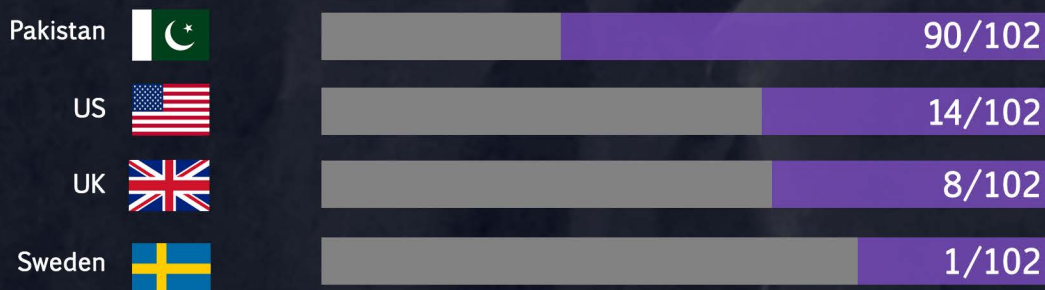


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Islamabad, October 27, 2015

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The global survey results are based on an Open Government Index developed by WJP, which measures government openness in practice based on the experiences and perceptions of the general public worldwide. An open government – conventionally understood as a government that shares information, empowers people with tools to hold the government accountable, and fosters citizen participation in public policy deliberations – is a necessary component of a system of government founded on the rule of law. Thus the Open Government Index intends to evaluate the extent to which countries provide official information to their citizens, encourage community involvement, and improve government responsiveness.

In this regard, the WJP report provides scores and rankings on four dimensions of government openness in different countries of the world. The **second dimension**, on which Pakistan ranked 90, measures whether **requests for information held by a government agency** are granted (assuming the information is a public record). It also measures if these requests are granted within a reasonable time period, if the information provided is pertinent and complete, and if requests for information are granted at a reasonable cost and without having to pay a bribe. This dimension also measures whether people are aware of their right to information, and whether relevant records – such as budget figures of government officials, ombudsman reports, and information relative to community projects – are accessible to the public upon request

According to the results, Pakistan received an aggregate score of 0.41 on the second dimension of Open Government Index (0 being least open and 1 being most open) that measured accessibility of basic laws and information on legal rights. Pakistan's ranking was also considerably low in the world receiving 90th position out of 102 countries.

Comparison with Neighbouring Countries:

A comparison of Pakistan with its neighboring countries reveals Afghanistan to have received the lowest aggregate score of 0.39 (95th ranking in the world) in the region. However Iran (aggregate score 0.46), India (aggregate score 0.50) and China (aggregate score 0.53), each had higher scores and rankings than Pakistan (aggregate score 0.41; 90th rank).

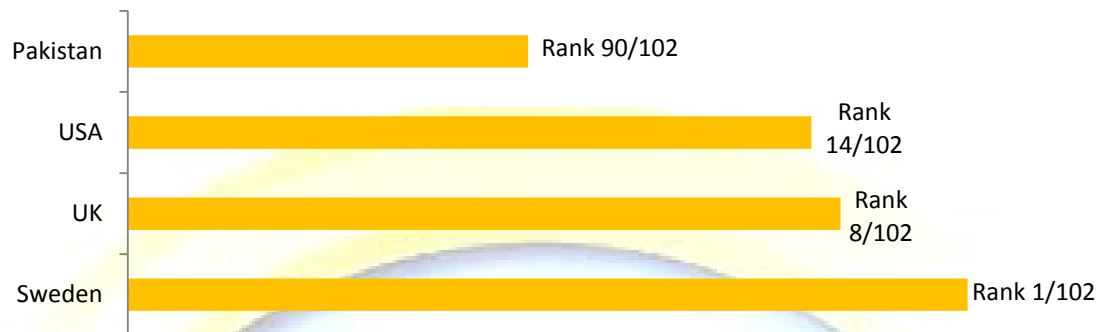
Comparison with Developed Countries:

When compared to developed countries of the world, Pakistan ranks much lower with most developed nations having a higher aggregate score than Pakistan. Among the developed countries, Sweden received the highest aggregate score of 0.86 thus placing it on ranking position number 1. This was followed by UK at the 8th position with an aggregate score of 0.73. USA too followed up with an aggregate score of 0.70 and an overall rank of 14 out of 102.

Some of the survey questions used to build this index included: Have you made a request in any way, including oral requests and written requests, for information held by a government agency (such as government ministries, municipalities, law enforcement agencies, public firms, etc.) since July 2013? What kind of information did you request? Did you receive the information from the official or government agency from which you requested it? Approximately how long did it take to obtain the information that you requested? Did you have to pay a bribe (or money above that required by law) in order to obtain the information? How satisfied were you with the process of requesting information?

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*Source: World Justice Project 2015
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The study was released by World Justice Project and the fieldwork for the survey in Pakistan was conducted by Gallup Pakistan. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 2007 men and women in Lahore, Faisalabad, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta during 1st November 2014 – 22nd November 2014. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2.8-4.9$ per cent at 95% confidence level.



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