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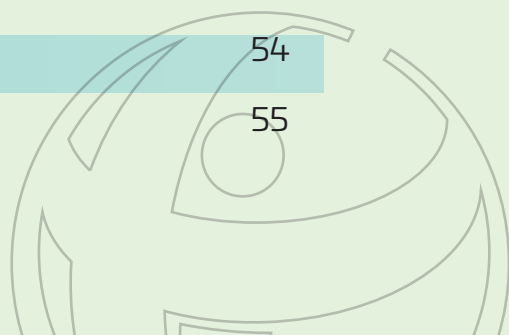
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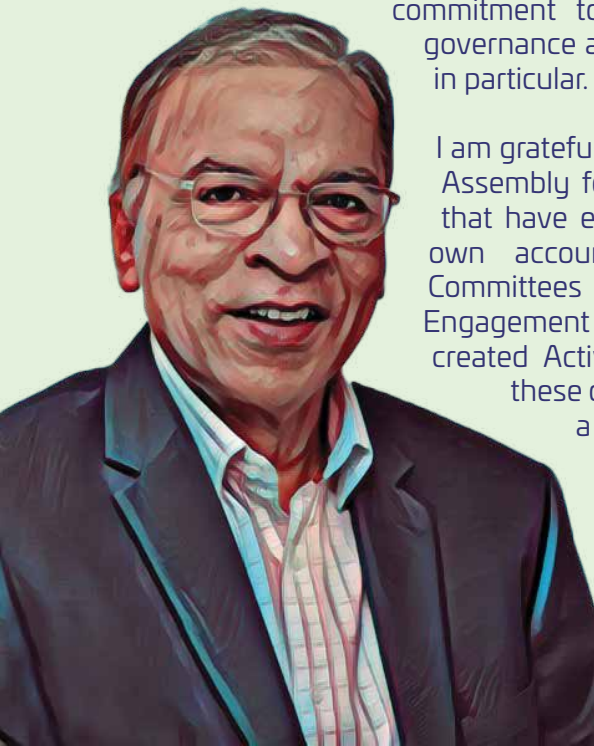
FOREWORD



This Annual Report 2022-2023 of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) presents a glimpse of work done by us during the year. It was another eventful and vibrant period that witnessed successful implementation of a comprehensive programme of research, advocacy, outreach and civic engagement to strengthen the capacity of the State to prevent and control corruption and promote better governance. We remained focused on catalyzing reform and change of practices in terms of enforcement of laws, rules and policies for integrity, accountable governance and corruption prevention with public interest at the core.

The reporting period marked the beginning of TIB's successive five-year core project "Participatory Action against Corruption: Towards Transparency and Accountability" (PACTA). We express sincere gratitude to the governments of UK, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Netherlands who extended generous support through their respective authorities in Dhaka to launch PACTA in January 2022. They were subsequently joined by USAID. Their trust and confidence in TIB represent their national and international commitment to combat corruption and promote better governance around the world in general and Bangladesh in particular.

I am grateful to the Board of Trustees of TIB and General Assembly for their guidance, supervision and support that have ensured our steady progress as well as our own accountability. The nation-wide platforms of Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCC) and Youth Engagement and Support (YES) were joined by the newly created Active Citizens Groups (ACG). Taken together these civic and youth platforms, working with us on a fully voluntary basis, are the main pillars and movers of our local level work including the



new mobile App-based community monitoring of challenges of governance and corruption in selected sectors at the service delivery end. Our voluntary civic platforms also include Young Professionals against Corruption (YPAC) and TIB members.

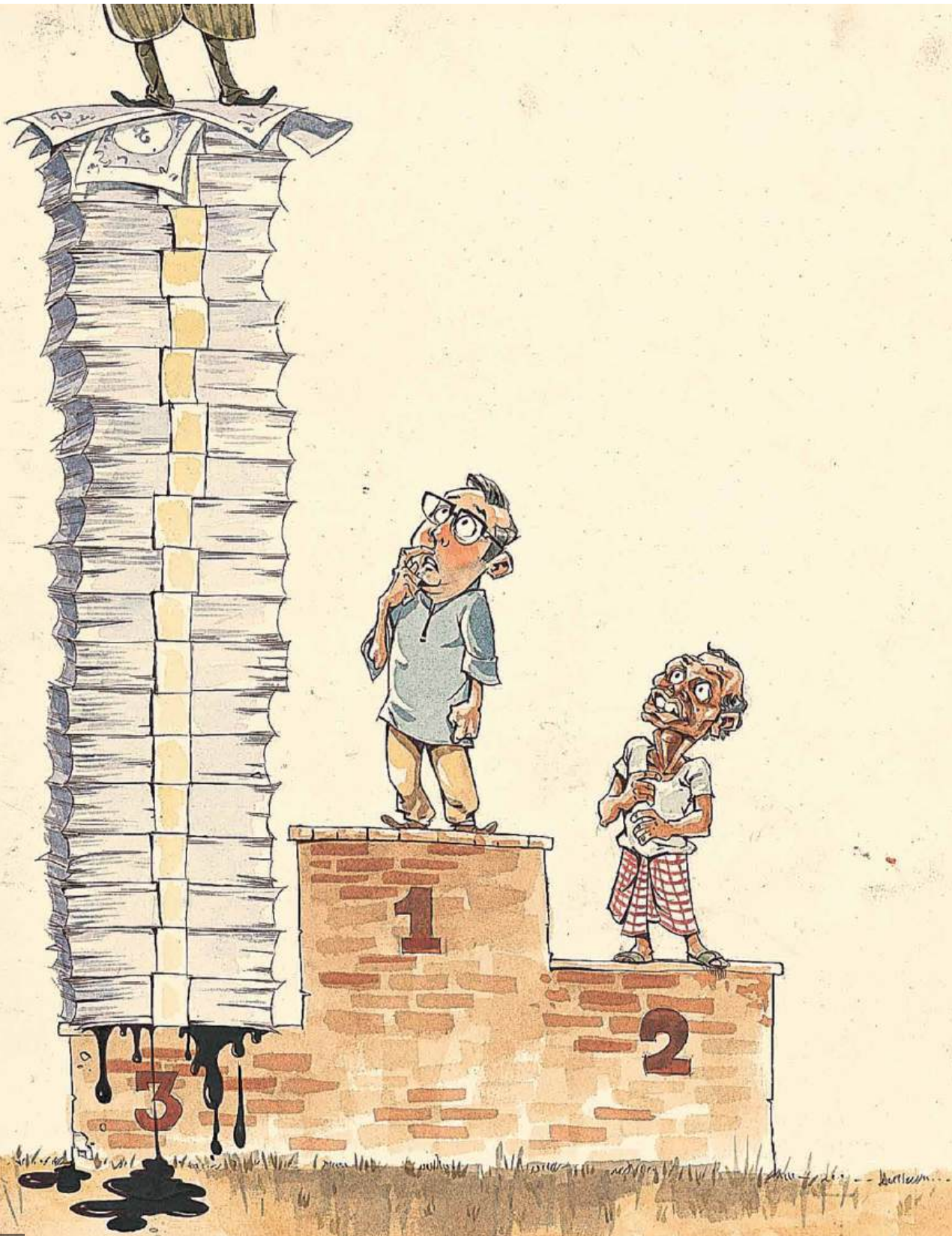
TIB's research and knowledge-based policy advocacy and voice for change at national and local levels on issues of public interest not only strengthened the demand side against corruption in general, but also delivered many concrete results as presented in what follows here. However, as nearly always in the past we also continued to face the wrath of a section of the powerful. Some baselessly alleged us to be conspiratorial with political motivation while others created bureaucratic hurdles to jeopardize our operational flexibility. Despite being a regular target of a 'shoot the messenger' mindset of powers that be, we have survived, and survived effectively.

This report captures only a short summary of what we have done in the period. There is no scope of complaisance. We have a long way to go. Effective control of corruption requires massive transformation in political and governance space. It requires a catalytic sync of our efforts in the demand side with the supply side, which is where the main challenges are deeply entrenched. As invincible as they may appear, we are determined to continue to contribute to creating conditions that will lead to more transformative changes sooner and faster.

We welcome feedback, ideas and suggestions of readers.

Iftekharuzzaman
Executive Director





ABBREVIATIONS

AC	Assistant Commissioner
ACC	Anti-Corruption Commission
ACG	Active Citizens' Group
AMF	Active Mothers' Forum
ALAC	Advocacy and Legal Aid Centre
BCDM	BRAC Centre for Development Management
BRTA	Bangladesh Road Transport Authority
CCC	Committees of Concerned Citizens
CE	Civic Engagement
COP	Conference of Parties
CFG	Climate Finance Governance
CS	Civil Surgeon
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CVF	Climate Vulnerable Forum
DGHS	Directorate General of Health Services
DoE	Department of Environment
DO	Designated Officer
DPEO	District Primary Education Office
EC	Election Commission
ECC	Environmental Compliance Certificate
IEPMP	Integrated Energy and Power Master Plan
IPDS	Indigenous Peoples Development Services
LGI	Local Government Institutions
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
MoEFCC	Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
PACTA	Participatory Action Against Corruption: Towards Transparency and Accountability
RTI	Right to Information
SACMO	Sub-Assistant Community Medical Officer
SMC	School Management Committees
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
TI	Transparency International
TIB	Transparency International Bangladesh
UH&FPO	Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer
UNESCO	United National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNO	Upazila Nirbahi Officer
UP	Upazila Parishad
VGD	Vulnerable Group Development
YES	Youth Engagement and Support

WHO WE ARE?

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) is the accredited national chapter of Transparency International (TI), the Berlin-based global anti-corruption organisation, established in 1993. TIB, since its inception in 1996, has been the only NGO in Bangladesh that works with the core mandate of anti-corruption and good governance. TIB's work has a trilateral approach, as it operates through three key divisions – Research and Policy (R&P), Civic Engagement (CE), and Outreach and Communication (O&C) – along with some strategic units.



VALUES

TIB is committed to the values of democracy, justice, the rule of law, transparency, accountability, integrity, and impartiality.



MISSION

TIB's mission is to catalyse and strengthen a participatory social movement to promote and develop institutions, laws, and practices for combating corruption in Bangladesh, and to establish an efficient and transparent system of governance, politics and business.



GOAL

TIB's current core project is – Participatory Action Against Corruption - Towards Transparency and Accountability (PACTA). The project has a data-based approach to all its activities and engages TIB's core actors by merging technology with grassroots efforts. The objectives of the project are-

- Data-driven advocacy
- Engaging citizens on a larger scale
- Ensuring transparency in government services
- Addressing good governance gaps and overcoming them



APPROACH

TIB uses a three-pronged approach in its work, namely-

- Research for knowledge-based advocacy aimed at law/policy reform
- Engagement with local level stakeholders for generating demand for transparent, effective and accountable governance; and
- Outreach and communication for fostering citizen's support and building networks, alliances and partnerships for driving the anti-corruption movement

WHERE
WE WORK

WHERE WE WORK



LOCATION MAP

Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCCs)

PACTA Project

Since January 2022, TIB has been implementing its core project – “Participatory Action Against Corruption - Towards Transparency and Accountability (PACTA).” The project has a data-based approach to all its activities and engages TIB’s core actors by merging technology with grassroots efforts.

To successfully execute the PACTA project, TIB has launched PACTApp - a multipurpose and tailor-made social audit app - that plays a pivotal role in the organisation’s advocacy, social engagement and collaboration initiatives. To incorporate data on governance deficiencies in PACTApp, Active Citizens’ Groups (ACGs) have recently been formed. These groups consist of community-level service recipients who monitor governance deficits in their respective areas, as identified by the PACTApp, and engage with relevant authorities to address these issues.

The app-based community monitoring runs parallel with the work of the CCCs and YES groups to facilitate discussions on policy changes, promote integrity in governance, and encourage transparent flow of information.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



During the reporting period, TIB's anti-corruption research has been instrumental in identifying and analysing the various types, magnitudes, and underlying causes of corruption prevalent in key sectors and institutions across Bangladesh. These comprehensive studies not only unearth governance challenges but also provide concrete recommendations for policymakers to foster integrity and drive systemic reforms. TIB's advocacy, outreach, and citizen engagement activities are grounded on its research findings. By strategically leveraging media partnerships, TIB ensures widespread dissemination of its research findings, catalysing public awareness and debate, and mobilising collective demand for anti-corruption measures.

TOTAL RESEARCH 04

Studies at a Glance



A total of four studies were released during the reporting period (July 2022 to June 2023)

1. 'Corruption in Service Sectors: National Household Survey 2021' 31 August 2022

Research Focus: As a flagship research of TIB, Corruption in Service Sectors: National Household Survey (NHS) 2021 aims to assess the nature and extent of corruption experienced by households while receiving services from various public sector institutions. Such sectors/institutions include health, education, judiciary, police, passport, electricity, gas, BRTA, and local government institutions among others. The survey findings portrayed the degree of corruption against different socio-economic dimensions of the surveyed households, residence of household: rural and urban; and gender as well.

Key Findings:

- The NHS-2021 revealed that more than two-thirds (70%) of households experiencing corruption while receiving services from the public sector.
- Law enforcement agencies (74.4%), Passport office (70.5%), and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (68.3%) were ranked as the top most corrupt sectors.
- The surveyed households spent BDT 6,636 on average to avail services, totalling almost BDT 108 billion nationally (estimated).
- The burden of corruption falls disproportionately on rural and low-income households as well as on women and older adults.

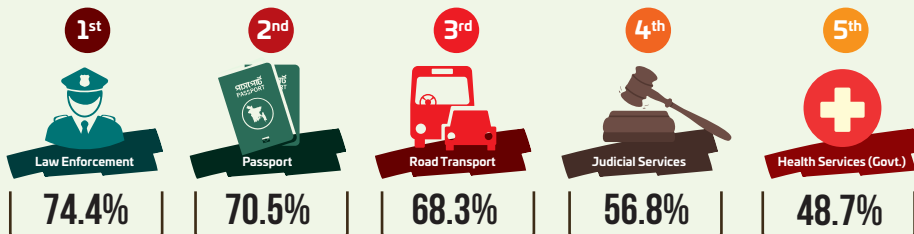
Recommendations:

- Legal accountability should be ensured for those involved in corruption in various service sectors irrespective of their positions and identities.
- All services should be digitalised to reduce direct contact between the service provider and the service recipient.

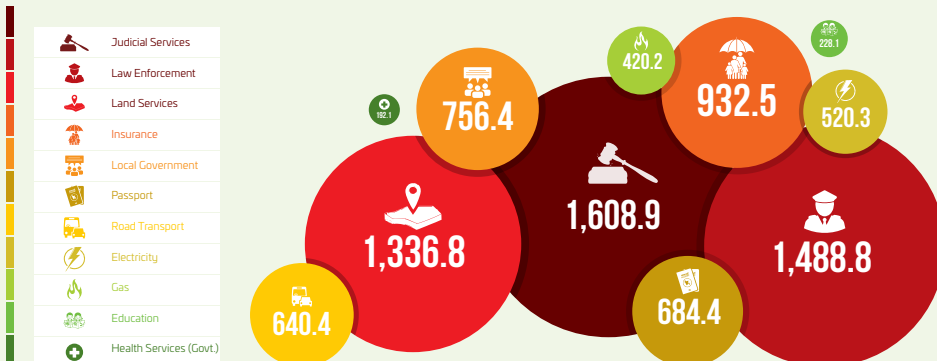
Corruption In Service Sectors National Household Survey 2021



Most Corrupt Sectors in Bangladesh (% of victims of corruption)



Estimated Amount of Bribes in Different Sectors in 2021 (Crore BDT)



2.

‘Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital: Governance Challenges and Way Forward’

25 June 2023

Research focus: This study assessed the nature and causes of governance deficiencies in medical care services and management of the Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital.

Key Findings:

- The study revealed weak internal management and a lack of effective policies. The institution also failed to adhere to national rules and regulations in hospital management.
- A single person's monopoly power obstructs accountability mechanisms and enforcement of laws.
- The key governance challenges include lack of transparency in fund management of hospital including donations, income, and expenditures and corruption, irregularities, and mismanagement in procurement, and staff recruitment.
- These governance challenges have distorted quality of medical care, affecting the hospital's reputation and financial stability. Overall, the hospital's activities and management contradicts with the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Recommendations:

- Amend the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Order, 1973 or President's Order No. 26, 1973 to reduce the absolute power of the Chairman.
- Develop an effective and realistic human resource structure/organogram for the hospital.
- Ensure transparency and accountability in all activities, and ensure exemplary punishment for those involved in irregularities and corruption.



3. 'Governance Challenges in Medical Waste Management' 13 December 2022

Research Focus: This research identified governance-related challenges, focusing on the patterns, causes, and extents of irregularities and corruption in medical waste management.



Key Findings:

- The study identified alarming deficiencies in all governance indicators related to medical waste management.
- Despite the existence of the Medical Waste (Management and Processing) Rules 2008 for 14 years, effective implementation and accountability is poor. Negligence of duty, lack of coordination, and corruption contribute to anarchy in waste management.
- The study found notable anomalies in Waste Management-hospital staff sell medical waste instead of properly disposing of it, rubber/plastic tubes are not cut off, and lack of needle destroyers, contractors handle medical waste without licenses, etc.

Recommendations:

- Review and adopt international best practices in medical waste management to guide the amendment of the Medical Waste (Management and Processing) Rules, 2008.
- Clearly defining medical waste as an environmentally harmful issue within the relevant sections of the Environment Protection Act, 1995.
- An effective action plan must be developed in coordination with concerned stakeholders, including the Department of Environment (DoE), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), hospitals, and city corporations/municipalities, for managing medical waste.
- Strict action against corruption and irregularities must be taken to stop the illegal trade in re-use and recyclable medical waste.

4. 'Governance Challenges in TCB's Family Card Program'

11 August 2022

Research focus: This study identified governance challenges, irregularities and corruption in the enrollment of beneficiaries in the Family Card Programme of the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).



Key Findings:

- The research on the Family Card Program revealed significant governance issues and crises which affected transparency and inclusion of actual beneficiaries.
- Despite being a commendable initiative, rapid implementation without proper preparation led to exclude many actual beneficiaries from the Family Card Programme, especially marginalised groups.
- Under '2500 taka cash assistance' provision, about 39.5 percent of beneficiaries who are supposed to be entitled in the Family Card programme, did not receive the Card, primarily due to corruption, political favouritism and lack of information.
- The benefits of this positive initiative did not reach the poor and marginalised communities due to a lack of proper consideration of the needs of beneficiaries, affordability, and accessibility and inclusion of marginalised communities. Many poor cardholders couldn't afford to purchase products due to their
- economic hardship.

Recommendations:

- After preparing the initial list of beneficiaries by the committee, the list should be verified based on the opinion of the local people through the ward meeting. Arrangements should be made to publish the list of beneficiaries at the local level.
- Exemplary punishment should be imposed on those involved in irregularities and corruption related to the listing and sale of products.
- An independent audit should be conducted on the list of beneficiaries and the list preparation process. Families not eligible for this programme should be identified and excluded.

Research Impact



TIB's research and advocacy initiatives have continued to influence policies and practices, creating an enabling environment to curb corruption, and holding the government and respective authorities accountable. Based on the different research findings, TIB developed 11 policy briefs and disseminated them to the authorities concerned. As a result of these initiatives, the following changes in both policy and practice have been achieved:

- **Anti-Corruption Measures in Line with NHS 2021 Recommendations**

TIB's study 'Corruption in Service Sectors: National Household Survey (NHS) 2021' recommended the ensuring of legal accountability for those involved in corruption in various service sectors, and an active role of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). Later, the ACC conducted drives in the Narayanganj and Sylhet divisional passport offices as well as in Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO) and took actions against corruption.

• Investigation on the TCB Family Card Beneficiaries' Selection

TIB conducted a study titled '**Governance Challenges in TCB's Family Card Program**' to identify irregularities and corruption in the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) Family Card Programme as well as to ensure accessibility and inclusion of the target population. Following the release of the research on 11 August 2022, the Ministry of Commerce issued an order on 13 September 2022 to form an investigation team comprised of 36 Deputy Secretaries to investigate the irregularities and corruption.

• Nationwide Drive Against Unauthorized Private Hospitals

The DGHS launched a nationwide drive to close 1,641 private hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centres, and blood banks without approval (license) by August 28, 2023, in line with the recommendations of the TIB research on private sector healthcare.

• Banking Sector Policy and Law Reforms

TIB's research report '**Supervisory Role and Regulating Defaulted Loan: Governance Challenges of Bangladesh Bank and Way Forward**' was published on 22 September 2020. Subsequently, the Finance Division formulated a recruitment policy for the board of directors of the state-owned commercial banks on 24 December 2022. Besides, the parliament passed the Bank Company (Amendment) Act on 21 June 2023, incorporating a number of recommendations made by TIB reports.

• Bringing Expatriate Workers Under Tax

The TIB study '**Employment of Expatriates in Bangladesh: Governance Challenges and Way-out**' recommended the mobilisation of a joint taskforce to hunt down illegal expatriate workers in the country. Later, the NBR requested all the ministries and departments concerned to verify the visa category of the foreigners working under their purview and bring them under the tax net.

Review of Law and Policy

While TIB extensively undertake research on important national issues to advocate for policy change it also reviews laws and policies and provide expert opinions to support these reforms.

Recognising that appropriate laws and policies are vital for a country's well-being, TIB actively monitors the law and policy landscape to identify laws and policies that have the potential to harm public interests. The reviews of laws and regulations conducted during the reporting period are detailed below.

Denouncing the Digital Security Act & Cyber Security Act

Together with relevant stakeholders, TIB consistently raised concerns about the misuse of the Digital Security Act (DSA). Following the widespread outcry from rights based organisations where TIB has a strong role regarding its arbitrary application against dissenting voices, including journalists, the DSA was finally repealed. However, it was replaced under a different name--the Cyber Security Act (CSA), which retained almost all of the provisions of the DSA. Based on its review findings, TIB emphatically urged the government to repeal this draconian law.



Suggestions to Reform Digital, Social Media, and OTT Platforms Policy

In the guise of bringing digital platforms under control, the government prepared a draft on the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission Regulation for Digital, Social Media, and OTT Platforms 2021 policy. It sparked the apprehension of promoting self-censorship and stifling the spirit of freedom of expression from different quarters. TIB identified that several sections of the policy are anti-constitutional. Besides, terminologies of some sections were vague and created the opportunity for their misuse. TIB suggested the government to comprehensively reform the policy, upholding people's interests. TIB recommended proper definitions and clarification of the terminologies, including service, and application; limiting the purview of the policy to Bangladesh only; protecting women, children, journalists, and dissents; ensuring freedom of speech and fundamental rights.

Call for Reformulation of the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)

When the government initiated the formulation of the act, TIB promptly conducted a comprehensive review of the Draft Data Protection Act 2023. TIB provided detailed observations highlighting flaws and concerns to the Legislative Division of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry. The corruption watchdog, TIB strongly advocated for renaming the act from the Data Protection Act to the Personal Data Protection Act, emphasising its role in safeguarding citizens' data rather than enabling surveillance. Through consistent advocacy efforts, TIB pressed for reforms to ensure the act would benefit the public rather than pose a threat to privacy rights. As a result of TIB's persistent engagement and direct meetings with ministers, the government revised the act's name to the Personal Data Protection Act. TIB presented 41 key recommendations underscoring its primary concern over government control of personal information, marking its fourth review of the draft.



Draft Public Audit Bill 2023

Draft Public Audit Bill 2023 was reviewed and sent to the Finance Ministry on 7 May 2023. TIB considers it contradictory to the constitutional spirit and authority given to The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (OCAG). TIB provided observations on a total of 13 sections of the bill.

Advocacy Initiatives

Advocacy at the policy level is one of the major activities of TIB. Accordingly, the O&C Division disseminates TIB's research papers, issues policy stances on different national issues to the media, and sends out policy briefs on key issues to the stakeholders. Such stakeholders include various constitutional bodies like the Election Commission, Information Commission, Anti-Corruption Commission, ministries, government departments and authorities, professional bodies, business association, trade unions, and associations. It engages in advocacy round the year by using different tools and platforms. During the reporting period, TIB advocated on multiple national issues like raising strong voices and concerns over draconian laws, journalists' safety, money laundering, roles of the Election Commission and the Anti-Corruption Commission, the frail banking sector, and many more. During this reporting period, TIB issued 11 policy briefs, 40 policy stances, and 04 concept notes.

****TIB issued policy stances and policy briefs on important issues of the country. These include:**

Highlighted advocacy issues

- Refuting false allegations by the Road Transport & Bridges Minister
- Condemning the killing of journalist Golam Rabbani
- Expressing concern over the RPO Amendment Bill
- Criticising the money laundering provisions in the national budget
- Calling for an investigation into allegations against the WASA MD
- Demanding the repeal of the DSA
- Demanding disclosure of the Bank Company (Amendment) Act
- Calling for business integrity and ethical sourcing in the RMG sector
- Calling for a careful review of the Personal Data Protection Act
- Criticising the Election Commission's role during elections
- Condemning political backing of the casino kingpins
- Expressing concern over the discriminatory deal with the Adani Group
- Expressing concern over the use of controversial surveillance technology from Israel
- Condemning controversial actions by the ACC
- Demanding compensation and a CFG fund
- Expressing concern over provisions for loan defaulters in the banking sector
- Expressing concern over the IMF's conditions
- Demanding fair wages for tea workers

Responses to Policy Advocacy

Once these policy statements or research findings are made public, they often generate significant reactions in various quarters. Many, particularly certain government ministers, who strongly criticise TIB for its forwardness and obvious truth-telling initiatives about corruption find their comments demoralising. These officials attempt to portray TIB as working against the government, whereas, in reality, TIB is committed to ensuring a corruption-free society.

**Reaction from Japan
and Russian
embassies**



**TIB statement
sparks reaction**

**Reaction from Road
Transport and
Bridges Minister**

TIB Report Rejected by Commerce Minister:

TIB conducted research titled Governance Challenges in TCB's Family Card Program on 11 August 2022. It found significant governance issues, affecting transparency and inclusion of the marginalised. However, Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi told the media that the report was based on 'Inaccurate Information', which was not the situation in reality.

False Accusation from Road and Transport Bridge Minister:

On several occasions, ministers of the incumbent government falsely criticised TIB, accusing it of tarnishing their image. A notable example was when Obaidul Quader, the Minister of Road Transport and Bridges, misleadingly blamed TIB for spreading disinformation about the Shapla Chatter Incident. In response, TIB strongly protested by sending a letter to his office and issuing a statement to the media. TIB keeps on working in the face of such adversaries, where the politicians tend to label TIB as an anti-government force.



Reaction from Japanese and Russian Embassies:

Whenever TIB discovers any discrepancies or anomalies, or any potential hazards to the country's well-being, it releases policy statements that raises concerns. TIB's significance and importance at the national level were demonstrated during the reporting period when the organisation released statements that prompted responses from the Russian and Japanese embassies.

A higher-priced gas exploration agreement with the Russian business Gazprom and the purchase of wheat from Russia were questioned by TIB. Additionally, TIB released a statement explaining authenticity of the research findings in response to the Japanese Ambassador's comments, which cast doubt on the veracity of TIB's research on Bangladesh's LNG and coal-based power plants.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT



Considered the fourth pillar of the state, the media educate the people and disseminate vital messages. Recognising their impact, TIB closely collaborates with media professionals through advocacy, training, workshops, fellowships, and competitions, supporting both established and budding journalists.

Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Awards and Fellowship

The quality of media directly influences the strength of the democratic system in a country. Recognising this, TIB collaborates with media professionals to enhance their skills and supports students of journalism to help prepare the next generation of media professionals. These future journalists will significantly impact politics, economics, culture, and societal well-being. TIB's initiatives include the Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Awards and Fellowships, which supports media reporters in their careers. Against this backdrop, TIB also offers programmes for students and the youth, such as data journalism and internet rights literacy programmes.

Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Awards

Since 1999, TIB has been awarding the best investigative reports to encourage journalists to uncover anomalies and corruption in different sectors/areas, and this year was no different. A total of 99 reports were submitted across four categories this year: national newspaper, local newspaper, television, and documentary.



Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Fellowship

To work closely with the journalists and enable them to dig out corruption, this fellowship is awarded to selected journalists based on their interests and previous work every year, and this year is no exception. The process started in May 2023 and it was ongoing in the reporting period. The fellowship is designed to groom a group of journalists under the mentorship of veteran journalists, guiding them in implementing their story ideas on corruption. It encourages journalists to publish reports on various anomalies across different sectors, empowering a strong cohort to effectively address corruption issues.



Introducing Data Journalism and Promoting Internet Rights

In the age of technology, understanding data journalism and internet rights is crucial. Organising data helps uncover accurate information, while knowledge of internet rights aids journalists and other relevant professionals. Both are essential tools for ensuring transparency and accountability. With this in mind, TIB introduced data journalism and promoted internet rights by organising workshops and engaging with the youth.

Data Journalism Workshop for Students

TIB began training journalists and students to use big data for visualising, comparing, and identifying corruption in various sectors. This skill not only enhances their careers but also helps ensure accountability and transparency through the collection of accurate information. To equip them with these unique and in-demand skills, TIB organised data journalism workshops during the reporting period. A total of 90 students from the journalism departments of Rajshahi University and Jahangirnagar University participated in these workshops.





Network Measurement Training

The training was organised in two phases to train a host of youngsters on internet throttling, shutdowns, systematic disruptions, and techniques through using different tools, such as apps. The target was to utilise their skills in internet rights-related advocacy. Young participants from 08 geographic divisions of the country were selected for the training.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Youth Engagement at the National Level

The youth are the future leaders and the driving force of change. From the economy to politics, and from culture to agriculture, they will lead everything. The more they practice integrity, accountability, transparency, and good governance, the closer we will get to a corruption-free society. Recognising the power of the youth, TIB consistently engages young people in its anti-corruption activities, instilling in them the spirit to fight corruption and demand change.

Debate

TIB, in association with Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology Debating Club (RUETDC), organised TIB-RUET Debating Club Inter University Debate Competition 2022. “Invincible Youth against Corruption: Logic, Commitment and Unity” was the theme of the debate. The competition event saw the participation of 30 public and private universities, including University of Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna, and Barisal and engineering universities BUET, CHUET, RUET, and KUET. A total of 32 teams participated in the event. Rajshahi University Debating Forum (RUDF) became the champion, while Jahangirnagar University Debate Organisation (JUDO) secured the runner-up position. The title for the best debater of the competition went to Surja Das from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). The best debater in the final round was Shahriar M Fahim from the University of Rajshahi.

Partnership with Bangladesh Scouts

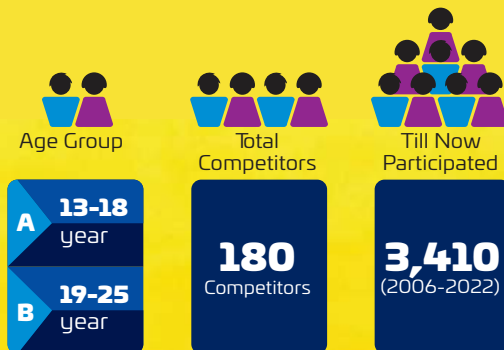
TIB collaborated with the Bangladesh Scouts to promote the anti-corruption message at the 11th National and 32nd Asia Pacific Region Scout Jamboree. Engaging over 11,000 participants, including 8,000 scouts, 1,000 unit leaders, and international service team members from various countries, such as India, Nepal, Maldives, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, USA, UK, Germany, and Canada, the initiative involved anti-corruption oath-taking ceremonies led by TIB's Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman and a cartoon exhibition. More Than 1200 scouts participated in the anti-corruption oath. TIB's wristbands bearing the message 'Together against Corruption' became an integral part of the scouts' official participation requirements.

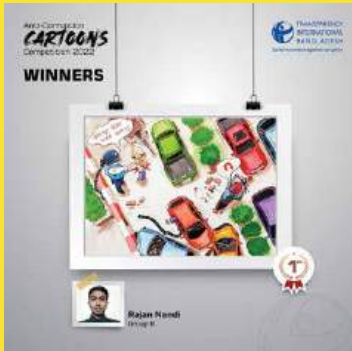


Anti-corruption
CARTOONS
Awards & Exhibition 2022

TIB hosted its annual Anti-Corruption Cartoon Exhibition on 9-23 December 2022, featuring youth-created artworks on issues like corruption, injustice, inequality, etc. It held the nationwide cartoon competition, involving students from various educational institutions. The exhibition attracted a number of young cartoonists and enthusiasts. Many vloggers reviewed the event on their YouTube channels and Facebook pages. Besides, visitors took pictures with the anti-corruption caricatures and tagged TIB on their social media profiles, helping anti-corruption messages reach across online and offline platforms.

Theme
Corruption & Good Governance





Celebrating **THE RIGHT TO KNOW DAY**

The United Nations declared 28 September as the Universal Access to Information Day, which is commonly known as the Right to Know (RTK) Day. TIB and other stakeholders have been celebrating the day since 2006. As a result of continued advocacy by TIB and other stakeholders, the Right to Information (RTI) Act was enacted in 2009, which enables citizens to directly seek information from relevant authorities, ensuring thereby their accountability. A concept note is prepared annually in line with UNESCO's theme on the right to know to facilitate discussions with local government authorities, helping generate dialogue among stakeholders about the right to know and access to information at the local level.

To mark the RTK day, TIB implements different activities spreading awareness about the right to information including RTI Fair, trainings, workshops and using different communication materials, like cartoon stickers.

Engaging Citizens with RTI on the Ground:

TIB conducts numerous activities to engage the people at the local level. These initiatives enable the participation of citizens in filing RTI applications at the RTI Fairs on different issues every year.

44,033

citizens learnt to use RTI Act

13,263

citizens filed 22,539 RTI applications

14,321

*applications responded by
respective authorities*

RTI Training for the Indigenous Youth

Indigenous communities are considered one of the marginalised communities. To equip the next generation of indigenous youth with RTI knowledge, TIB arranged a training on RTI for 25 indigenous youths of the country's CHT region. This tends to empower the marginalised community to ask for information in regards to their rights from the government, resulting in ensuring transparency and accountability in the process.



Designated Officers' (DO) Training

Designated Officers (DO) are responsible for providing information to citizens on demand under the RTI Act. During the reporting period, TIB organised RTI training in two different phases to equip the DOs of different government offices with the practical knowledge of the RTI Act 2009 to serve people better. The training helps DOs to have a clear understanding of the RTI law and the process including compiling information, pro-active disclosure of information, responding to RTI applications, etc. This year 58 DOs from Mymensingh & Rangpur division participated in the training.

Cartoon Sticker

Cartoons play a vital role in conveying serious messages to teenagers and school-going children by presenting complex topics in a fun and easy-to-understand manner. To promote the right to know among young minds, TIB uses this medium every year. These cartoons are distributed across all 45 CCCs and among stakeholders, effectively engaging the youth.

RTI Sticker by TIB



Amar Ekushey Book Fair

Amar Ekushey Book Fair in February is an annual affair that draws thousands of people and diverse crowds. In a bid to advocate anti-corruption messages among people, TIB sets up a stall in the fair every year, showcasing its different publications. The YES members act as volunteers at the event and they spread anti-corruption messages at the fair.



Publication

TIB's publications essentially document its research work. They attract researchers, academicians, journalists, students, and other stakeholders.

TIB regularly publishes its research work and uploads these on its website. There were three publications during the reporting period



‘Good Governance in Bangladesh: Challenges and Way Forward’ (13th edition)

The 13th edition of the book was brought out this year, which is a summary compilation of TIB’s research studies published in 2021-22.



‘Coal and LNG Based Power Projects in Bangladesh: Governance Challenges and the Way Ahead’

The research study explores the anomalies and damage caused by the coal and LNG-based power projects in the country. Both English and Bangla versions of the study were published and uploaded on TIB’s website.



‘Corruption in Service Sectors: National Household Survey (NHS) 2021’

This is TIB’s flagship survey, conducted every two years to analyse the existing service sectors of Bangladesh. From 1997 to 2021, TIB released nine NHS, which garnered massive media attention and public opinion.

Partnerships

TIB collaborates with like-minded organisations to accelerate the anti-corruption movement. TIB believes that corruption can be stopped if people from all walks of life unite and join the anti-corruption movement and to this end, TIB partners with various entities, including government bodies, NGOs, and the media. During the 2022-23 period, TIB collaborated with numerous national and international organisations, and mobilised the youth from different educational institutions and helped in capacity building of government officials to drive a united movement against corruption.



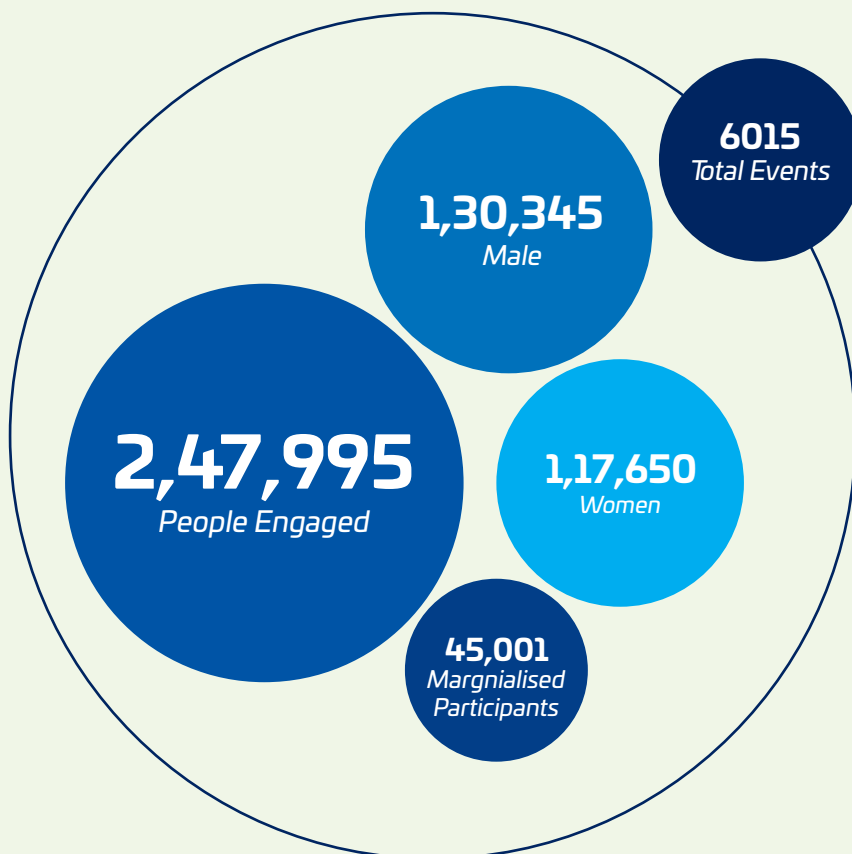


Civic Engagement

One of the key pillars of TIB is civic engagement, led by the Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCCs) in 45 locations throughout the country. These Committees serve as local watchdogs and anti-corruption agents. The CCCs are supported by the Youth Engagement and Support (YES) groups, comprising volunteers aged from 15 to 27, who act as the frontline agents of change in the fight against corruption. Additionally, the newly formed community-based Active Citizens' Groups (ACG), composed of recipients of services from local service delivery institutions, engage in app-based community monitoring and advocacy to improve services and institutional integrity.



Overview of Field-level Activities



Activities	Total Number of events
Engagement of core actors	3148
Capacity development	331
Outreach and campaign	593
Community based actions	1060
Engagement with different authorities	671
Local need-based special initiatives	212

Youth Engagement

at the Local Level

Activities Engaging the Youth

Throughout the year TIB engages youth groups in various anti-corruption activities like –



Activities of Dhaka YES & CCC YES Groups

Led by Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCCs), Youth Engagement & Support (YES) Groups spearhead various anti-corruption initiatives. Their key activities are highlighted below.

- CCC and Dhaka-based YES groups organised 591 outreach and campaign events, with the participation of 1,38,715 participants.
- Dhaka YES groups conducted a study on websites of 18 government hospitals in Dhaka. The study found that those websites were not updated with proper information. Later, TIB sent letters to the hospital authority with the recommendations of the study and reminded them to follow Pro-Active Disclosure Guidelines provided by Information Commission.
- YES group started its activities in the Central Women's University for the first time.

Advice & Information (AI) Desk by YES Groups

AI Desks run by the YES groups and the CCCs at the field level to help citizens receive information on various government services. Such initiatives empower the citizens and ensure their rights to information.

Number of Advice & Information (AI) desk campaign: 63

- Number of citizens received information: 9,678
- Male: 5,759; Female: 3,919; Marginalised: 1,713



Civic Engagement

at the Local Level

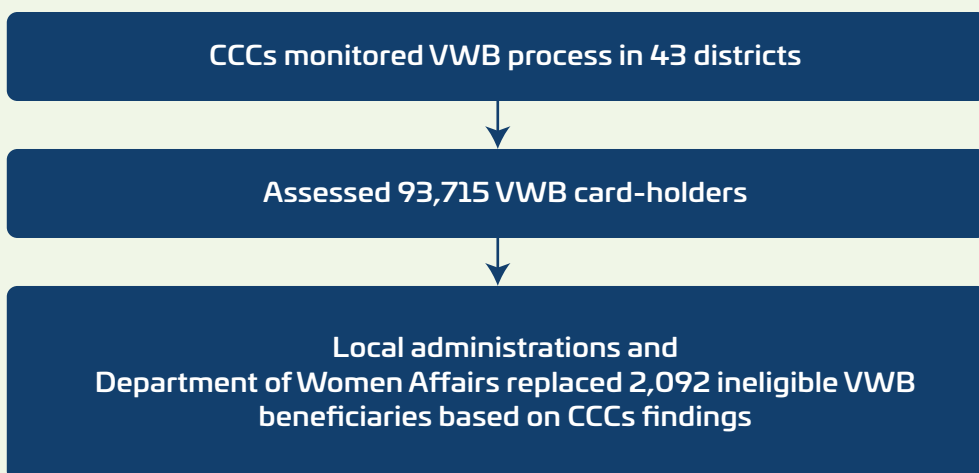
TIB's intensive advocacy, conducted through CCCs, YES and ACGs, yielded remarkable results during the reporting period. Their efforts resulted in the issuance of various directives from local government offices, fostering accountability and good governance. Public hearings organised by these groups helped restore land rights for vulnerable women, and their proactive measures ensured further scrutiny of local government projects.

Letters/Directives issued

- **PACTA Implementation:** Concerned local administration and sectoral authorities issued a total of 78 letters to initiate reforms in specific sectors/institutions.
- **Proactive Information Disclosure:** The CCCs monitored 5,257 web-portals at the district and upazila levels, and submitted reports, following which, the local administrations and respective authorities issued directives to 4,396 government institutions, instructing them to update their web-portals.
- **Educational Institutions:** The Sunamganj District Primary Education Office (DPEO) issued directives to all secondary educational institutions in the area to install complaint boxes, update the monitoring boards, and ensure proper functioning of school management committees (SMCs).
- **Government Project:** The Barguna UNO issued a directive to the upazila women affairs officer to replace ineligible beneficiaries of the Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB) programme with eligible candidates.
- **Health:** The Nilphamari upazila health and family planning officer issued a show-cause letter to the Sub-Assistant Community Medical Officer (SACMO) of Gorgram Union Health Sub-Centre.
- **Land:** Assistant Commissioner (Land) of Patiya Upazila of Chattogram district issued official directives to all Union Land Offices under his jurisdiction to take measures improving good governance following TIB's recommendations.

Ineligible Beneficiaries of Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB) Programme Replaced

To find discrepancies in VWB programme, all 45 CCCs monitored 93,715 VWB card holders of 519 union parishads under 48 upazilas in 43 districts, and then, they identified 2,259 ineligible beneficiaries. Based on the findings, the CCCs conducted intensive evidence-based advocacy with the local administration and Department of Women Affairs, and finally, among the identified ineligible beneficiaries, 2,092 ineligible beneficiaries were replaced.



Success Stories

From Despair to Justice: Salma's Battle Won with CCC's Advocacy

Sherpur: Salma Parven, a resilient woman from Gollarpar village under Nalitabari upazila of Sherpur district, had long been living peacefully with her family. However, her world turned upside down after the passing of her father-in-law. Despite inheriting the deed to the family home and some arable land from her father-in-law, Salma's nephews and other relatives forcibly dispossessed her and her children from their rightful residence. Their claim was that an adopted son, such as Salma's late husband, had no right to inherit property.

Left homeless with a son and a daughter, Salma sought refuge at a relative's house. Desperate for justice, she approached the Nalitabari Upazila Land Office and the Upazila Parishad's chairman. However, her appeals were ignored, as the influential occupiers used their power to block any action.

After enduring this injustice for a long time, Salma finally shared her plight with the coordinator of the Active Citizens Group (ACG) of CCC, Nalitabari. Moved by her situation, the ACG discussed the issue in their monthly coordination meeting and Community Action Meeting, where they decided to conduct an advocacy campaign. The CCC Nalitabari then brought the matter to the attention of the Upazila Land Authority.

On May 27, 2023, a public hearing organised by the CCC gave Salma the opportunity to voice her concerns directly to the Assistant Commissioner (Land). The Assistant Commissioner took her case seriously and instructed the Sub-Assistant Land Officer to conduct a thorough investigation. Upon reviewing the investigation report, the Assistant Commissioner advised Salma to file a case in the district court.

However, as the occupiers sensed the looming legal consequences, they offered a compromise. They requested Salma and her family to return to their home, and finally, Salma regained her rights over the property. Grateful and relieved, Salma and her family expressed their deep appreciation to the Upazila Land Authority and the CCC's Active Citizens Group for their unwavering support.

Salma's story is a testament to the power of community action and the importance of standing up for one's rights, even in the face of overwhelming odds.

YES Group's Advocacy Strengthens Access to Information in Munshiganj Sadar

Munshiganj: In 2009, the Right to Information Act marked a significant milestone in Bangladesh's journey towards democracy, ensuring citizens' right to access information. However, despite the legal provisions, many government offices in Munshiganj Sadar Upazila failed to fully implement the Act, leaving citizens unable to benefit from the transparency it promised.

Recognizing this gap, the Young Enthusiastic Society (YES) group of the Community Citizen's Committee (CCC) Munshiganj took the initiative to support the effective implementation of the RTI Act, 2009. On November 24-25, 2022, the YES group conducted a comprehensive survey across 32 government offices in Munshiganj Sadar Upazila, focusing on the status of Designated Officer (DO) Boards—a key requirement under the Act for facilitating public access to information. The results were alarming: only one office had properly displayed the DO Board, while the rest had either outdated or no information available.

In response, the YES group immediately engaged with the concerned authorities, advocating for urgent updates to the DO Boards. Their efforts led to six government offices promptly updating their boards. Additionally, the YES group submitted a detailed report and advocacy letter to the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Munshiganj Sadar Upazila, who issued a directive on December 15, 2022, mandating all offices to update their DO Boards within a specific timeframe.

Determined to ensure lasting change, the YES group conducted a follow-up survey on June 12-13, 2023. The results showed significant progress: seven government offices were now maintaining their DO Boards correctly, and another eight had made necessary updates. The YES group submitted a follow-up report to the UNO, who responded by issuing another directive on June 26, 2023, pushing the remaining offices to comply.

Thanks to the YES group's relentless advocacy and proactive efforts, citizens of Munshiganj Sadar Upazila now enjoy greater access to information from government offices. The group's work has not only reinforced the importance of the Right to Information Act but also set a powerful example of how youth-driven initiatives can drive tangible change in society.

Climate Action & Impact

Climate change and environmental hazards are pressing issues of our time. TIB addresses climate change and environmental concerns, focusing primarily on ensuring accountability and transparency in climate governance. TIB advocates for meaningful practices of transparency, accountability, participation, and integrity in climate governance through various studies. Aligning with SDGs 6, 7, 13, and 16, these efforts influence multiple aspects of climate change and environmental sustainability. The outcomes of these initiative are as follows:





- **Policy and Law Reform in Power and Energy Sector:** TIB's study **'Coal and LNG-based Power Projects in Bangladesh: Governance Challenges and Way Out'** urged the authority concerned to revoke the Quick Enhancement

of Electricity and Energy Supply (Special Provisions) Act 2010 as well as scrap renewal of contract for the rental and quick rental power plants and stop paying capacity payment to the companies that did not generate any electricity. Later, the World Bank gave loan conditions to the Government of Bangladesh (GoB), including no capacity payment for such plants seeking contract renewal. GoB complied with the condition and enforced it through a circular in January 2023. Acknowledging TIB's concern, GoB pledged to achieve efficient fuel mix to reduce power generation cost and comply with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Rules 2016. Besides, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change formulated the Air Pollution (Control) Rules 2022, setting the highest emission limits for power plants separately.

- **Reform in Environmental Law:** TIB's study on **'Governance Challenges of the Department of Environment and Way Forward'** sought the

inclusion of a legal provision to upload the environmental impact assessment (EIA) report on the websites of the industries, including the website of the Department of Environment (DoE). Following TIB's recommendation this matter has been addressed in Rule 18.8 of the Environmental Conservation Rules 2023. The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) also included the findings and recommendations of the study in its Annual Report 2022 and decided to submit it to the ministries concerned.

- **DoE's Anti-Corruption Measures:** Following public release of the study **'Governance Challenges in Medical Waste Management'**, several follow-up news and op-eds were published in the print media. The Department of Environment (DoE) proactively took legal actions against illegal traders of medical waste and seized 43 sacks of medical waste from a scrap shop in Chittagong.

- **Position Paper on the World Environment Day 2023:** TIB prepared a position paper, issued a press statement, and organised an awareness-raising event to observe the World Environment Day 2023.

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Supporting the SDGs



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Study: Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital: Governance Challenges and Way Forward
Study: Governance Challenges in Medical Waste Management Policy Brief:

- Governance Challenges in Medical Waste Management and Way Out
- Governance Challenges in Tackling Corona Virus: Things to do in the Future
- The Role of Non-Government Organisations in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Way Forward

5 GENDER EQUALITY



Policy Brief: Role of Women Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) in Establishing Good Governance at the Local Level: Challenges and Way Forward
Policy Brief: State Recognition and Rights of Birangona Freedom Fighters: Governance Challenges and Way-out

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



Policy Stance: Irregularities at Water & Sewerage Authority (WASA)

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Policy Stance: TIB Calls for Reconsideration of Adani Power Contract in Bangladesh
Policy Brief:

- Governance Challenges in Coal and LNG-based Power Projects in Bangladesh: Way Forward in Ensuring Integrity in Formulation of IEPMP
- Coal and LNG-based Power Projects in Bangladesh: Governance Challenges and the Way Ahead

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Policy Stance: Decent work/remittance inflows/worker safety/RMG
Research Impact: NBR requested ministries and all department concerns to bring all illegal worker under tax.

<p>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p> 	<p>Study: Governance Challenges in TCB's Family Card Program Policy Stance: Proper wages for the tea workers</p>
<p>13 CLIMATE ACTION</p> 	<p>Study: Governance Challenges of the Department of Environment and Way Forward Policy Stance: Implementation of laws for plastic pollution Position Paper: Position Paper on World Environment Day</p>
<p>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p> 	<p>Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (SDG 16): Study: Corruption in Service Sectors: National Household Survey 2021; Policy Brief: Good Governance in Judicial Services: Reality and Recommendations Official Directives: Due to advocacy on proactive disclosure of information, the local government authorities issued directives that reached 4,396 government institutions. Policy Stance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to information/press freedom • RPO amendment • Safety of journalists • Data Protection Act/Digital Security Act/Regulation for digital, social media, and OTT platforms • Money Laundering • Corruption in public service hiring
<p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoU with Anti-corruption Commission • MoU with Information Commission • Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh • RTI Training for govt. Designated Officers (DO) • RTI training for indigenous community • Investigating journalism workshops & training for journalists • Data journalism training

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AUDITED
FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
(July 2022 - June 2023)



Independent Auditors' Report

To the Management of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)
Report on the Audit of Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2023, and the Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the Financial Position of the organization as at 30 June 2023, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirement that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Bangladesh, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRSs, the Foreign Donation (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Act 2016 and other applicable laws and regulations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.



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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.


As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Signed for & on behalf of
MABS & J Partners
Chartered Accountants

Place: Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dated: 16 OCT 2023


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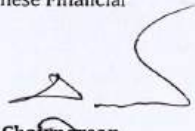
Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2023

Particulars	Notes	Amount in BDT	
		30-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2022
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets		33,675,423	13,734,451
Property, Plant and Equipments	5.01	6,038,539	5,927,740
Intangible Assets	5.02	27,636,884	7,806,711
		-	17,811,043
Work-in-Progress	5.03	-	17,811,043
Current Assets		58,895,924	87,612,980
Advances, Deposits & Prepayments	6	3,819,992	3,695,489
Receivables	7	473,980	7,743
Cash & Cash Equivalents	8	54,601,952	83,909,748
TOTAL ASSETS		92,571,347	119,158,474
FUND AND LIABILITIES			
Fund		76,885,376	112,215,561
Due to donor	10	36,087,819	91,281,911
TIB general fund	11	7,122,134	6,824,200
Fixed asset fund- unfunded	12	33,675,423	14,109,451
Liabilities		15,685,971	6,942,912
Liabilities	9	15,685,971	6,942,912
TOTAL FUND AND LIABILITIES		92,571,347	119,158,474

The accompanying notes from 1 to 26 and annexure 1 to 7 from an integral part of these Financial Statements.


Treasurer



Executive Director


Chairperson

Signed in terms of our separate report of even date annexed

Signed for & On behalf of
MABS & J Partners
Chartered Accountants

Place: Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dated: **6 OCT 2023**


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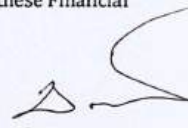
Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)
Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the Year Ended on 30 June 2023

Particulars	Notes	Amount in BDT	
		1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022
INCOME			
Grants Income	13	359,322,619	345,123,122
Fund Transfer from general fund (Annexure # 6)		25,753	18,076
Total Income		359,348,372	345,141,198
EXPENDITURE			
Salary and Allowance	19	258,317,413	227,376,808
Travel Cost	20	2,805,004	2,205,030
Staff Training and Capacity Building Cost	21	1,329,892	431,616
Operating Cost	22	64,800,525	65,107,320
Activity Cost	23	31,777,779	47,292,623
Capacity Building of CCC, YES, YES Friends and Partners	24	-	50,792
Technical Support and Consultancy Cost	25	255,500	2,672,389
Non-Consumable Supplies	26	62,260	4,620
Total Expenditures		359,348,372	345,141,198

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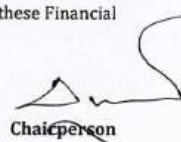
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Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the Year Ended on 30 June 2023

Particulars	Notes	Amount in BDT	
		1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022
Opening Balance		83,909,748	151,412,162
Cash in Hand	8	243,828	222,749
Cash at Bank		83,665,920	151,189,413
Receipts		336,019,875	292,699,155
Foreign Grants	10.1	333,299,071	284,301,528
Membership Fee	14	21,883	18,646
End of Service Benefits (EoSB)	15	1,189,693	-
Bank Interest	16	122,306	70,098
Other Income	17	253,029	132,887
Insurance claim received against sale of Capital Asset and Others	18	1,133,893	8,175,996
Total		419,929,623	444,111,317
Payments		365,327,671	360,201,568
Salary and Allowance	19	255,044,196	226,368,893
Travel Cost	20	2,840,814	2,202,906
Staff Training and Capacity Building Cost	21	1,329,892	360,826
Operating Cost	22	53,936,655	60,978,011
Activity Cost	23	31,694,161	47,831,813
Capacity Building of CCC, YES, YES Friends and Partners	24	-	50,792
Technical Support and Consultancy Cost	25	255,500	2,672,389
Non-Consumable Supplies	26	62,260	4,620
Property, Plant and Equipment (capitalized expenditure)		9,162,299	16,913,150
Refund to Donors		10,901,892	1,610,467
General Fund Payment		100,000	1,207,701
Closing Balance		54,601,952	83,909,748
Cash in Hand	8	276,416	243,828
Cash at Bank		54,325,536	83,665,920
Total		419,929,623	444,111,317

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Place: Dhaka, Bangladesh
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List of Designated Information Officers

As a stakeholder in people's right to information and in accordance with the Right to Information (RTI) Act 2009, TIB's designated information request channels are: yasmin@ti-bangladesh.org, or through phone or letter to Assistant Coordinator-Civic Engagement, Cell: +8801714092823.

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Contact details of Designated Officers at CCC areas

**Alphabet wise Committee of Concerned Citizens (CCC) areas are listed below:*

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