pakistan-based alliance of registered independent civil society organizations seeking to strengthen electoral democracy and representative governance as a means of social development and progress. The CED is focused on strengthening democracy in Pakistan through smooth transfer of power to people's representatives based on free and fair elections that are participatory and pluralistic by building capacities of key stakeholders in the electoral and democratic systems.

The CED engages with a broad spectrum of Pakistani voters representing all key political, geographic, ethnic, linguist and gender and other citizen groups engaged in the elections process, to help them make informed decisions on voting. CED carried out 7 election observations in 2017.

Pakistan Alliance for Inclusive Elections (PAIE)

Pakistan Alliance for Inclusive Elections (PAIE) is a network primarily consisting of Disabled Persons' Organizations (DPOs) with interest to work on inclusive elections. PAIE brings together likeminded DPOs and mainstream organizations for strengthening democratic rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs).

From the platform of Pakistan Alliance for Inclusive Elections (PAIE), CPDI conducted accessibility audit in Accessibility Audit of Polling Stations in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT).

Accessibility Audit determines how well a particular building is built in terms of access and ease of use by a wide range of potential users, including people with disabilities and also to recommend improvements, where necessary. Accessibility audit is entirely based upon the international essential accessibility criteria followed by Elections Canada counterpart of Pakistan's ECP i.e. surface of the pathways is obstacle free, leveled access to the entrance, wide pathways and corridors , availability of ramps in polling stations, availability of light in polling stations, presence of protruding objects etc. The exercise is conducted before elections to make observations meaningful.

The audit team visited all the 55 sampled polling stations of Islamabad between 12th and 27th of April 2018 and reported their findings on a prescribed online questionnaire. Accessibility audit of ICT polling stations shows an unnerving situation, as 95% of the sampled polling stations do not meet the mandatory accessibility criteria.

Report on Analysis of Public websites'

Report on Analysis of Public websites' Accessibility in Pakistan was developed which contains qualitative research conducted on the status quo of the web accessibility scenario of Pakistan. Public sector websites were qualitatively studied keeping in mind its conformance with the guidelines provided by the International Organizations. According to the annual report published by the World Health Organization, a website is perceived to be inaccessible if the experience of a person with disabilities is compromised. This paper, further provides important recommendations

to uplift web accessibility. Accessibility criteria has been taken from Web Content accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). This is an international standard for ensuring web accessibility. The four standards mentioned in these guidelines are Perceivable, operable, understandable and robust

The methodology adopted for this study is to analyze the scenario of web accessibility in Pakistan by visiting and scrutinizing the public websites that are most frequently used by common man for national information. These websites include:

- National Assembly
- Provincial Assemblies
- Senate of Pakistan
- Supreme Court of Pakistan
- Election Commission of Pakistan

In conclusion, the public websites in Pakistan fail to meet all the standards set by the International Guidelines. Where, the website of The National Assembly of Pakistan is perceivable and lacks color tone transition, it is the least operable and navigable. The website of the Senate of Pakistan lacks understanding because of the innate jargon used without provision of glossary. The website of the Supreme court has a dominant shade and contains elements that have the same functionality across multiple web pages are consistently identified. It still contains no time based input thus making it less understandable. The website of the ECP although contains scrolling text, colorful tone and is high on navigation, but it contains fast moving, non-controllable text, and offers no videos or audios to facilitate the disabled with sight issues.

The websites in Pakistan still have a long way to go. Although the status quo is improving on a daily basis, the text is beheld but the ideology of audio provision is still rare. Hence, some room for improvement is still there.

Project “Increasing Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Electoral Systems”

The project “ Increasing Participation of Persons with Disability in Electoral Process” is funded by the US-Counselate Karachi. This project aims at, (a) facilitating persons with disabilities to acquire their special national identity cards and (b) advocacy for improving their participation in electoral process of pakistan through administrative facilitation and improvement of legislative framework. Project areas are Quetta and Karachi.

CPDI undertook the project activities “Increasing Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Electoral Systems” under the program area election watch. The project aims to transform the electoral and democratic regime in Pakistan to be inclusive of persons with disability. It is also aimed to provide a platform to PWDs where they can raise their voice for veneration of their political and electoral rights through use of media and presenting charter of demand coming from the heart of Disabled People’s organization (DPO), who understand the disability issues the most.

Major activities which carried out under the project “Increasing Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Electoral Systems” are as follows:

Accessibility audit

CPDI conducted an accessibility audit in NA-243 Karachi East II. The audit team inspected the 30 sampled polling stations of NA 243 on 6th and 7th of October 2018 and reported their findings on a prescribed online questionnaire. According to the accessibility audit of polling stations, 73% of the sampled polling stations do not meet the mandatory accessibility criteria.



Figure 7 Picture shows despite ramp polling station is inaccessible for PWDs.

Research report on legal framework for electoral and political rights of PWDs

A research report on legal framework for electoral and political rights of PWDs has produced and published. The national and international commitments of the government and the subsequent legislation or adoption of rules and regulations by the government to fulfill these commitments are examined in this report. Further on gaps in this regard are identified and possible solutions and way forward is suggested. A Situation Analysis in Pakistan covering review of existing legal and policy regime is also undertaken. Also a Comparison of situation in Pakistan with at least two national jurisdictions (one regional and one developed country is made.

CNIC Registration Campaign for PWDs

Acquiring CNIC is the first step to claim all political and electoral rights from the government. There is need to further facilitate PWDs especially those belonged to lower strata of the society to obtain their CNIC. During the year, such initiatives were organized to facilitate PWDs to get their special CNIC and register as voters. Till now 137 PWDs; male 92 and female 45 have been identified for CNIC registration. Those who get registered with NADRA will automatically be registered as a voter. This has been done in Karachi and Quetta.

CPDI has been advocating for easy registration process for the PWDs national identity card. First breakthrough in this regard was achieved in April 2019 when, during CPDI's Seminar held in Karachi, Sindh government promised to take concrete steps. The Special Assistant to the Chief Minister of Sindh on Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Mr. Qasim Naveed Qamar announced initiation of one-window CNIC registration for PWDs in Sindh during the said seminar. Under this new arrangement Department for Empowerment of PWDs brings together health and social welfare departments to issue the disability certificates and then the NADRA van registers the CNICs of these PWDs.

The project team has also collaborated with the provincial government to make use of this one-window arrangement and has planned a large scale CNIC registration drive for the month of August.

Awareness and Advocacy Campaign

Moreover, Awareness and Advocacy Campaign is being carried out under the project "Increasing Participation of Persons with Disability in Electoral Process". Different posts have been uploaded on the social media platforms on identified issues. To generate awareness on the topics include acquiring special national identity cards for persons with disabilities, registering as voters and other topics pertaining to inclusion of PWDs in electoral systems.

Networking Meetings

In the year of 2018-2019, a total number of 48 networking meetings were held with stakeholders to muster their support for the electoral and political rights of the PWDs. Stakeholders include ECP, NADRA, Political parties, District government representatives and representatives from Disability Persons Organizations (DPOs). Stakeholders have been part of the journey by assuring their full support to CPDI to foster the project activities and to smooth the path for PWDs in acquiring special CNICs for easy and accessible



Figure 9 Meeting with Mr. Ghulam Qadir Chandio Senior PPP leader, MPA and Public Accounts Committee Chairperson.



Figure 8 Meeting with Mr. Meer Asadulh Baloch Minister Social Welfare

elections.

Awareness Raising Seminars

To initiate a discussion about inclusion of PWDs in electoral process and sensitize the stakeholders about civic and political rights of PWDs, four seminars were conducted; two each in Karachi and Quetta. CPDI stressed that legislation should be beefed up and ought to cover all broader issues faced by PWDs. One Window Operation for CNIC registration has been initiated in Sindh on CPDI's demand, it must be extended to other far flung areas of Sindh. Making SCNIC registration process simpler is another aspect which will bring about the more participation of PWDs in electoral process. Main participants of seminars were legislators, PWDs, Disabled Persons' Organizations, Political Parties leadership and social activists. Total number of Participants are given in Annex.



Figure 10 A glimpse of Seminar held in Karachi

Round Table

During this period, two Round Tables were conducted, one each in Karachi and Quetta. In these two events leading PWD activists, DPOs, government official and other relevant stakeholders were invited in these roundtables. The participants discussed in detail the issues related to their inclusion in political and electoral process and recommended solutions to the problems. These recommendations were listed down in forms of charter of demands (COD). Both the Karachi and Quetta round tables concluded after finalization of these CODs. Charter of demand specially focused on the needs of the PWDs and their rights. The draft was further shared with Disabled Persons' Organizations, Political leaders, Parliamentarians, Civil Society Organization, media personals and notables of the area. CPDI urged the Sindh and Baluchistan governments to make effective legislation according to the needs of PWDs. Charter of demand also carries the demand of making rules for effective implementation of given laws; Sindh Empowerment of 'Persons with Disabilities' Act 2018 and Balochistan Persons with Disabilities' Act 2017. After issuance of Charter of Demands the Sindh government has announced to form rules for the provincial disability act. This was announced by the special assistant to the CM for empowerment of PWDs Mr. Qasim Naveed Qamar during the second seminar held in Karachi in June 2019. He has also asked CPDI and other stakeholders to take active part in drafting of the rules. Please see Annex for total number of participants.



Figure 11 Glimpse of Round Table with PWDs and DPOs

Press Conference

Media can play crucial role in promoting PWDs as equal citizens of the country and highlighting their demands for their inclusion in democratic process. Keeping in view this importance of the media, two Press conferences were conducted, one each in Quetta and Karachi. The specific objective of the press conferences was to disseminate and to give wider coverage to Charter of Demands through print and electronic media. Title, date and venue are given in Annex.

Target audience

The direct target audience of this project are persons with disabilities, who are one of the most marginalized and vulnerable segment of the society. Through this project we aim to make PWDs



more active in electoral and political sphere. Like most of the underdeveloped and developing countries, life of persons with disabilities is not very easy, even in Pakistan.

Generally, they are seen with pity and disgust, felt as a burden on the family and at times considered as mean of punishment of the rest of the family members for their sins. At the societal level the same sentiment of pity and sympathy prevails and they face discrimination in every walk of life. Opportunities for learning/education and becoming a valuable member of the society are denied and they are pushed deeper into the pit holes of poverty and exclusion. Same applies to the participation of persons with disabilities in the electoral processes. They are excluded from the electoral activities be it as a voter or as a contesting candidate. This is clearly evident by the fact that there is not a single person with disability in the community of parliamentarians. This high level of exclusion exists, among many other reasons, primarily due to the fact that PWDs are neither represented nor included in the policy making and development planning in the country. On the other hand, the policy makers and planners are not sensitized on inclusive policy making and implementation. We aim to take this target audience and raise voice for them in the political and electoral realm of life in an effort to reduce their exclusion.

The secondary target audience of this project is stakeholders of electoral processes, such as ECP, political parties and politicians. Indirectly, we also aim to target general public especially through the advocacy campaign on social media.

Challenges

The challenges that the project faced was unavailability of funds. Later after receiving funds when the team planned project activities in mid of March, that were forced to postpone to next month due to restlessness in the country and later on rescheduling of PSL matches to Karachi. This change in PSL clashed with the planned dates of seminars and there were chances that some of the major stakeholders i.e. elected representatives, government office bearers and decision makers in bureaucracy might not attend the seminars due to huge government involvement in making the PSL a success and also tight security arrangements in the city might also hamper movement of PWDs and citizens to effectively take part in the seminars. Hence the seminars and round tables were rescheduled to April.

Another greatest challenge that the project team faced during this time was hindrance in PWDs' CNIC registration in Quetta. This is a multi-pronged problem that the team is trying to solve. In the project area of Quetta, PWDs are difficult to identify due to lack of education and awareness. Above all, population is less in number. Nevertheless, we have identified a number of PWDs and initiated the process of their CNICs registration. The CNIC registration is linked with disability certificate that is issued by the Social welfare department after a board of doctors designated by health department determines the nature of disability. Acquiring of disability certificate has become a great problem. The medical board has not met for several months now hence social welfare department did not issue any certificates that could be presented with the CNIC registration applications to the NADRA. The project team has held a number of advocacy meetings with the departments of health and social welfare to resolve this issue. Positive indications have been observed in these meetings, the team hope to get the situation improved in coming days.

Annex:

i- Major Conferences/Seminars (Only National or Provincial Level Events)

Title of Event	Date	Venue	Panelists
Seminar on 'Participation of Person with Disability in Electoral Process'	April 22, 2019	Pearl Continental Hotel Karachi	Mr Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar Minster for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Sindh (Chief Guest) Mr Nawab Ali Wassan Minister for Benazir Housing Cell Sindh Mr Ghulam Qadir Chandio Chairman Sindh Public Accounts Committee Mr Noor Muhammad Bhurgri (MPA Pakistan Peoples Party) Ms Rana Ansar (MPA MQM Pakistan) Ms Naseema Rajper (MPA Grand Democratic Alliance Sindh) Mr. Abid Lashari President National Disability Forum (NDF) Ms Azeema Dhanajee Chairperson Connect Hear
Seminar on 'Participation of Person with Disability in Electoral Process'	April 25, 2019	Balochistan Boys Scouts Hall, Quetta	Ms. Bushra Rind MPA and Government Spokesperson Mr. Zia Khan, social activist Abdul Manan Assistant Director & representative from NADRA Mr. Abdul Rauf Baloch, Secretary Social Welfare Department Ms. Qamarunisa, Advocate High Court & PWDs legislator Mohammad Fayaz, Regional Election Commissioner
Seminar on 'Participation of Person with Disability in Electoral Process'	June 25, 2019	Balochistan Boys Scouts Hall, Quetta	Ikhlqa Ahmed, representative of ECP Mr. Zia Assistant Director NADRA Mr. Abdul Manan Director NADRA Mr. Nadeem Khan, PTI National Council Member Molvi Abdul Karim, Professor
Seminar on 'Participation of Person with Disability in Electoral Process'	June 27, 2019	Pearl Continental Hotel Karachi	Mr Syed Qasim Naveed Qamar Sb Minster for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Sindh (Chief Guest) Mr Tariq Mughal (PRO Sindh Election Commission) Ms Sarwat Fatima (MPA Tehreek

			Labaik Pakistan) Ms Dr Seema Zia (MPA Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf) Mr. Abid Lashari President National Disability Forum (NDF)
Roundtable on 'Participation of Person with Disability in Electoral Process'	April 23, 2019	Karachi	Ms Mangla Sharma (MPA MQM Pakistan) Mr Shahzaib Shaikh (Deputy Secretary Department for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Sindh Ms Naseema Rajper (MPA Grand Democratic Alliance Sindh) Ms Tehmina Azeem (Special Olympics Pakistan) Ali Ansar Sindhu (President National Disability Support Program)
Roundtable on 'Participation of Person with Disability in Electoral Process'	April 26, 2019	Quetta	Ms. Robina Shah CEO of HEEP organization Mr. Zia Kakar Assistant Director NADRA Mr. Subhan Ali Nisa President Blind Association Pishin

ii- Level of Participation in Seminars and Roundtable

Participants	Karachi			Quetta		
	Seminars		Roundtable	Seminars		Roundtable
	April 2019	June 2019	April 2019	April 2019	June 2019	April 2019
Male	51	55	21	58	61	36
Female	28	27	35	6	3	2
Transgender	4	-	-	-	-	-
Total	83	82	56	64	64	38

iii- Press Conferences/Media Engagement

Title of press conference	Date	Venue
Press Briefing to share Charter of demand on Participation of Persons with Disability in Electoral Process	April 21, 2019	Press Club Quetta
Press Briefing to share Charter of demand on Participation of Persons with Disability in Electoral Process	April 24, 2019	Press Club Karachi

iii- CPDI in Media

National Newspaper (Eng)	National Newspaper (Urdu)	Local Newspaper	Regional Newspaper	TV (Electronic)
Daily Karachi Times	Roznama Express	Daily Imkan	The	Public TV (1)

National Newspaper (Eng)	National Newspaper (Urdu)	Local Newspaper	Regional Newspaper	TV (Electronic)
(3) Daily Asia (1)	news(2) Daily Ausaf(1) Daily Pakistan News(1) Urdu Point (1) Roznama Pakistan (1) Roznama Azad Riasat (1) Nai Bat(1) Rozana Osaf (1)	News(1) Ahtasab Gazette(1) Daily Hilal-i-Pakistan (1) Daily Parwan Urdu News(1)	Balochistan point (1) Daily Balochistan Express (1) The Bolochistan times (1) Daily Pak Sindhi(1) Daily Hilal-e-Pakistan Sindhi News(1) Daily Azadi Quetta(3) Daily Bolan (2) Daily Khabren Karachi (1) Roznama Khabren Karachi (1) Karachi Ausaf Roznama (1)	Awaz News(1) Mehran TV (1)
4	9	4	13	3

Total: 33

Budget Research and Advocacy for Democratic Accountability

The project “Budget Research and Advocacy for Democratic Accountability” commenced in February 2019 after NED approved CPDI’s request for grant renewal. This engagement is more than a decade long. The project started with three well-articulated objectives:

- i. To enhance the capacity of civil society organizations to monitor the budget making process at the district level
- ii. To strengthen transparency and public accountability of the government in the budget-making process
- iii. To provide public platforms for discussion, research, and analysis on development priorities and policies regarding the use of public funds at all levels of government.

CPDI has taken concrete steps during start of the project to achieve the set targets and to promote culture of transparency, public participation and democratic governance in the country. Following steps will elaborate our work in more detail.

Major Accomplishments

Following are the major accomplishments between January and August 2019.

1. Continuation and Expansion of Citizens’ Network for Budget Accountability (CNBA)

The Citizens’ Network for Budget Accountability (CNBA), established with the support of NED in 2012, continues to grow. After inclusion of eight new districts including 5 of Sindh (i.e. Jaikababad, Sanghar, Shikarpur, Kashmore Kandh Kot and Qambar Shuhdad Kot) and 3 of Balochistan i.e (Barkhan, Chaghi and Gawadar) has reached now to 110 districts of four provinces of Pakistan i.e. [Balochistan](#), [Khyber Pakhtunkhwa](#), [Punjab](#) and [Sindh](#). Now CNBA membership strength has reached 77 across Pakistan.

2. Training of Civil Society on Budget Processes, Budget Related Research and Advocacy

A well trained and motivated CSOs can only help the network to get better results in research based budget advocacy. Following its tradition, CPDI held training of CSOs/CNBA partners in Karachi and Quetta on budget making process, budget related research and advocacy techniques. These trainings were attended by 48 participants of 35 member organizations from [Sindh](#) and [Balochistan](#). These trainings also included sessions on open budget survey designed for the two provinces. This helped in enhancing their capacity to conduct budget research and advocacy to promote transparency and accountability in governance.

3. District Level Open-Budget Survey.

The 35 CNBA member organizations conducted Open Budget Survey in 48 districts. In Sindh 25 districts were covered by 19 CSOs while in Balochistan 16 partner organizations carried out survey in 23 districts. The survey focused on transparency and inclusion in budget making process and implementation of budget timelines at district level. The CSOs also made use of relevant RTI / FOI legislation to acquire information.

In Punjab and KPK old local government system has been revamped, new laws have been passed resulting in shutdown of old system. Hence no new local governments have been elected and no budget rules been passed. Moreover, the new laws suggest removal of district tier from the system which has been challenged in the high court. The project team is watching the situation carefully and will decide for future course of action in Punjab and KP.

4. Study of Budget Making Process at District Level

After the Open Budget Survey in Sindh and Balochistan, the Budget Study Centre (BSC) has compiled the survey reports titled “Study of Budget Making Process at District Level” for both the provinces. The main purpose of the report is to provide basic and important details about budget making process at district level to the general public, so that they can easily understand the budget rules and know how important their participation in this process is.

The reports are in final review phase before printing and will also be published on [CPDI website's Publications Section](#). The findings of these reports will be shared in district budget consultations across Pakistan in the next month.

5. Analysis and Response to Federal and Provincial Budgets

Analysis of proposed budget is an annual feature at CPDI's Budget Study Centre (BSC). This time CPDI made comparison of budget estimates and revised estimates of selected sectors over period of last seven years with the proposed budget. The immediate response to Federal, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa budgets was issued. Following the tradition initiated in the last year, CPDI also made the revenue budget a part of its analysis and gave concrete suggestions for betterment.

6. Charter of Demands: Budget Making and Implementation in Pakistan

The Budget Study Centre (BSC) carried out an assessment of current budget issues at national level and came up with a Charter of Demands on Budget Making and Implementation in Pakistan. This document holistically covers all issues of budget making and presents concrete solutions. The charter of demands will be shared with all stakeholders and will work as a pivot for budget advocacy during the project period and beyond. The charter can be found on the [CPDI website's Publications Section](#).

7. Budget Internship for University Students and Fresh Graduates

Budget Internship Program is another important component of this project. This year 7 fresh graduates of different universities have benefited from the [budget internship at Budget Study Centre](#) (BSC) so far. During stay at CPDI the interns have learnt about different stages of budget, its preparation, presentation, and approval in assembly and enabled themselves about public participation in budget making process and citizen's right of democratic accountability. The students also learnt about budget data segregation and analysis from citizens' perspective.

8. Initiation of Debate on Government's Budget Priorities

The CPDI initiatives under the project got attention of the local, national and international print and electronic media. CPDI's work caused initiation of serious debates on budget issues and democratic accountability.

The links of different TV / Radio shows and print media news stories are being pasted below.

- ***Electronic Media (Television and Radio)***

<https://www.facebook.com/cpdi.pakistan/videos/804399576594518/>

<https://www.facebook.com/cpdi.pakistan/videos/2182510192024094/>

- ***Leading English Newspaper prints an exclusive story on CPDI budget study***

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<https://urlzs.com/EyWAO>

<https://urlzs.com/MaVCX>

9. Budget Education and Awareness Drive on Social Media.

The CPDI team, along with budget research and advocacy, also ran an education and awareness drive on budget. This initiative shared information about budget and selected statistics on CPDI social media regularly during the reporting period. The links of these posts are provided below.

<https://urlzs.com/RRmNs>

<https://urlzs.com/qAVHb>

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<https://urlzs.com/LsegT>

<https://urlzs.com/GzKR2>

<https://urlzs.com/8ShJC>

<https://urlzs.com/9EZti>

10. Budget Watch Newsletter.

Budget watch is the fortnightly newsletter issued regularly. It covers news related to budget from across the world. 16 fortnightly Budget watch newsletters were issued during the reporting period. These can be found at the [newsletters section of the organization](#).

Challenge:

The newly elected provincial governments of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa revisited the local government systems and resultantly brought new laws before the respective legislature. This caused a jolt to the project plans as a district level budget survey was part of the plan but now new systems abolish the district tier. Moreover, the new passed laws have been challenged in the higher courts. Hence the budget survey in both these provinces is at halt. The CPDI team is observing the situation and will suggest alternate activities if the situation does not change by mid of October 2019.

Overall Impact of the Project:

The project has so far performed remarkably well. Not only the stated objectives have been supported well by the work of the project but it has also left its footprints beyond the boundaries of the stated objectives. Not only projects work reached the CSOs Citizens and government officials but it also echoed in all forms of media including leading national Urdu and English newspapers, Royal News TV channel and Voice of America Urdu Radio, resultantly reaching millions of people across the country and around the globe. The publications produced by the CPDI – BSC will also serve a great deal for budget advocacy for CNBA and other budget activists.

Public Accountability through RTI in Pakistan 2018-19

CPDI is making vehement efforts to bring momentum in the supply and demand side of Right to information in Pakistan. In the FY 2018-19, several initiatives were taken and materialized for the promotion of transparency and right to information at provincial and national level in Pakistan. The scope and direction of RTI activities has been toward the advocacy measures for better implementation, creating awareness among masses and strengthening of information commissions at national and provincial level.

CPDI has endorsed use of RTI for attainment of basic rights and public accountability by filing issue based responsible filing of right to information requests. For this purpose, the District right to information group (DRTIG) is established in Punjab. The members hail from diverse professions and campaign about RTI in their respective regions. They contribute Op- Ed articles; file RTIs, and aware people about their fundamental human right to know. Much in the same manner, CPDI conducted a five days training/ summer camp on right to information in Islamabad, where students from Punjab, KP, Sindh and Federal Joined in and learned the ethos of RTI. Withal, CPDI conducted an interactive session with the young female students of Fatima Jinnah Women University where a wide number of students and faculty members participated. The purpose of this session was to give awareness and deliver lecture on the legislation and implementation of RTI laws in Pakistan. Another highlighted awareness activity was held in the district Haripur of Kyber Pakhtunkhwa. CPDI and KP RTI Commission collaborated together and gathered an audience from different segments of society which included PIOs, students, lawyers and journalists. This was the first ever awareness session on RTI held in district Haripur. While keeping the tradition alive, CPDI observed the 16th international Right to Know Day and coincided the day with Annual RTI Champions Award 2018. An investigative journalist, common citizen and public information officer won the RTI awards for their best use of Right to Information Laws .This mega event was held in the collaboration with German Development Agency (GIZ) which has paved the path of successful future partnerships among both parties. On the same platform, CPDI released sui generis research based reports on the status of Online Proactive Disclosure in KP, Sindh, Punjab and Federal in Pakistan. On the international right to know day, 17 CRTI partners joined their voice of CPDI and carried out similar activities in their respective cities of districts.

CPDI believes that a strong and functional information commission is mandatory and we provide all the possible support to the commissions working in Pakistan. For this purpose, a press conference was held at Karachi Press Club to raise demand for the effective implementation of Sindh Transparency and right to information act, 2016 and strengthening of Sindh Information Commission. The press conference was held from the platform of Coalition on Right to Information (CRTI) where CRTI partners jointly raised demand for effective implementation of RTI in the province of Sindh. Likewise, one of the biggest achievements of CPDI is that we provided support to the Punjab Information Commission (PIC) for the finalization of Service Rules which were delayed. The aim was to strengthen the legal framework and functionality of Punjab Information Commission and to create positive environment and possibilities for the Punjab Information Commission to work with required human resource. Among many milestones and achievements, 12 RTI watch and 24 RTI Newsletters were issued and disseminated to the wider audience.

As a result of these activities, we succeeded to reach approximately 345 numbers of stakeholders and responsible audience. Challenges like bureaucratic hurdles and shrinking spaces for civil society in Pakistan were faced but CPDI's motivation, determination and relentless commitment to RTI enabled us to attain success in this program area.

Figures

Apart from narration also fill the data in following tables:

Major Conferences/Seminars (Only National or Provincial Level Events)

Title of Event	Date	Venue	Panelists
Awareness Seminar on KP RTI Act 2013-Haripur	27 November 2018	TMA Hall, Haripur KP	-Executive Director CPDI Amer Ejaz -KP Information Commissioner Ms. Mah Talat -District Monitoring Officer Chingayz Khan, KP RTI Commission
<u>Major Conference:</u> Open Discussion on Celebrating International Right to Know Day 2018 in Pakistan	Sep 28. 2018	Margala Hotel Islamabad	- Senator Farhat Ullah Babar - Hanif Orakzai Chief Information Commissioner KP RTI Commission -Mukhtar Ahmed Ali Former Commissioner of Punjab Information Commion - Waqas Naeem, Program Manager, Media Matters for Democracy -Sikandar Ali Hulliyon, Information Commissioner, Sindh Information Commission - Amer Ejaz ED CPDI
Understanding Legislation and Implementation of RTI Laws in Pakistan	April 26, 2019	Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi	-Dr. Ayesha Qamar, Asst. Professor, Department of Communication and Media Studies - Ambreen Kanwal, Communication Manager CPDI - Moonus Kayinat- Program Coordinator RTI
Seminar on "International Right to Know Day"	September 28, 2018	Press Club Jhang	Mr. Tasneem Ali Khan, AC Jhang Mehar Muneer Ahmad Khan, President DBA Jhang Rao Shakil Ahmad DIO, Jhang Asad Sarfraz Social Welfare Officer, Jhang Haji Manzoor Anwar, Ex. President Press Club Jhang Mrs. Balquees Hashmi, Member DRTIG Jhang Mr. Faisal Manzoor, Sr. Distt. Coord, Jhang

Training Profile

Title of Training	Date	Venue	Target Audience Category (i.e. journalists, CSOs or youth etc.)	Number of Persons Trained	
				Male	Female
Five Day Summer Camp on RTI 2019	August 7-11 2018	Islamabad Head Office and Fied Visit to KP RTI Commission Peshawar	Youth	15	4
Training on the Use of RTI Laws for Investigative Reporting	7 Feb 2019	Pakistan Press Foundation- Karachi	Journalists	7	14
Orientation/Training of District Right to Information Group	27.09.2018	Dee Paradise Hotel Toba Tek Singh	CSOs. Trade Union, Journalists, Active Community members	23	03

Press Conferences/Media Engagement

Title of press conference	Date	Venue
Press Conference to Raise Demand for the Effective Implementation of Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016	6 Feb 2019	Karachi Press Club
Press Conference on "Status of Implementation of Punjab RTI Law by Public Bodies"	February 19, 2019	CPDI Regional Office, Jhang

Radio Programs

Topic of Program	Date of Airing	Radio Channel
Status of RTI in Pakistan and Way forward	27 Sep 2019	FM 100
International Right to Know Day in Pakistan	28 Sep 2019	FM 100

CPDI in Media

Only put the number in below table.

National Newspaper (Eng)	National Newspaper (Urdu)/Sindhi	Local Newspaper	Regional Newspaper	TV (Electronic)
13	64	03	0	8

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Coalition for Elections and Democracy

www.ced-pakistan.org



The Coalition on Right to Information (CRTI) was established on December 17, 2012 in Islamabad by a group of civil society organizations.

www.crti.org.pk



Democratic
Local Governance for
Development in Pakistan

www.dlg-pakistan.org



Pakistan Alliance for
Inclusive Elections

www.paie.pakvoter.org



My Vote, My Voice & My Choice

www.pakvoter.org

CPDI presence on social media

Social media and its uses are on rapid increase with every passing day around the world, its utility is also increasing in Pakistan. Majority of the people particularly youth are understanding the use and power of social media. It is a low cost and easily accessible medium of communication. Knowing the importance and utility of social media, CPDI remained active on Twitter and Facebook platforms of social media.

Below table gives the details of social media accounts and the number of likes and followers on each social media account managed by CPDI.

				
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 Democratic Local Governance for Development in Pakistan	dlg.pakistan	600	DLG_Pakistan	83
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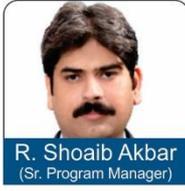




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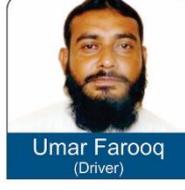
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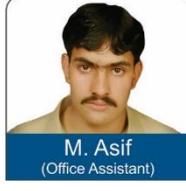
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