

Letter From PTF India Board of Directors

Good governance and strong institutions are well recognized as necessary conditions for good development. It is also recognized that all stakeholders in a society, not just the Government, need to be concerned about good governance. As a matter of fact, civil society plays a crucial role in enhancing the cause of good governance.

It is in this spirit of proactive partnership with all stakeholders, that PTF India has been established. PTFI is a recently established not-for-profit organization dedicated to furthering the cause of good governance in India by bringing to the table global best practices which could be appropriately applied in the Indian context.

The members of the Board of Directors and the team of Volunteers are committed professionals who have worked for the cause of good governance in their long, individual professional careers.

PTF India will draw on the experience of Partners for Transparency Fund (PTF) globally but also in India where PTF has worked with other partners over the past decade. PTF has supported CSOs and NGOs in India to promote beneficiary participation, improve service delivery and enhance good governance in social safety net programs. Currently, PTF is working with an NGO in Kerala to enhance transparency in hospitals and primary health care centers in that State.

Among the immediate activities PTFI plans to undertake is to work with the private sector organizations and chambers in India which share common aspirations of encouraging and achieving Good Corporate Governance in India.

The principal objective of such a program would be to present international best practices, but placed in the Indian context, of various key elements of good corporate governance to memberships of various business organizations, particularly small and medium sized enterprises.

--- Board of Directors, *Partners for Transparency Foundation India*