

Research Protocol of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)

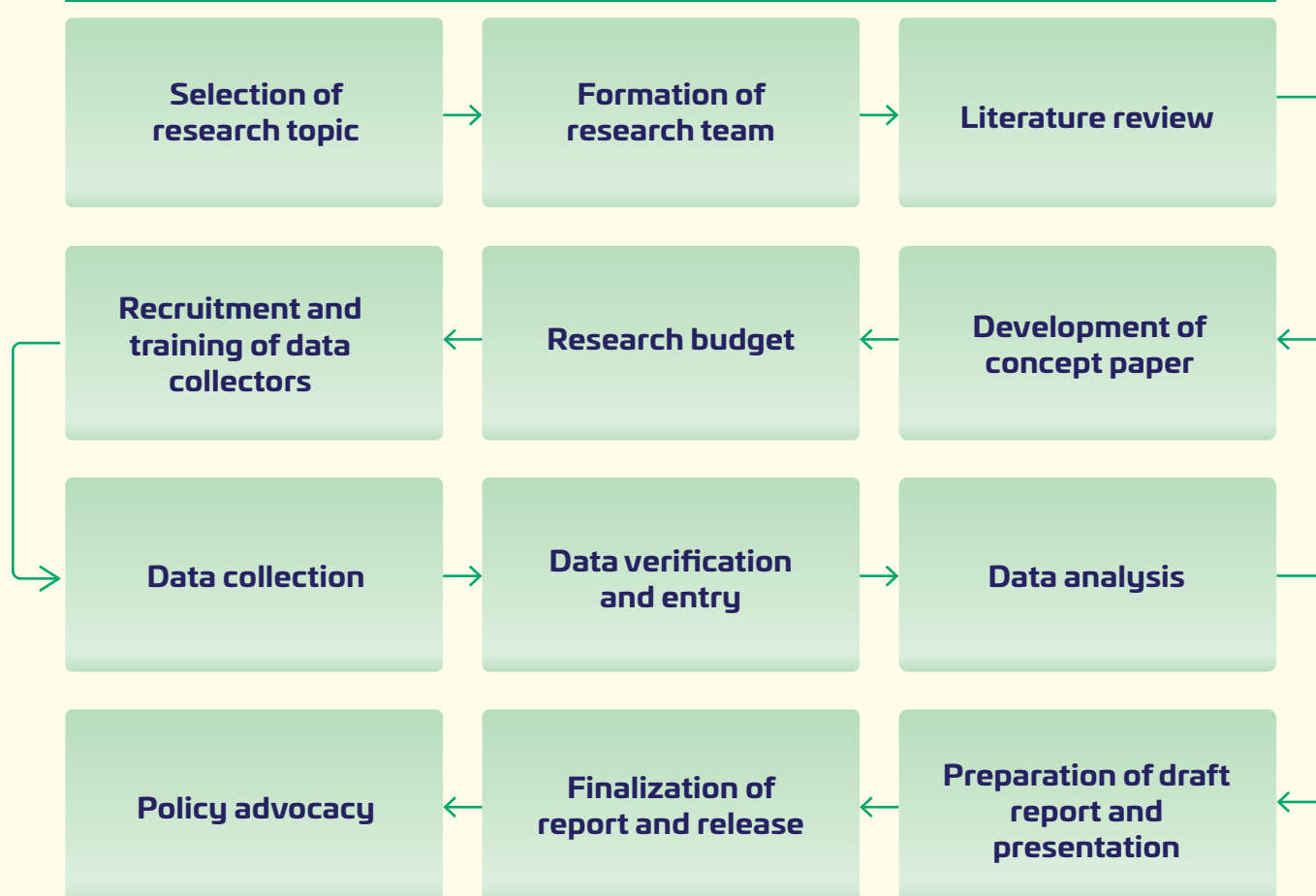
TIB's objective and mission are to strengthen the demand for good governance and anti-corruption in Bangladesh. As part of this, TIB conducts research activities to assess the nature, process, extent, and prevalence of corruption in various important institutions and the public-private sector. The purpose of TIB's research is to strengthen the anti-corruption and good governance infrastructure of the state through necessary and contemporary legal, institutional, policy, and strategic reforms in the country, with the participation of all stakeholders, and to play a supporting role in their implementation. Based on research findings and recommendations, TIB undertakes various types of advocacy initiatives, among which research-based advocacy is one. TIB does not investigate individual-level corruption but focuses on institutional/sectoral corruption and/or malgovernance.

Basic rules of conducting research in TIB

1. Various socio-economic institutions, sectors and issues important for the people are considered for selecting research topics.
2. TIB's objective is to contribute to strengthening the anti-corruption and good governance structure of the state by identifying good governance challenges, uncovering the types, processes, causes and effects of corruption and providing advocacy based on research recommendations for positive change in institutional practices and policies.
3. Nationally and internationally recognised scientific, intensive and unbiased methods and procedures in social-science research are strictly followed in data collection and analysis.
4. TIB's existing and relevant policies, such as ethical code of conduct, safeguarding policy, gender policy, and data protection policy, etc., are followed in conducting research.
5. Before data collection, respondents are informed about the purpose of the study. Consents are taken from them to use the empirical data they provide.
6. TIB ensures the freedom and right of respondents to express and provide their own experiences and opinions. Respondents are free to withdraw from participating in any research process at any stage of data collection.
7. Respondents' personal information (name, national identity number, tax identification number, passport number, etc.) and information that is not required for the research are not collected. TIB ensures that respect for the dignity and rights of the respondents in the collection, storage, use and processing of data.
8. TIB's data protection policy is strictly followed to ensure the protection and privacy of respondents (data providers). It is not the purpose of TIB's research to investigate or collect the name and identity of any person involved in corruption. However, even TIB comes across such data, it does not disclose it except on the formal order of the court.
9. Different steps are taken, including data verification, re-verification, checking the accuracy and reliability of data from multiple sources, and reviewing documents related to institutional information to ensure the validity of collected data. No data is accepted and approved without first verifying the authenticity, purity, and accuracy of the information through a specific multi-dimensional process.
10. TIB staff from different levels and divisions/units are engaged in the review process to ensure quality of the study and avoid conflict of interest and bias.

11. When necessary, opinions and inputs are taken from relevant experts, reputed researchers and university teachers at different levels of research design, determination of research methodology, data collection and analysis.
12. In the report, the research aims, objectives and methods of data collection and analysis are clearly mentioned. In each study, a separate validation matrix is prepared to determine the validity of the data analysis.
13. Adequate protection of collected data is ensured, and the data is stored for some time in accordance with relevant institutional policies to prevent data loss and misuse.
14. The collected data, reports and related documents are considered the property of TIB.

Steps and process of TIB research at a glance



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