

Governance and Good Governance- A Conceptual Perspective

Abdul Rahim PhD Scholar

Dept. of Political Science, University of Baluchistan Pakistan

E-mail: abdul.rahim@alhamd.pk

Received: Jul. 14, 2019 Accepted: Aug. 28, 2019 Online published: Sep. 10, 2019

doi:10.5296/jpag.v9i3.15417 URL: <https://doi.org/10.5296/jpag.v9i3.15417>

Abstract

Good Governance has been in argument from three decades in context of theoretical approach. It is specified and encompassed in Political Science of development in reverence of administrative component to achieve Social goals of society. The wide range of Good Governance topic has been understood to create an atmosphere of Accountability, Transparency, Rule of Law, Consensus orientation, Effectiveness and Efficiency so as to develop the region with international and national standards of the State. Good Governors relates to the institutional reformation Process and Political Will regarding Peace and sustainable development of the region.

This research paper defines Good Governance with its all essential elements to achieve the development programs with the long range values, whereas, Political participation with the democratic ideas for achieving the goal of maintainable development of the region. The vision of good governance is discussed on boarder vision from institution to the state and Socio-economic factor is emphasized through the good governance reformative period.

Keywords: accountability, transparency, rule of law, consensus orientation, effectiveness and efficiency

1. Introduction

The concept of Good Governance was primarily implemented since the Human civilization commenced in Anachronistic period where man to man was to cross the rational period and it goes for the common purpose of livings mutually. The common cause brought them together to set some rules through policy with the consensus for making decisions and strictly passed laws for the implementation of rules for the harmonious life. The term Good Governance has been well obtainable in terms of Democratic values for achieving global targets for the Human development, which is at the top priority by providing designed systematic

facilitation.

It drives to the economic development with the great policy and application plan democratically and moves with the justified manners for the common man. Good Governance was not initially considered by the indicators of accountability, consensus orientation, justice, effectiveness, Rule of law, Public Participation but considered them through democratization of governing body. The early eighties had reflection of poor economic structure in third world countries so economic assistance was promoted by the World Bank through application and implementation plan for the development of the states. Later on it was confirmed that economic assistance may not fulfil the sustainable development in the region but there are Political, Social and cultural aspects are also bad entrenched for the poor Governance.

2. Research Methodology/Literature Review

It is devised to have qualitative methodology, which reflects review of Literature for getting the rational of the topic with the questions and to entertain the questions with logical answers. The Primary and Secondary sources are considered for data collected in sequencing my point of view from Journals, Articles, speeches, Discussion with relevant, Books, Seminars, Workshops, to get fruitful image of the topic intellectually.

3. Significance of the Study

This research paper has four major sessions of logical exactitude to explain Governance and Good Governance for establishing point of view for the regional development; moreover, the first session declares the prime objectives of set targets to bring up major components of Good Governance, which would be very helpful for the sustainability of development. The constructive approaches of individual to society for the peaceful development are ever dependent on Literate Society. The Research Methodology has been highly considerable to understand the Research question which creates an idea of good governance needs good governing body for the regional development.

The second phase is to redefine the Research Question in context of Research Problem. it deals with the diverse exemplary status of mismanagement, corruption, violation of Law and Order situation and administrative failure by casting no focusing point of reformation, nevertheless, it requires detailed understanding of contextual of the research problem.

Thirdly it drives significance the Research Question to know the exact meaning and its direction to facilitate the nation with its respected means by providing fundamental rights in order to organize civilized nation in the region. The Good Governance leads the maximum participation with its implementation plan for producing development factors to extract the meaningful Prosperity regarding Human Rights development. The session four is to have productive discussion so as to sum up my view in series of analytical reformative to be implemented for the further in the matter.

This Research paper shall be helpful for the scholars, Politicians, Civil rights activists and students. It could be more effective for the policy makers to draft a theory of Development program in any regional status for the economic growth. Good Governance is key to sustain

Political agenda for the reformative period.

4. Good Governance a Conceptual Paper

BC Smith (2007) outlines that Good Governance is an opening Policy for establishing strong determination, where decision makers are to create point of view after consensus period in institution for the decision making. The productive policy making for the institutional production is the prime objective of the concerning body .It pays an important role to reorganize the infrastructure of governing machine. The social and political problems' identifications are expected on organization mechanism which needs administration for the implementation plan ,therefore, there shall be strong mechanism of Political and Social system for strengthening economical values are possibly achieved by the good governance .The good governance is the only source of providing fundamental rights freely.(BC Smith. 2007. pp 1-5)

The World Bank defines Good Governance into two sections. Firstly, Good Governance is subjected to Political System of an organization, Institution or Government to establish a strong power exercise mechanism through legitimate vote from grass root level to peak and bring an administrative scale for the betterment of the region. The Political power exercise describes the systematic approach of reformation for the sustainable development, casting position of National reformation for the national integrity in Social, Economic development. Secondly, Good Governance produces Social and Economic resources for the Human Development. The devised mechanism for creating Social Progressive atmosphere for the economic development is composite for the common man. The United Nation (1992) focuses Democratic Governance has meaningful impact of Human development, discussed in annual report. The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) is inspired to redefine Good Governance in framework of Capacity building of civil servants, Staff incentive Program, Administrative values, financial devolution and dialogue between stakeholders such as Government and Civil society.(P-22)

Dev Raj (1996) explains the process of decentralizing the Economic and Political powers of Governing body through local institutions. The focusing position of descending powers form grass root level and ensuring economical capacity building for the development of the constituency. The pre-condition can be fulfilled by the composition of Economical reformation and Political Will for ensuring good governance. (Dev Raj1996. p-08) The Direct control of Governance for ensuring the target development in context of transparency and performing exercise of Political and Economic authorities are essential for the regional development. it is co-relation of Ruler and Rules where one does job of ruling as per policy of Law and implementation plan, it is the best example of Good Governance. The regular activities of institution for the interest of a common man, and complete the dynamics of provoking welfare indicators for the growth of civilization.

5. The UNDP Directs for the Features of Good Governance

Legislation & Political Accountability

Justified Judicial role

Accountability of Bureaucracy

Freedom of expression and information

Effective and efficient public divisional management and collaboration with civil society organizations.

6. Six Indicators for Promotion of Good Governance

Transparency & Accountability

None violence and constancy in Political system

Effectiveness of Government long and short Policy

Eradication of Corruption

Quality of Governance

Establish the rule of Law.

BC Smith (2007) gives the concept of Good Governance in context of equality of Political and Economic opportunities for establishing Civil Society. The society has progressive status with logical indicators by the composite Rules of Law. The man is free to keep ideology and has freedom to follow the conceptual idealism to implementation status by strong participation in Political ground, similarly; Good Governance ensures the maximum endorsement to Political Dynamics in society; one has to be comfortable for availing economic opportunity with the deliberate sense of freedom, which leads from grass root to the elite level equally, is the definition of Good Governance. The statement has declaration of idealistic civil society that drives to the regional prosperity.(BC Smith 2007: pp-1-5)

Principles of Good Governance:

The word governance is depended on good and bad statistics and it needs to be explained as above delineations with some important Principles and applications for extracting meaningful results from it.

The Government should be copiously devoted to the national integrity in development program with the followings.

- Generating Policy with the consensus Orientation.
- Accountability at all the levels
- Transparency beyond expectations
- Effectiveness and Efficient progressing status
- Free from Corruption Practices
- Establishing mechanism of Rule of Law

The above said essentialities are to draft agreement to the nation for ensuring their Political, Social, and Economical security in the region on the basis of equality and imposing Rule of Law effectively. When all elements are boldly examined and direct for the implementation plan, would bring successful results for the society. A nation is the compound status of

different other small nations in addition to minorities, where Good Governance deals with subgroups and their obligatory approach by providing fundamental rights and considerable existence in the state. It is to give equal rights to all and Team examines the prosperity of Political and Economic development.



Democratization and Civil Society.

Good Governance is expected an atmosphere to expedite its growth dynamically so Democracy is the only tool to facilitate Good Governance for spreading in all sections. There are many examples of the countries, where Democracy has not taken root and moved to the cataclysmic situation likewise Political stability can determine strong hold of Democracy for the economical upraising status. Secondly Peace can be established by the composition of National interest, Public Opinion and basic determinants of Policy making, which need mature and strengthen status of Democracy. The Foreign Policy of the state needs to be indulging in progressive track so as to achieve the target standards of civilized nation. Mustafa Kamal (1997) believes that civil society can never be strong enough in absence of Good Governance. Good Governance has impressive factors in its Principles to provide strong mechanism to reform a system through transparency and strong condemnation of corruption, Rules of Law, and Accountability. The constructive building approach for establishing Civil society for equal rights, Security, Political Wisdom, Social Nourishment and Idealist standards of life are provided, can be obtainable with the effective and efficient Governing body. The Good Governance is properly setting Rules of Law for implementation of its wings professionally with the strong endorsement of Democratization.

The multinational and National Companies can be working by gaining the credibility of the state and it moves with the developing agenda adherently. The democratic Government can ensure the possible presence of relationship with its neighbouring countries and International organizations for the development in the region, therefore; Democracy is the first step to the prosperity with the dictation of Good Governance. The ethics of freedom to individual citizen in the Political and Economic growth is well protected in Democratic Government in addition

to have close relationship is needed between the citizen and the Government to commence the developing program from proletarian level.

The exercise of all planned Development devise is to provide equality to minority and Gender discrimination, where Man and Women can exercise their Social, Political, Economical, Religious and Cultural rights freely, that results more effectiveness in all spheres of life and it goes to the vibrant development of Good Governance. Nasir Islam and David R Morison (1996) are confident to say that there are basic three factors of Good Governance, where first is Human rights, Civil Society is the second and Democratization is the third essential element for the best governing status. Human rights are not properly given in absence of Good Governance and there is great misconception of Dictators, Monarch, and Aristocrats that Human rights are properly facilitated in the society. Democracy is the only slogan of proper exercise of providing Human rights to the Individual. Democratization is the top prior element to be exercised for the Good Governance and its Principles, where all the components can revolt improper management to the development session and it goes to the prosperity of the nation. (Morison 1996: p-07)

Accountability:

BC Smith (2007) focuses on the systematic view that accountability is the vital element of Good Governance to put forward the Political Development, Social Status, Economical Framework and Governing body to devise further reformative age for the region. Accountability, where people can have direct effects on the Government, has been known as justified mechanism. The individual is responsible to have accountable process to the State, whereas; groups, institution is fully responsible of their demeanour, because of good and bad results are to be analyzed in reverence of Accountable move, which is abide by the rules of Law. Political representatives, Government officials, key post position holders are accountable for their act either it is in favourable for the target ones or causing distraction to the citizens on the contrary, politicians are responsible to entertain the query of the voter and compel to bring complacent state of mind. There are two category of Accountability. (Horizontal and Vertical) The Horizontal Accountability deals with the Parliamentary /Congress and Judicial move towards Accountable Officer through the process of legislation and gaining the credibility of opposition by census exercise and could punish the guilty once who is charged for corruption. It is not necessarily charging the corrupt one but any irresponsibility can be asked and put in account of accountability. It performs in the internal mechanism of the Government and deals with State and Government to have critical appraisal of branches of the Government in context of officer performance, Public agencies' workout with their dedications. The mechanism to deals with State and Citizen particularly in National and local election, moreover; the certain non-governmental organizations, Civil Society groups and Media have power to accountable any charged one so as to achieve the set targets of Good Governance.(BC Smith 2007: pp-17- 19).

Rules of Law.

Cheryl Saunders & Katherine le Roy (2003) presenting the concept of Rule of Law through the survey, where lack of comprehensive sympathetic is not well shaped due to the absence of

Justice and it is the main pillar of finding peaceful, expansion, which is provided by the Governing body and civilization to construct a society in to equality of all types of opportunities are provided by Governing body. The best Governing structure is to provide equality based justice for all the religions and their personal adoring are exercised freely under the protection of Rules of Law. The draft persuades a citizen. to believe in operational activities of Rule are meaningful to the Law. (Cheryl Saunders & Katherine le Roy (2003: pp.252-278). BC Smith (2007) states that Good Governance is the only source of establishing peace and protecting Human rights to interlink Humanitarian objectives to an International institution. The implementation of established Policy is fully endorsed by the systematic values to bind in Laws so as to provide Liberty, Freedom and individual rights for the self-promotion to get maximum benefits for a common man and it results Developed Society by establishing Good Governance. (BC Smith (2007pp 75-76)

Michael Zurn, Andre Nolkaemper and Randall Peerenboon (2012) exemplify the country KOSOVO after the conflict, where Rules of Law were not implemented and caused their regular sufferings in addition to Cold War results IOs and NGOs to pave the social engineering for the welfare of the region and People may draw new standards of livings it reflects Domestic Legislation and Institutions to the set standards, however ; deficit of Rule of Law are mostly based on assumption that goes to the civil war and devastation takes place to distract the social engineering . The system is always collapsed by the lacking Political Will, Capacities and awareness to drift to the revolting Good Governance. (Michael Zurn, Andre Nolkaemper and Randall Peerenboon 2012: pp 133-136)

Transparency:

Michael Zurn, Andre Nolkaemper and Randall Peeren boon (2012) defined with the purview of current era that the Transparency is an important factor of Good Governance, where it is co related to establishing any policy. Government produces Policy through establishment with some hidden agenda and the objectives of Government is always concealed therefore, Government ought to have transparency in making any policy with the confidence level of Media and Citizens for extracting the exact position of the Government it shows the status of State is to have Transparent status of Election, Mandate , Policy, and Implementation Policy for strengthening Democracy .(Michael Zurn, Andre Nolkaemper and Randall Peeren boon (2012:pp 225-227). Andea Banchi & Anne Peters (2013) differ Transparency and Exchange of information in international taxation for running The Political, Social, Economic, Religious, and Cultural Policies, which are based on Transparency of the Governing Bodyit gains credibility of the policy, which confronts critical appraisal of Government .it turns to get the public opinion for being called developed nation. (Andea Banchi & Anne Peters (2013: p.172)

Absenteeism of Corruption.

Botchwey, Ruth, Shahid,Lal, & Siog(2000) define that The Government has logical version of responsibility of eradicating of corruption and provide equal opportunities to Poor and Rich in context of Merit in all the departments and discourage favoritism during the appointments. Government should notify the strict rules against the corrupt people who are

indulged in any type of corruption and it goes to wreck the infrastructure. Government should pass a Bill of sustainable anti-corruption through parliament to have equal siege against the corrupt persons and there shall not be relaxation in laws to protect the corrupt once. Taxation and keeping royal property would be discouraged as corruption laws and proactive management of responsibility occurs great reformative period of Good Governance. (Botchwey, Ruth, Shahid, Lal, & Siog 2000: pp.18-20)

Consensus Oriented:

Botchwey, Ruth, Shahid, Lal, & Siog (2000) have opinion that Society is the blend of diverse nations, including religious, Political and Cultural Differences, who are in one boat to spend their lives as per Rule of Law, nevertheless; their point of views are obliged by the Government. The Policy making has determinants to draw a transparent draft of opinion, where Public opinion is more inspiring determinants of Policy making. It brings integrity of different opinions and testify all for the one opinion in active form similarly Consensus orientation is an important on all stages either individual forms or Society. The maximum benefits are tasted where consensus plays an important role in Policy production and it drives a great Governance strategy for the good governance. (Botchwey, Ruth, Shahid, Lal, & Siog (2000: pp-1-7). Yen Chiang Chang (2012) focuses on UNESCAP's (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific one of the eight characters for producing realistic consensus in the developing Program through Political Will in terms of Democratization in the state. (Yen Chiang Chang 2012: p-40)

Effectiveness and Efficiency:

Vicky Walters (2013) redefines intellectually that the policy decisions are based on the consensus for the effectiveness and efficient results. The Good Governance is acceptable when set of targets are got to be paved for the facilitation of Society and everyone enjoys with free deliverance of expression. The Government drafts a Policy with the deliberate sense of dynamics to provide development process effectively. Government should ensure sustainability of proper implementation Policy for a long term and strengthening economic and social values of a society by the efficient Team with the development agenda for a long term Policy. Governing body should devise to approach to the resources to put them for the Humanitarian purpose systematically and efficient team would be inspiring to provide results with effective strategic Policies for the development of institution, organization and society. (Vicky Walters 2013: p-105)

7. Equity and Inclusiveness

Fred & David (1994) tempted to follow up the opinion of overseeing competency, which exposes the grass root level (Local Government) participation in development programs. The equitable approach and inclusive views are to provide an individual for spending good life and individual liberty is focused to maintain civilized shelter to grow in a prosper society. The Good Governance ensures providing such an atmosphere for the development of Human rights and it brings up motivational concept of developed society for the progressive nation. It is the last element and productive principle of Good Governance to expose the energetic

aspect of Governing body and ensures civilization. It is to have comprehensive logical review of Policies and implementations to get rid of unrest in the society and provide a platform for the prosper future.(Fred & David 1994: pp-356-357)

Why Good Governance is Important?

Daniel Druckman (1992) discusses that the Good governance is needed for a sound decision with clear implementation status, is known as Good Governance either decision may be in favor of the nation or may be very slow and infected by the absence principles.it is to have practical exercise of making better to achieve the target objectives of development. Good Governance is an essential term in the Political Literature and it is very keenly observed by the Politicians and Sociologist to exploit these tool for the sustainable peace, development and Prosperity of the region. (Daniel Druckman 1992: pp-04-05)

The exemplary status of an institution derives hierarchy for the administrative management and topmost management is responsible to draw a work line for the workers to fix the set results effectively. The feedback brings performance flexibility to the professionalism and controlling their act in accordance of Law orientation similarly, Government is responsible to create a mechanism for the Human development through the strict result oriented plan with its complete implementation devise for fulfilling the gape of progress.

Good Governance is a vital act to provide equal participation in shaping governing body regarding poor, rich, male, female and minority rights effectively. The role of different people can be productive with the proper motivation. Good Governance is an important element to penetrate into system by the proactive values of different languages, cast, race, religion and culture. The institution supremacy needs to be significant to work out effectively, where it is to be governed by the Political and Social will. The failure Political system of the state is caused by the poor Governance and ignorance of Laws, on the contrary Good Governance can provide equal rights of Education, Health, and job opportunities to stable Political will of the Government and opposition. Common Wealth Secretariat (delineates the relation of Good Governance and Media. The new determinants of Policy of the state is Free Media to work without any pressure and Political Dominance; nevertheless, Media plays an important role in policy making and it has access to the grass root level for exposing the truth and it helps out on the governing track in the Society.(pp-10-22)

8. Conclusion

Good Governance is the dynamic source of providing fruitful results for Governing any system and it brings up Reformative period of Political and Social Development; hence the Accountability at all levels, Transparency beyond expectations, Effectiveness and Efficient rolling status, Free from Corruption Practices and Establishing mechanism, Rule of Law can upgrade the Governing system and it interlinks Society and Government closer for the same purpose integrity. Good Governance can be the source of Establishing Anti-Corruption Courts to punish and strengthens the mechanism where corruption is discouraged legitimately. It plays the role of bridge between the ideas of man and Ruler through Governing system and this indirect methodology brings a streamline expression for the development of the sight;

moreover; misconduct is exposed and nation attitude remains antagonist against the ruling cabinet to re organize the system systematically. The popular inspiration of a common man is realized to code the word GOOD or BAD Governance, therefore; demonstration and remonstrations are plunging spots to distract the Governing Policy for the suspension of their ideology towards change.

Summing up the title of Good Governance is to construct the healthy atmosphere of society through the development programs of Governing body with its Policy and Implementation plan in context of good governance and Principles for the prosperity of the region.

References

- Agere, S. (2000). *Promoting good governance: Principles, practices and perspectives* (Vol. 11). Commonwealth Secretariat.
- Bianchi, A., & Peters, A. (Eds.). (2013). *Transparency in international law*. Cambridge University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139108843>
- Chang, Y. C. (2011). *Ocean governance: A way forward*. Springer Science & Business Media.
- Druckman, D. (1992). *Assessing progress toward democracy and good governance: Summary of a workshop*. National Academies.
- Hollingsworth, S. (Ed.). (2005). *International action research: Educational reform*. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203973721>
- Mungiu-Pippidi, A. (2015). *The quest for good governance: How societies develop control of corruption*. Cambridge University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781316286937>
- Saunders, C., & Le Roy, K. (Eds.). (2003). *The rule of law*. Federation Press.
- Smith, B. C. (2007). *Good governance and development*. Macmillan International Higher Education. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-137-06218-5>
- Walters, V. (2013). *Water, democracy and neoliberalism in India: the power to reform*. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203787212>
- Zurn, M., Nollkaemper, A., & Peerenboom, R. (Eds.). (2012). *Rule of law dynamics: in an era of international and transnational governance*. Cambridge University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139175937>

Copyright Disclaimer

Copyright for this article is retained by the author(s), with first publication rights granted to the journal.

This is an open-access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution license (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>).