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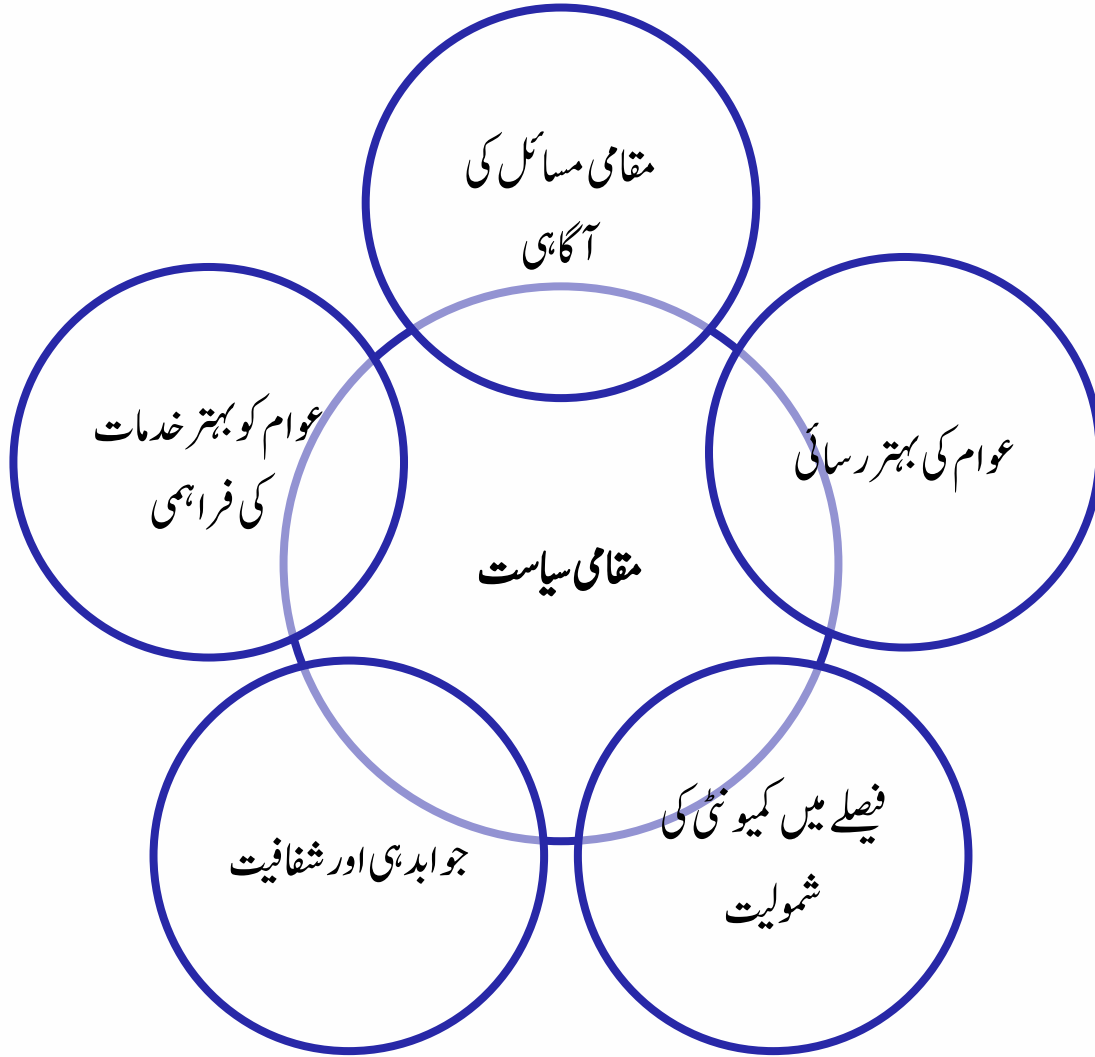
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مقامی سطح پر سیاست

All Politics is Local ■

تمام سیاست مقامی سطح پر ہے

(Thomas Phillip "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., Former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives) ◆



مقامی سطح پر اقتدار کی منتقلی

■ گورننس اور عوامی خدمات کی فراہمی میں بہتری بذریعہ

Allocative efficiency ◆

وسائل مختص کرنے کی بہتر کارکردگی

Productive efficiency—through increased accountability of local ◆

governments to citizens, fewer levels of bureaucracy, and better knowledge of local costs.

بہتر پیداواری کارکردگی

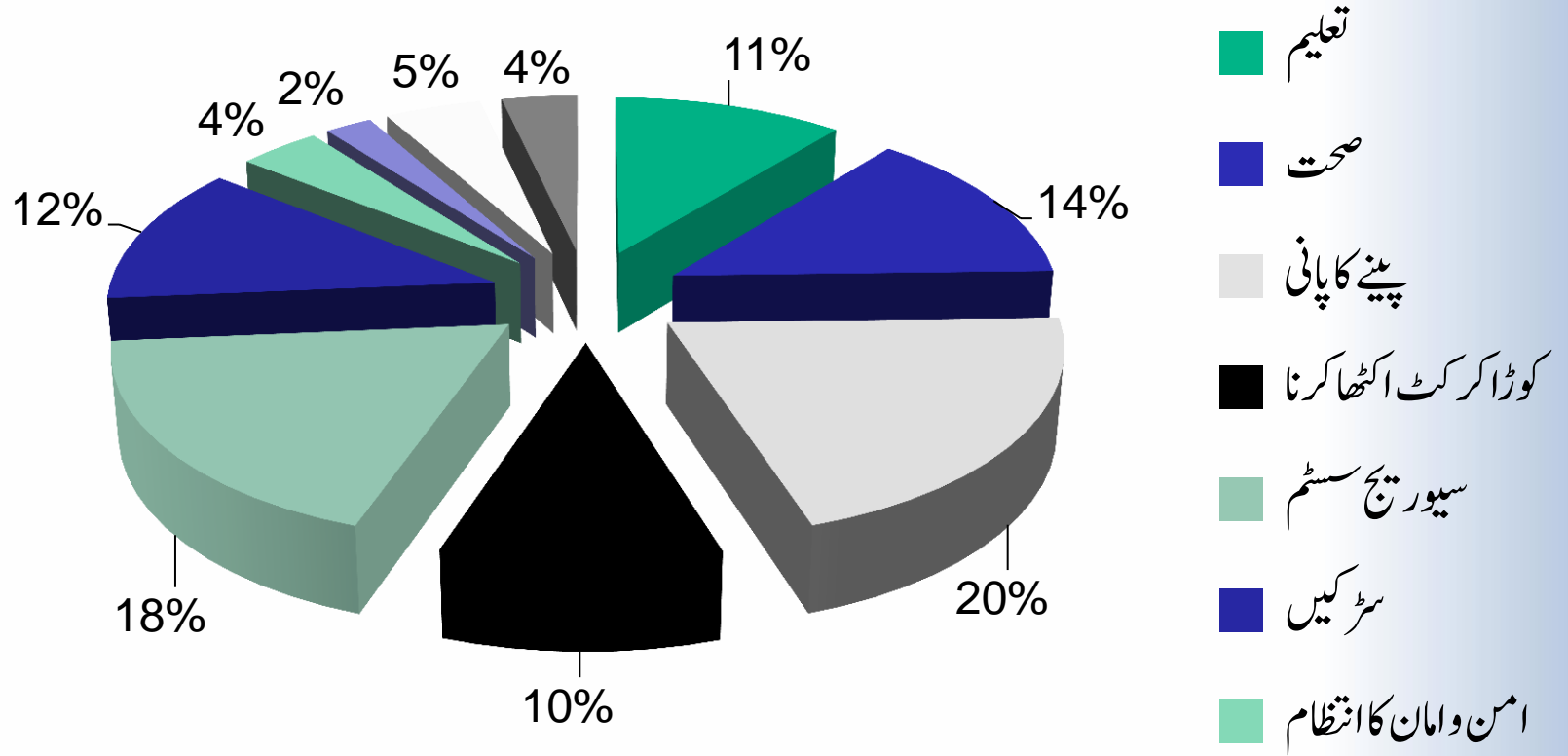
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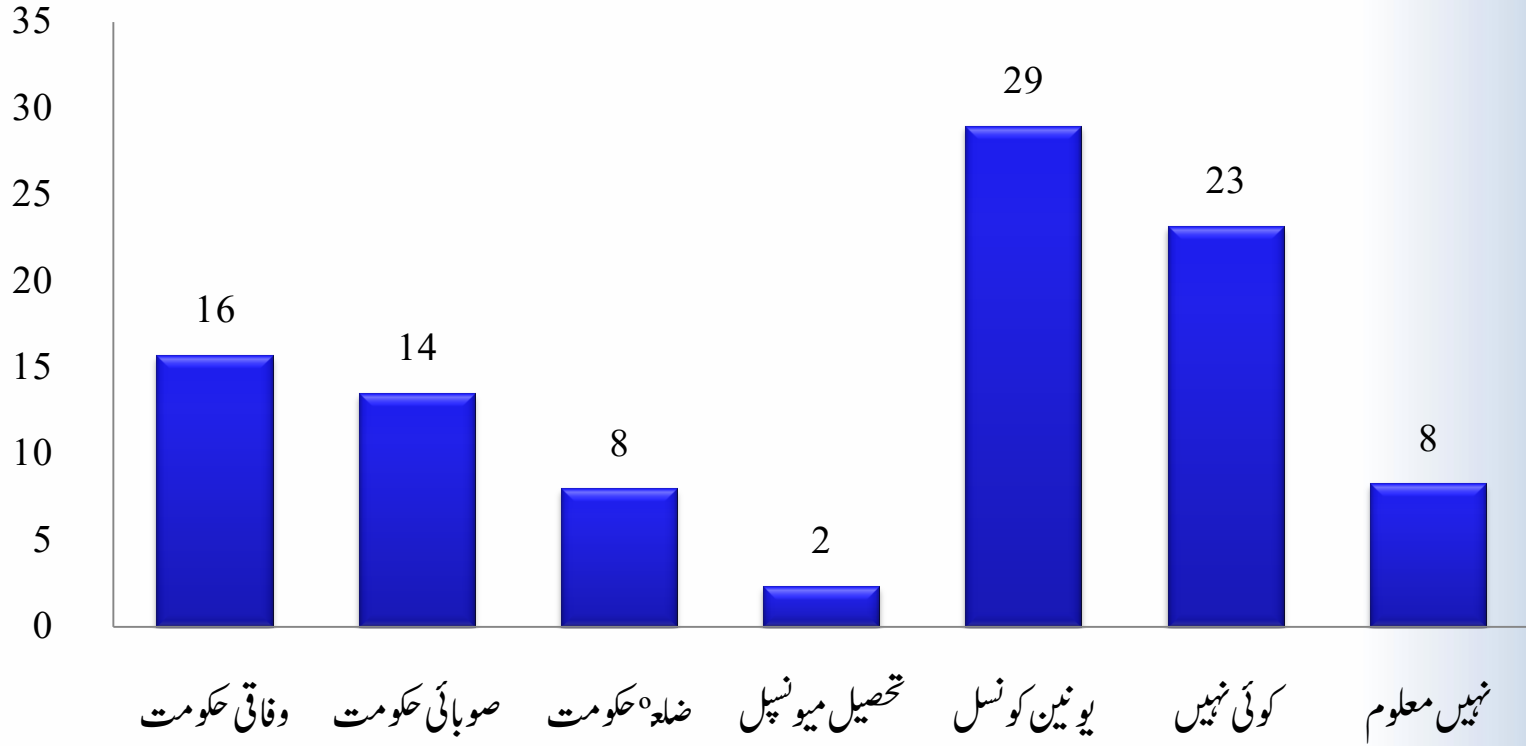
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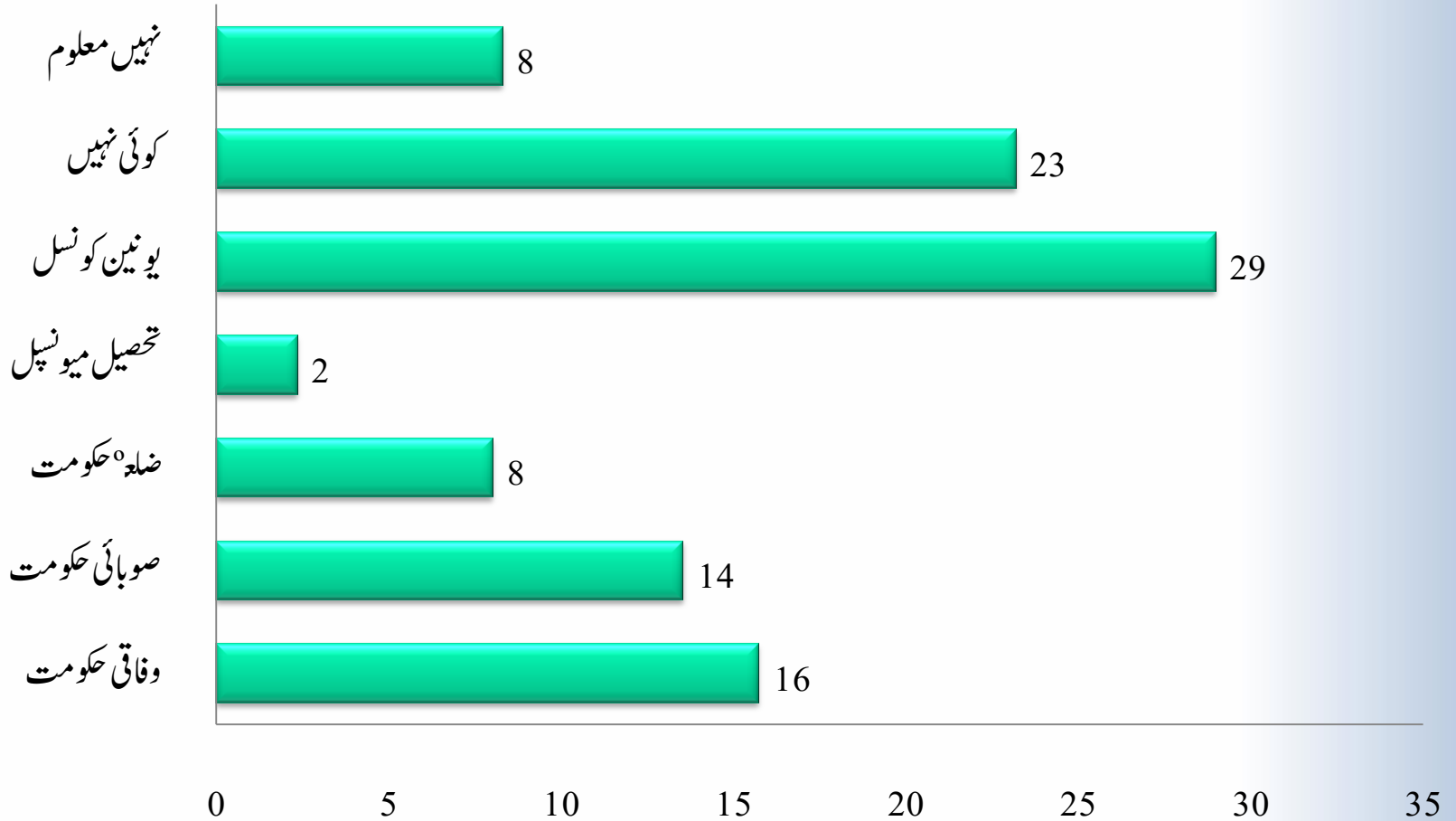
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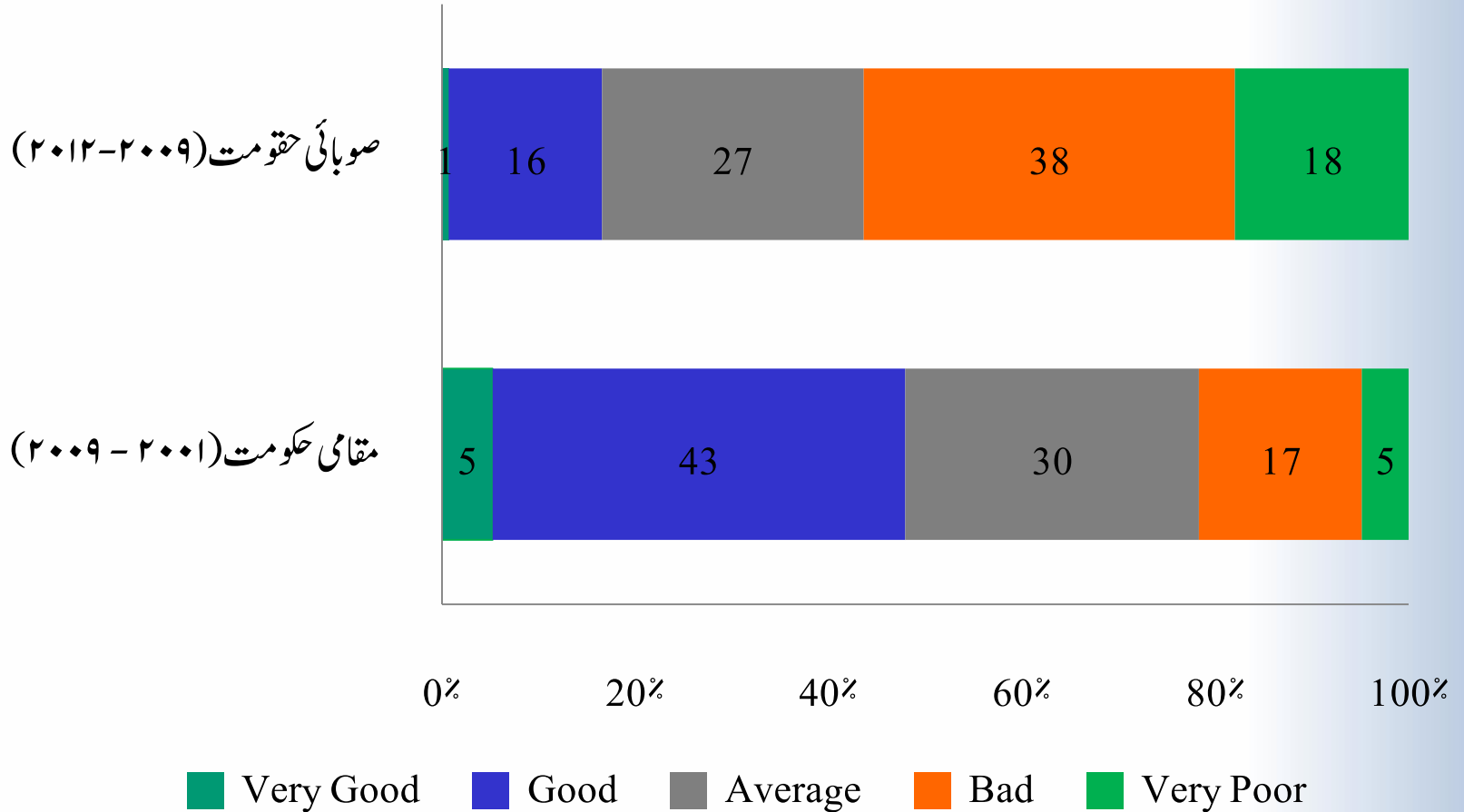
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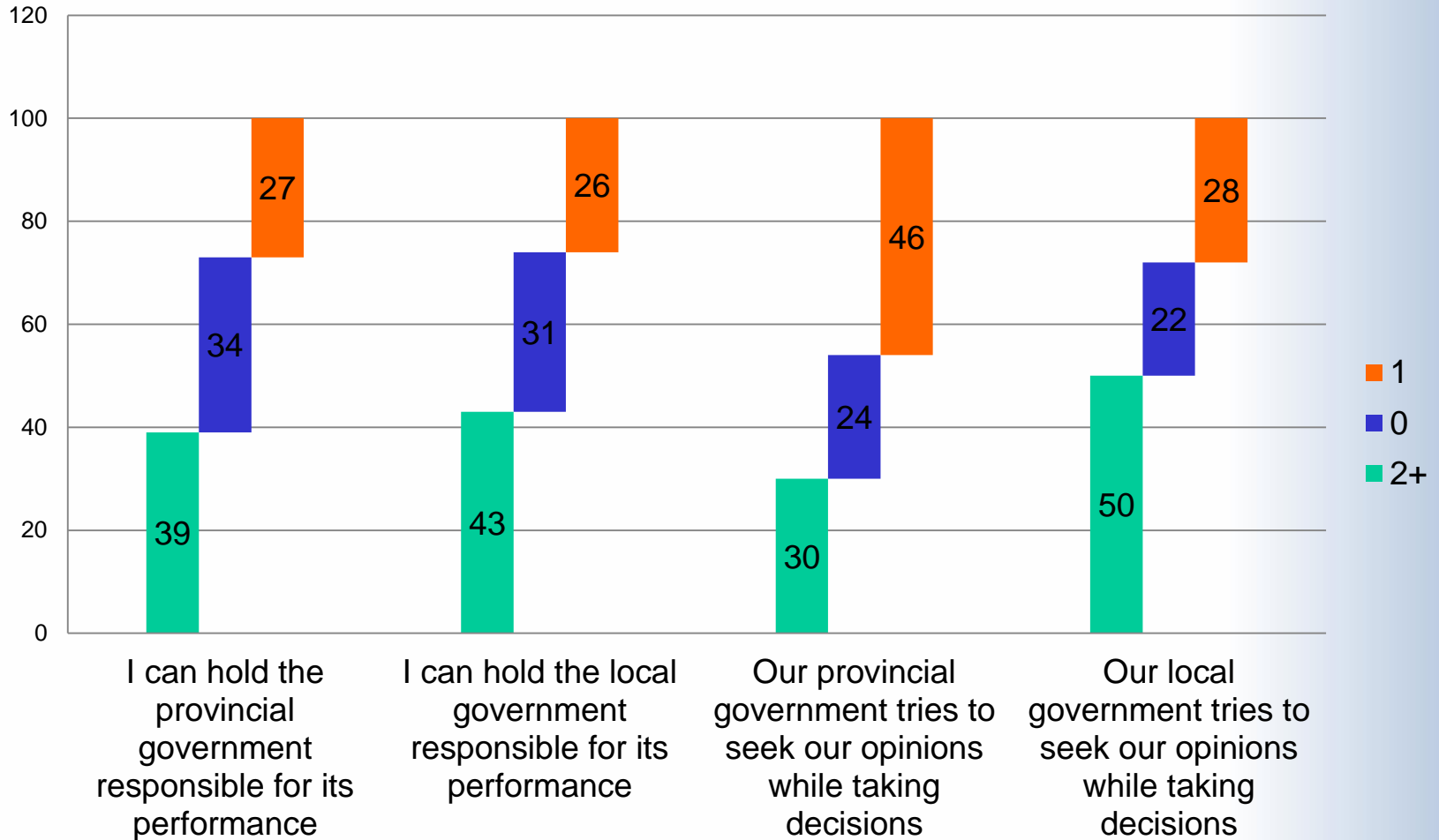
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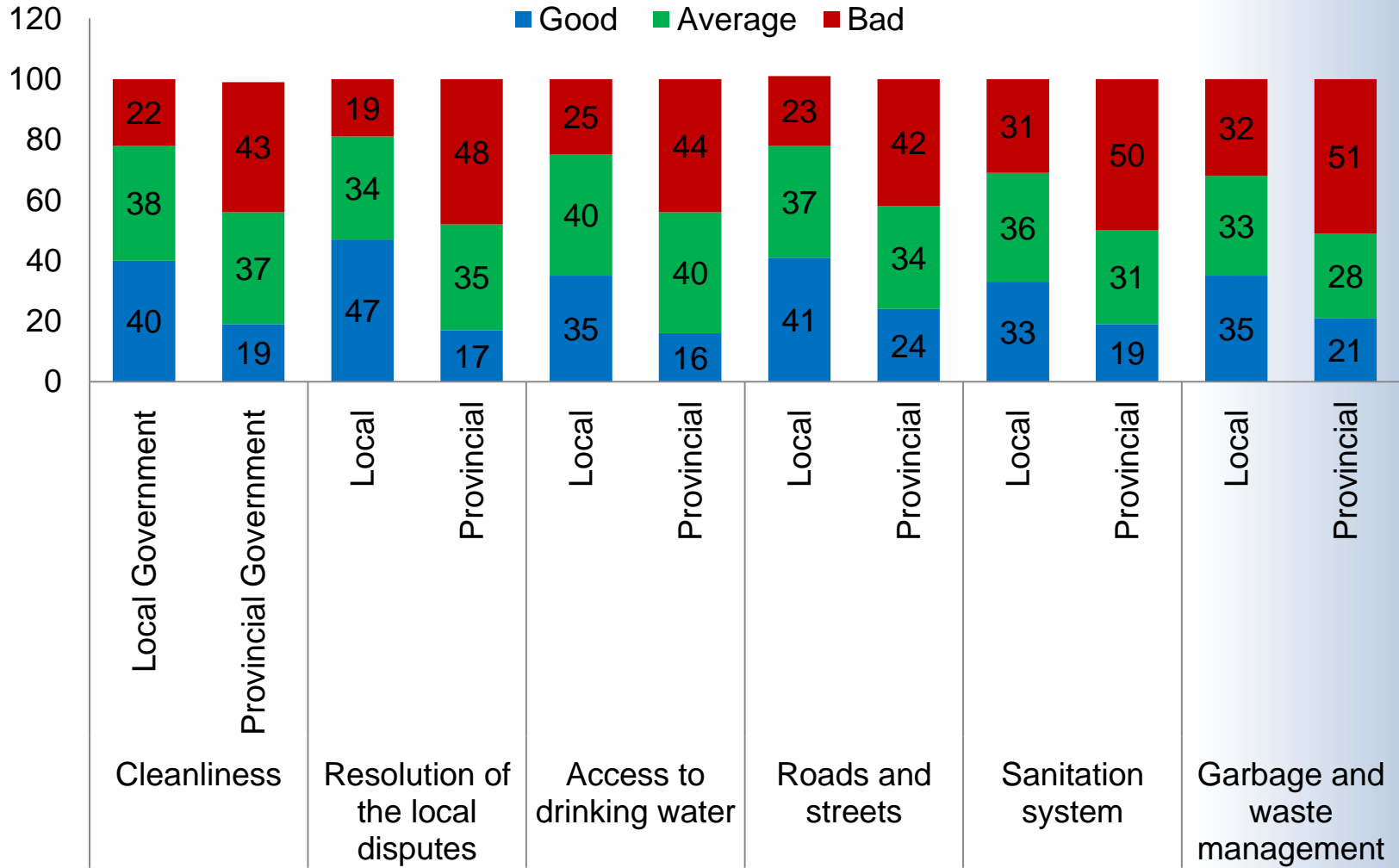


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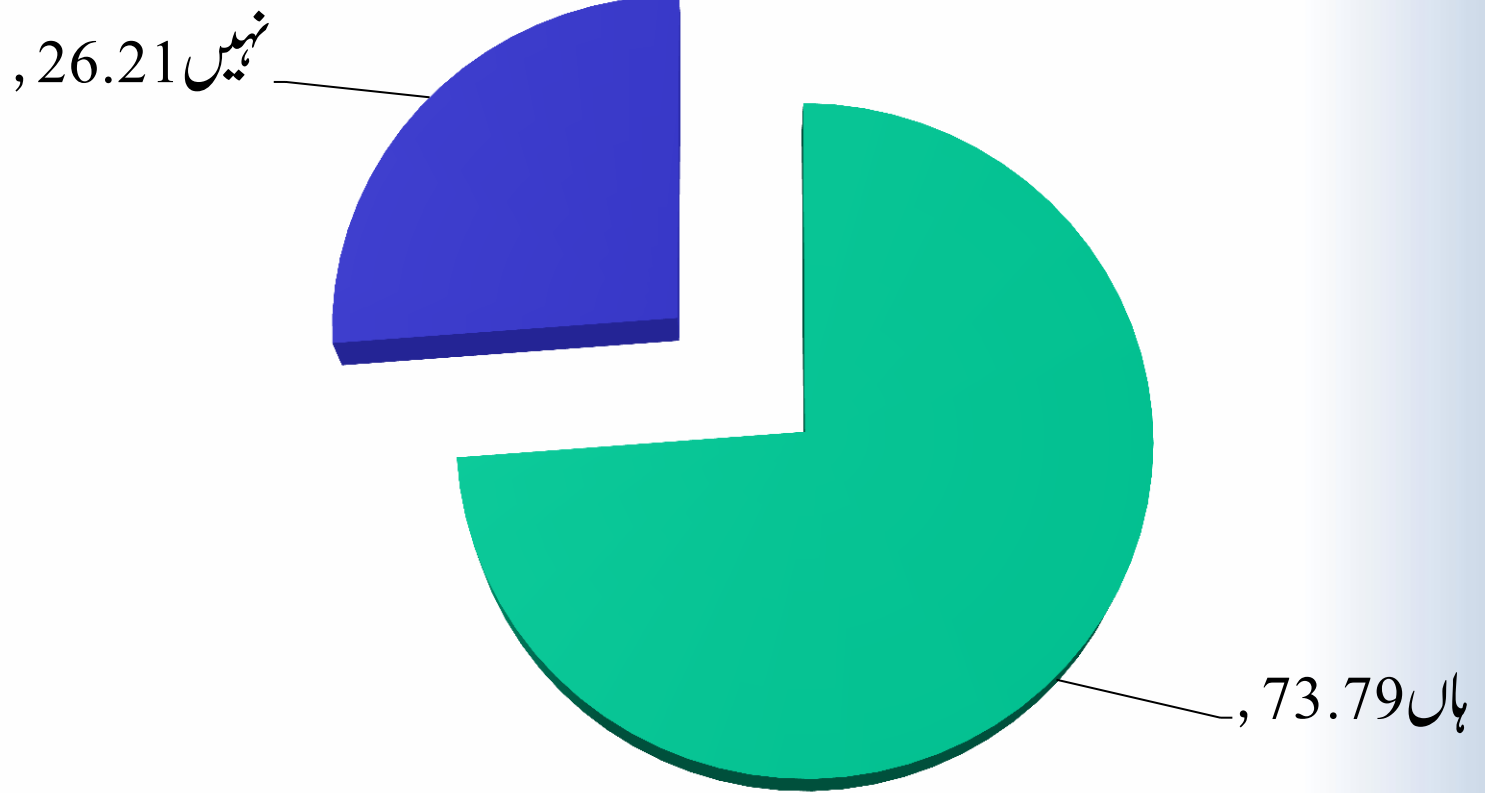
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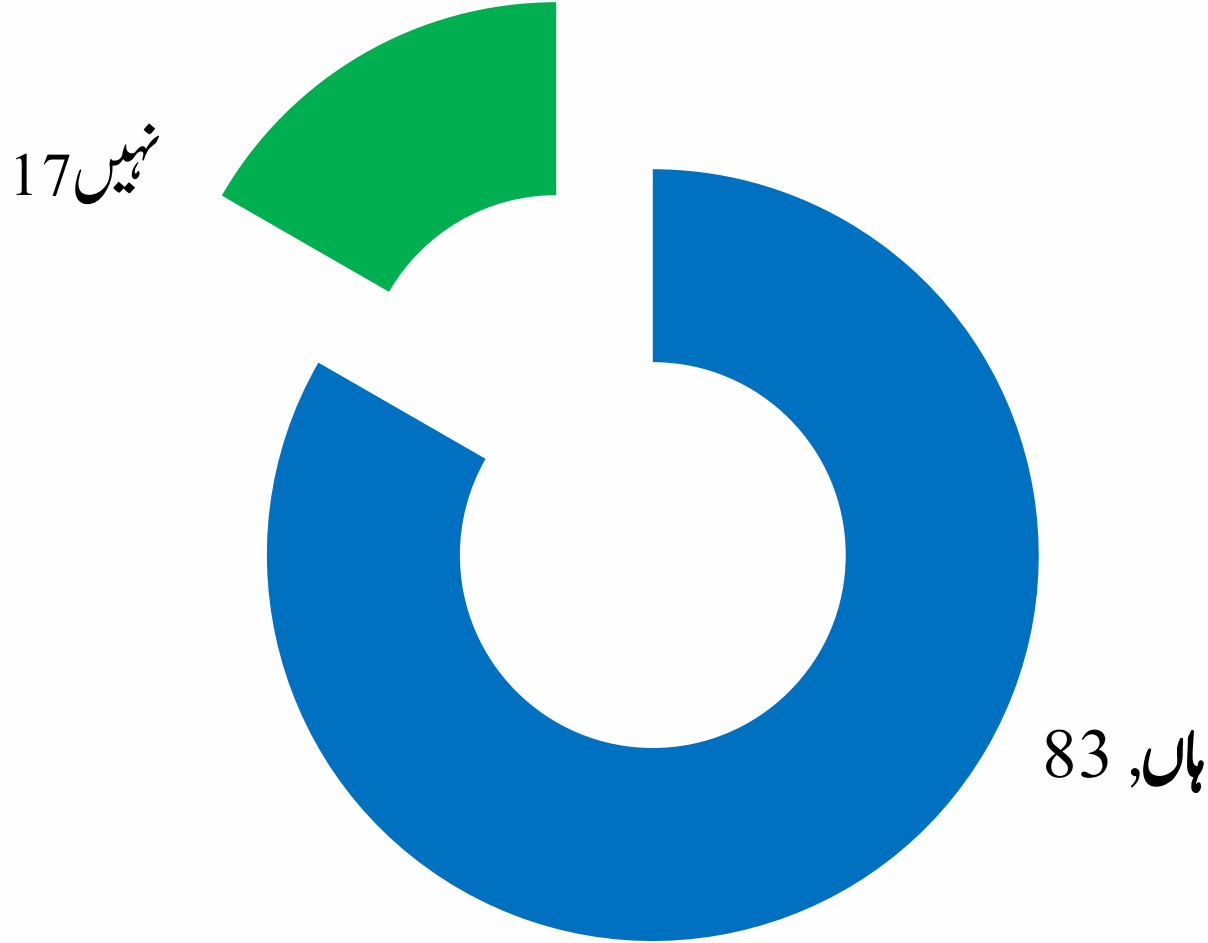
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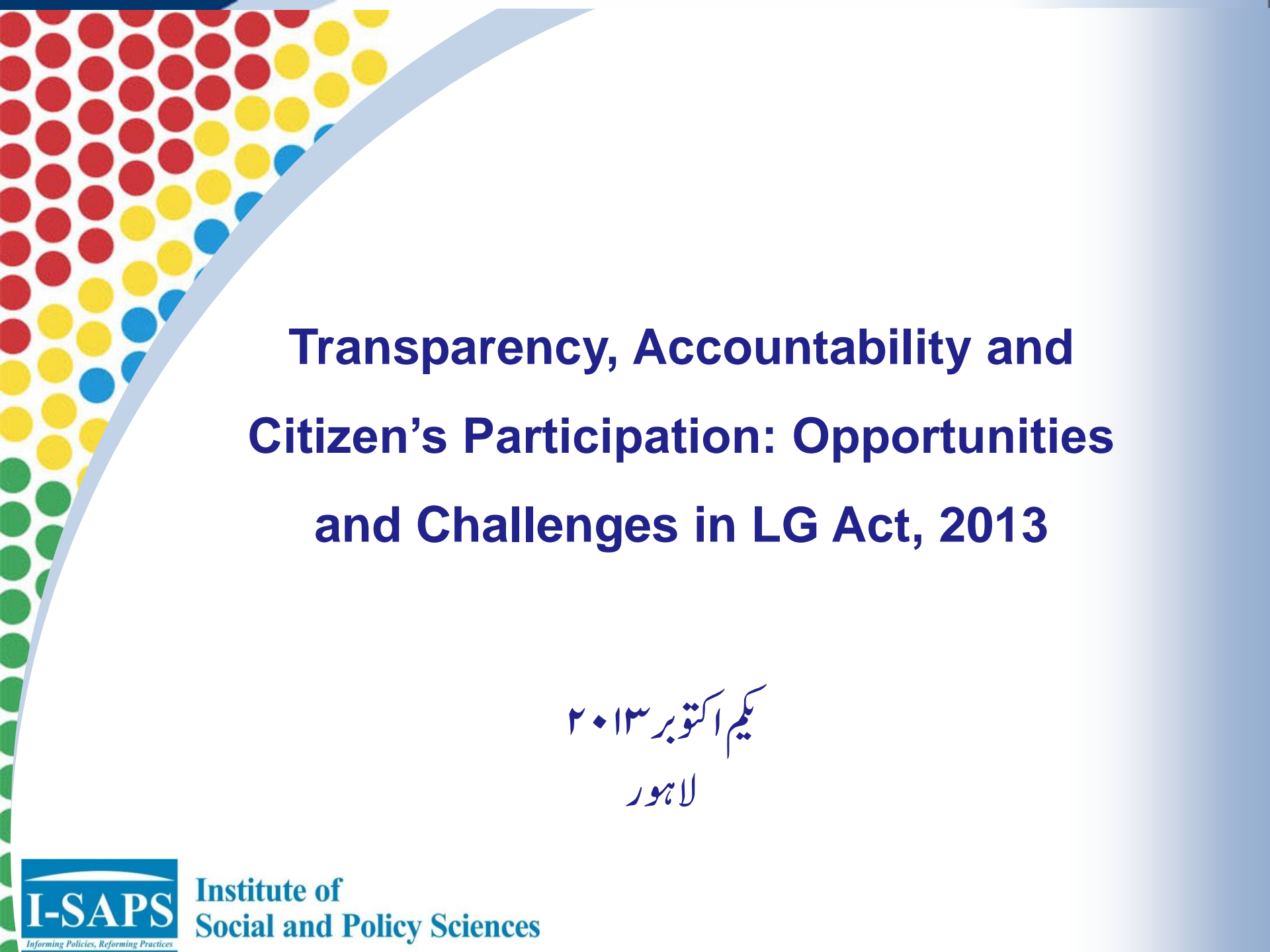


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مقامی حکومت کے انتخابات میں شمولیت





Transparency, Accountability and Citizen's Participation: Opportunities and Challenges in LG Act, 2013

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Objectives of the Presentation

- Share current status of transparency and RTI at Provincial and Local Level
- Discuss transparency, RTI opportunities in the LG Act, 2013

Transparency Defined

- It is a policy of providing **information** for public concerning
 - functions,
 - organization,
 - economic and fiscal policy goals,
 - financial estimates and accounts of an administrative unit.
- It includes access to reliable, detailed, current, understandable and comparable **information** about the activities of the administrative unit.
- Thus, voters/citizens are duly **informed** about the present and future financial position and activities of the administrative unit.

RTI - New Vision

- Proactively access information as a right.
- Access information regarding:
 - ◆ Budgets and government expenditure in various sectors
 - ◆ Administrative and legal decisions taken
 - ◆ Policies, rules and regulations formulated
 - ◆ Gifts and hospitality registers maintained for those in sensitive posts
 - ◆ Contracts, tenders and procurements

Why RTI?



Public access to information is crucial for good governance and democratic development.

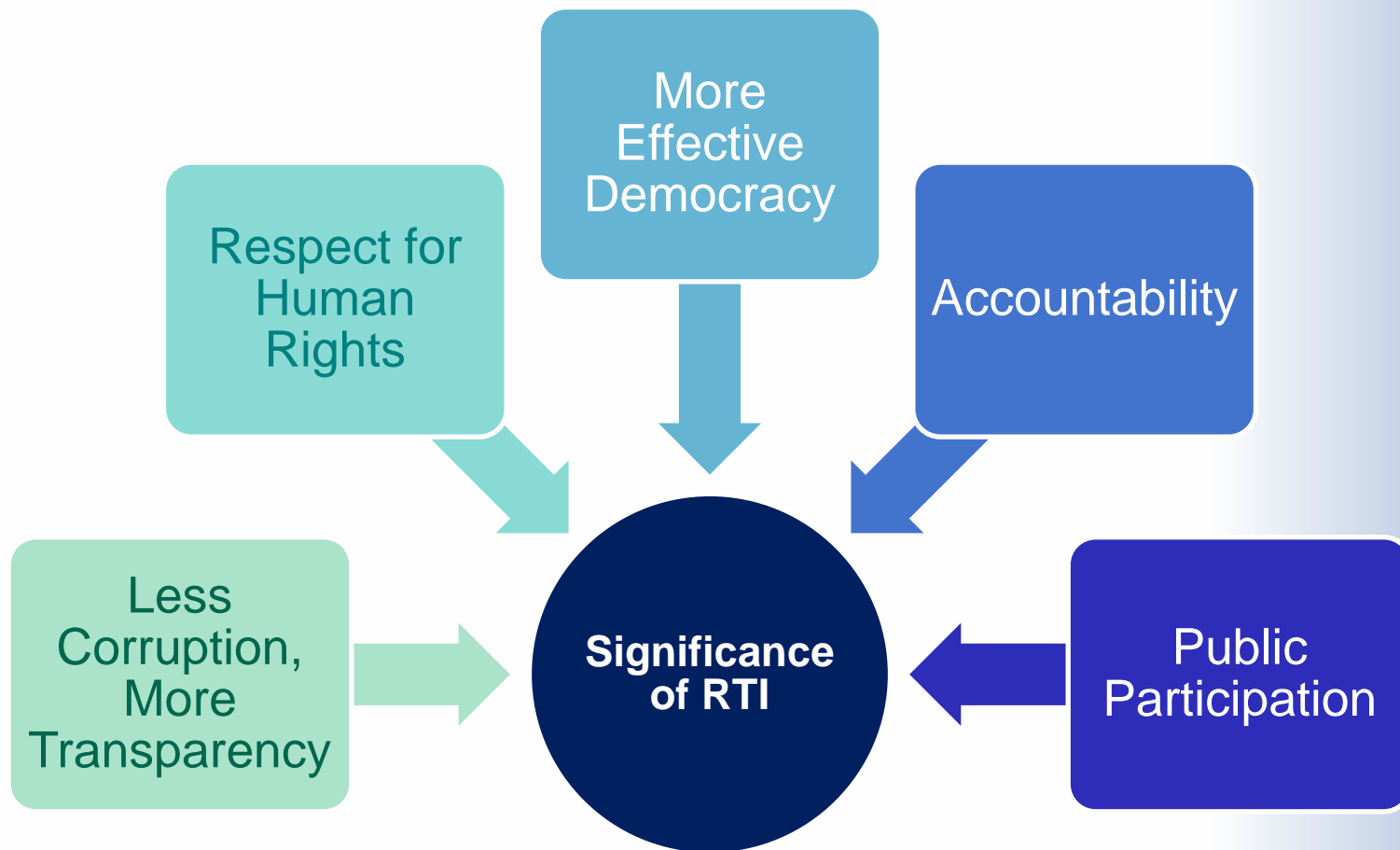


It allows citizens to **participate** in the decisions affecting their lives.



It allows citizens to **monitor** the government's performance, thus making it more accountable.

Significance of RTI



RTI Regime - Status

- **Federal-** Freedom of Information Ordinance, 2002

- **Provincial**
 - ◆ **Punjab-** Bill Pending
 - ◆ **Sindh-** Freedom of Information Act, 2006
 - ◆ **KP-** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Ordinance, 2013
 - ◆ **Balochistan-** Freedom of Information Act, 2005

The Punjab Local Government Act 2013

Preamble..

to **promote** *good governance, effective delivery of services and **transparent decision** making through institutionalized participation of the people at local level;*

Transparency and RTI Opportunities in LG Act, 2013

Section 68 (4)

- Meetings

Section 70 (b & c)

- Reporting and Evaluation

Section 72 (t)

- Responsibilities and Functions of the Union Council

Section 104 (10)

- Accounts

Section 108 (1) (h)
& (4)

- Composition of Provincial Finance Commission

Section 135

- Rights of citizen not affected

Section 136

- Right to Information

Local Government Meetings

Sec 68. Meetings..

(3) A local government shall hold at least one meeting during a month.

(4) A meeting of a local government shall be open to public except when a local government, by simple majority, decides to consider any matter in a session attended exclusively by its members and officials.

Local Funds and Public Accounts

Section 104. Accounts.....

(10) *A copy of the annual statement of accounts shall be **displayed** at a conspicuous place in the office of the local government for **public inspection** and **all objections** or **suggestions** concerning such accounts **received from the public** shall be **considered** by the local government and **appropriate decision shall be taken.***

Composition of Provincial Finance Commission

Sec 108. Composition of Provincial Finance Commission: (1)
The Provincial Finance Commission shall consist of the following fourteen members:

(h) two professional members from the private sector to be nominated by the Government on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Government.

(4) A professional member may be removed or reappointed in the prescribed manner.

Rights of citizen not effected Vs Action taken in good faith

135. Rights of citizen not affected.. Nothing contained in this Chapter - shall restrict or limit the right of the citizens or residents of a local area to bring any suit or other legal proceedings against any local government, its officers or other functionaries violating his rights provided by any law.

143. Action taken in good faith.. No suit, prosecution, or other legal - proceedings shall lie against any public servant serving in a local government for anything done in good faith under this Act.

Right to information

Sec -136. Right to information.. (1) Subject to any reasonable restriction imposed through rules, *a person may seek any information in possession of a local government.*

(2) Every designated functionary of a local government shall, within *seven days* of an application, *provide requisite information* to the applicant on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

(3) A local government shall, on *quarterly basis*, *publish* on its *website* or *at prominent place* information about the *staffing* and the *performance* of the offices of the local government during the preceding three months.

(4) A local government shall maintain *records* in the prescribed manner with the special emphasis on *electronic record keeping*.

Challenges

- Lack of timely publicized information
- Lack of resources to prepare and publicize information
- Insufficient information systems and tools
- Balancing the right to know while ensuring privacy of the people
- Protecting the security of government and the citizens
- Citizens and LG Representatives are Unaware
- Secrecy Culture

How to Promote RTI Culture?

- **It is long process, Open Mindset**
- **Requires Human and Financial Resources**
- **Record keeping and classification criteria**
- **Awareness raising and active participation of people.**

THANK YOU

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- مثبت پیش رفت: انتخابات کی تاریخ
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- شہریوں کی فیصلہ سازی کے عمل میں شمولیت
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