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District Officer,
Social Welfare Department,
Special Education and Women Empowerment,
District Mardan,
Mardan.

Subject: Violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, District Officer, Social Welfare Department, Special Education and Women Empowerment, District Mardan's Tender Notice for Procurement for Dry Ration

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Mashriq' Newspaper on 31 July, 2026. The said advertisement is in violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule No. 34 'Response Time'.

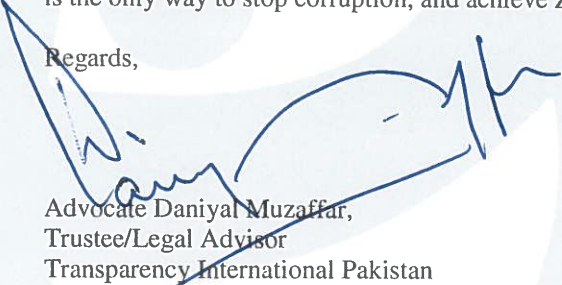
In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 10-08-2026, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is four (04) days less. It is a violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule 34. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

***34. Response time.---**(1) The procuring entity may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals including proposals for pre-qualification from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the contract's complexity, and urgency. However, under no circumstances the response time shall be less than fifteen days for national competitive bidding and thirty days for international competitive bidding from the date of publication of advertisement or notice in the national newspaper.*

District Officer, Social Welfare Department, Special Education and Women Empowerment, District Mardan is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, to avoid misprocurement under Rule 54.

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Regards,


Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,
Trustee/Legal Advisor
Transparency International Pakistan

Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
2. Managing Director, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Peshawar.



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