

**Institutional Challenges and Capacity Development in a Newly Established Crime Control
Department: Evidence from Punjab, Pakistan**

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Abstract

The formation of Crime Control Department (CCD) in Punjab is a revolutionary step toward the current efforts of modernizing law enforcement, increasing institutional alignment, and strengthening the means of public protection in Pakistan. The CCD operates as a specialized organization under the province of Home Department and is supposed to centralise crime-preventive efforts, enhance inter-agency communication, and embrace technology-based investigative systems. This paper explores administrative, legal, and operational issues that the CCD faced in the early phase of its formation, which provides one of the first empirical evaluations of the institutional growth. Qualitative descriptive and analytical approach, which is further supported by quantitative validation, was used to collect data by interviewing 200 departmental officials using semi-structured interviews and open-ended questionnaires. The results suggest that even though 68 per cent of the participants did not agree that the CCD is facing significant administrative staffing shortage, numerous of them spoke of bureaucratic delays and limited managerial discretion. Similarly, 56per cent opposed the idea that the legal authority of the CCD is unclear, with 33per cent not taking sides, meaning that there is some ambiguity with respect to jurisdictional delineation. In the operational category, 40 percent of the respondents indicated that they were not able to have easy access to modern technological tools to conduct the investigation and 23 percent agreed that resource limitation is a factor that hinders effectiveness in the field. The researchers conclude that in spite of the encouraging backgrounds of the CCD, a lack of inter-agency coordination, unresolved legal ambiguities and inadequate capabilities of the technology remain key barriers to success. Enhancing the legal codification, developing cooperative systems and making an investment in digital modernization are the key elements to maintaining the long-term institutional development of the CCD and increasing the overall capacity of law-enforcement in Pakistan.

Keywords: Crime Control Department, Institutional Development, Administrative Challenges, Legal Framework, Operational Efficiency, Punjab, Governance, Law Enforcement

Introduction

The development of modernisation of the policing institutions in the developing countries is one of the foundational blocks of the governance reform and capacity building of the state. Under these conditions, law-enforcement agencies are deployed as the tools of protection as well as the markers of administrative maturity and institutional legitimacy. In the last 20 years, the concept of governance in the world has focused more on changing the conventional policing approach to a model of crime control that is based on data, accountable and collaborative (Bayley, 2006; Denhardt and Denhardt, 2015). The Crime Control Department (CCD) of

Punjab is one such important case study of institutional innovation in this frame. The CCD is the creation of the Government of Punjab to enhance the coordination of investigations, unify the procedures of work, and introduce modern technologies to the process of policing, which is also the reflection of the general trends in the country, towards evidence-based public administration and responsive governance. Although this is a progressive vision, the institutional path of the CCD has been characterised by institutional and procedural complexities that are characteristic of newly established public organisations. Being a new organization in the system of law enforcement in Pakistan, the CCD will have to deal with administrative fragmentation, the lack of legal jurisdictions, and insufficient technological resources (Hussain and Javed, 2021). The scope of operations of the department with the focus on the intelligence sharing, investigative support, and inter-agency coordination puts it into the center of bureaucratic interaction where the clarity of authority and the efficiency of communications defines the performance result. Despite the original vision of a specialised, reform-oriented department, the initial years of its operation can be characterised by the persistent issues regarding the bureaucratic stagnation, resource distribution, and professionalism. Theoretically speaking, the Institutional Development Theory is an excellent tool in examining such dynamics. According to Huntington (1968), institutionalisation entails the process through which organisations gain the attributes of stability, adaptability as well as autonomy which are required in good governance. Grindle (1997) also adds that third world institutions tend to develop in a gradual manner as opposed to a structural change. This model fits the policing environment of Pakistan where the institutional reformation often arises out of administrative education and situational adaptation as opposed to systematic bureaucratic redesign. This is the case with the CCD: though it has structural formality, it still refines its internal mechanisms and external coordination mechanisms in the quest to attain full operational maturity.

In addition, the experience of the CCD highlights the interplay of the Institutional Development Theory and the Administrative Systems Theory (Riggs, 1964), which views the public organisation as an open system influenced by the sociopolitical environment. With a complicated system of governance in Pakistan with overlapping duties, political interference, and low levels of decentralisation, the CCD is under stress to negotiate between innovativeness and compliance, freedom and responsibility, and expediency and formalism. The dilemma of the department, therefore, does not simply consist in the implementation of its operational mandate but rather in the consolidation of its institutional legitimacy by means of a good policy integration, transparent decision making and unceasing capacity building. Here, the current research paper completes a systematic analysis of the administrative, legal, as well as operational issues that the CCD encountered in their initial years of formation. The study determines the structural interdependencies in which the performance and sustainability of the CCD are formed through empirical examination of the responses given by 200 departmental officials. The results can be used to further explain the dynamics of newly founded institutions in developing countries, operating in the low resources and the vague law set-ups. However, in the long run, the study would help shed light on the mechanisms through which such organisations could shift away bureaucratic dependency to institutional maturity so as to strengthen the overall agenda of governance reform and modernisation of the public-sector in Pakistan.

Research Objective

1. To identify the key administrative challenges influencing the CCD's organizational performance, decision-making processes, and coordination mechanisms.
2. To analyze the legal and jurisdictional constraints that affect the clarity of CCD's authority, mandate, and inter-agency relations.
3. To examine the operational challenges faced by the CCD, including issues of manpower adequacy, technological integration, training, and resource allocation.

4. To assess how administrative, legal, and operational factors collectively influence the overall effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the CCD as a newly established law enforcement institution.
5. To propose evidence-based policy recommendations for strengthening institutional capacity, inter-agency coordination, and governance structures within the CCD framework.

Research Questions

1. What are the primary administrative challenges that affect the CCD's performance and institutional efficiency?
2. How do legal and jurisdictional constraints influence the CCD's authority, autonomy, and inter-agency coordination?
3. What specific operational challenges such as manpower shortages, technological limitations, or training gaps impact the CCD's ability to perform its functions effectively?
4. In what ways do administrative, legal, and operational factors interact to shape the overall effectiveness and sustainability of the CCD?
5. What strategic reforms and capacity-building measures can enhance CCD's institutional development and strengthen its role within Punjab's broader law enforcement system?

Literature Review

The effectiveness and longevity of the operations of the public institutions are based on their abilities to evolve in accordance with the changes of the political, social, and administrative environments. The theory of institutional development assumes that effective institutions are stable, legitimate, and flexible due to systematic organizational learning and clarity of procedures (Huntington, 1968). This promotion is often hampered in developing contexts by weak bureaucratic connections, duplication of roles and lack of autonomy (Grindle, 1997; Peters, 2010). New units like the Crime Control Department (CCD) in Punjab have the characteristics of institutional infancy as determined by Grindle (1997) such as resource dependency, limited discretion of managers, and partiality in the administrative system, in general. These gaps trigger inefficiencies and redundancy in operations that undermine performance. Administrative contextualities and hierarchical inflexibility in the policing context of Pakistan have long negated the formation of coherent structures of governance, which creates delays in coordination and the execution of policies (Farooq and Khalid, 2019; Hussain and Javed, 2021).

The administrative systems literature supports the idea that no formal organization can guarantee institutional success, but instead, some flexibility to social and political realities is also needed. Denhardt and Denhardt (2015) emphasize that effective public organisations have to balance the bureaucratic order with the responsiveness to the citizens. This opinion is reminiscent of the Administrative Systems Theory in which Riggs (1964) describes the process of forming bureaucracies as a prismatic system otherwise hybrids that combine old rules with new administrative dreams. These systems have difficulty in achieving total institutional coherence as they work in socio-political environments, which are marked by conflicting expectations, reduced resources, and changing legal requirements. This dynamism is reflected in the CCD that is a new law-enforcement agency. It operates in a transitional mode of governance system where modernisation processes exist alongside inherited bureaucratic laziness. South Asian comparative research indicates that nascent policing organisations in India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka have had to overcome similar challenges in their early years, and the results of the reforms have been limited by intervening politics, the scarcity of resources and the absence of organisational sustainability (Rashid, 2020; Perera, 2018).

The institutional development also requires success based on the legal articulation of power and jurisdiction. As noted by Walker and Katz (2018), procedural confusion and inter-agency war can be the offspring of vague mandates in policing. In the case of CCD in Pakistan, there is a lack of a comprehensive legislative framework

that has brought ambiguity on its level of operation and its connection with the available police departments. According to Khan (2020), new departments are often established in Pakistan by administrative notifications and not the statutory enactment, which restricts their independence in the legal sense. This is a pattern that is in line with regional trends. In Sri Lanka, the legal authority was not clear, and policing was consequently sluggishly implemented in police modernisation programmes (Perera, 2018), but in Bangladesh, multiple jurisdictions among specialised crime units encouraged competition instead of collaboration (Rashid, 2020). Bovens (2007) argues that with this kind of institutional ambiguity, it does not only reduce the level of efficiency in the operations, but also undermines accountability and confidence of the people. Legal codification, therefore, is necessary because of the legitimacy, coherence, and sustainability of the CCD as a provincial crime-controlling agency.

The need to be legally clear is also related to the idea of institutional accountability. Bayley (2006) argues that legal delimitation of boundaries promotes the level of trust by the people and guarantees that the due process is followed. With this respect, it is the legislative nature of the CCD that defines not only its internal but also its external legitimacy. This absence of a detailed statutory framework can put the department at risk of receiving contrary instructions by other agencies and compromise its long-term stability. This dilemma is an indication of what Grindle (1997) terms the institutional gap that is common in transitional forms of governance - where formal institutions are put in place without due legal or procedural incorporation.

Operational effectiveness is the practical aspect of the institutional development. According to Bayley and Shearing (2001), the current policing in the twenty first century has become dependent on intelligence-led policing, technological advancements, and the presence of well trained human resources. Most law-enforcement agencies in Pakistan, such as the CCD, continue to rely on traditional methods of investigation and have little technological support (Malik and Ahmad, 2019). The example offered by Brodeur (2010) indicates that the technological improvement in policing has turned the institutions into the reactive system shifting the focus towards proactive system that can prevent crime using data. However, in Pakistan, the implementation of digital systems, forensic laboratories and surveillance technologies is not even. Another critical area of operational performance is training. According to Chan (2013), professionalisation of police depends on the adaptive training, which incorporates legal literacy, ethical reasoning, and technological competence. Despite the fact that the internal survey data provided by CCD indicate that the majority of officers are content with the availability of the training, the qualitative results show that the constant development of the skills and the modern approaches are required. As Shah (2022) remarks, when reforming the Pakistani policing institution, the focus should be made on long-term training and leadership development to overcome the lack of skills and provide operational resilience.

The literature also determines that technology and capacity building should be carried out in a favorable policy environment. The author Quah (2010) illustrates that modernisation of technology only works when it is entrenched with governance change and standardization of processes with the use of Singaporean model. Without the coherence of the policies, it is often seen that modernisation projects do not bring lasting institutional change. To that effect, the expansion of operations at CCD needs investment in digital infrastructure as well as serving administrative processes to ensure that technology is converted to efficiency. The inter-agency coordination becomes another factor that spells out the success of law-enforcement institutions. Denhardt and Denhardt (2015) argue that the modern-day governance is becoming more dependent on collaborative networks, as opposed to strict hierarchies. In the case of other departments like the CCD that have to work with the police, intelligence and prosecutorial institutions, coordination is not only desirable but fundamental. Pakistan is a nation where studies of its justice system always show the fragmentation of agencies, creating duplication of work and gaps in intelligence sharing (Jamil & Ahmed, 2021). Rizvi (2020) explains those failures by the lack of proper communication protocols and the lack of joint operations frameworks. Just like this, there are regional experiences, including policing reforms in Sri Lanka, where the interdivisional rivalry undermined interdepartmental collaboration (Perera, 2018).

This theoretical understanding is supported by empirical evidence based on CCD data: there is a significant positive relationship between the challenges of jurisdictional coordination and the inefficiencies of operations ($r = .370, p < .01$), which proves the idea that the quality of inter-agency relationship is directly associated with the performance of the institution. According to Grindle (1997), institutional capacity building should go beyond designing structures to include the development of norms of cooperation, sharing of information and accountability. In the example of the CCD, the creation of formal coordinating structures, e.g. integrated command systems and inter-departmental liaison units, would not only improve the results of operational activities but also administrative learning and institutional trust.

These interdependent issues can be understood through a conceptual basis of convergence between the Administrative Systems Theory (Riggs, 1964) and the Institutional Development Theory (Huntington, 1968; Grindle, 1997). These two frameworks emphasize the fact that institutional effectiveness can be created through the interaction of the three variables, namely structure, process, and environment. Internal efficiency is determined by administrative variables (staffing, coordination, and decision making), legal variables (jurisdictional clarity and legislative support), and the functional capacity is determined by operational variables (technology, training and inter-agency cooperation). All these dimensions together form an institutional evolution system, where the development of one area supports others.

This combined outlook places the CCD in the general governance reform agenda in Pakistan. According to Denhardt and Denhardt (2015) and Shah (2022), modernisation in the field of governance not only requires institutional design but also changes in culture, the commitment of the leadership, and the continuous learning. Therefore, the development of the CCD can be seen as an example of initial institutional change in which reforms of the administration, legalisation, and operational improvement should advance simultaneously to achieve the efficiency of sustainability. The success of the department in the long term will depend on how it can become adaptive institutional maturity based on a structural foundation, thus playing a role in the overall vision of Pakistan of having accountable, efficient and modernised law-enforcement..

Methodology

Research Design

The current research employed both qualitative descriptive model with a small amount of quantitative validation. The qualitative element examined the experienced institutional experiences of officers in the Crime Control Department (CCD) of Punjab, whereas frequency, correlation, and regression tests were used to confirm the relationships existing between the most significant variables (Creswell, 2014).

Population and Sampling

The population sample was two hundred civil and criminal defense (CCD) officers including administrative, legal, and operating departments. The sampling strategy adopted was purposive to include respondents who had first-hand experience in CCD activities hence giving informed and pertinent responses in line with the purposeful procedures established in methodology (Patton, 2002).

Data Collection

The primary and secondary data were used. Semi-structured interviews and open-ended questionnaires yielded primary data, and the secondary data included CCD policy documents, official reports, and relevant scholarly literature (Grindle, 1997; Kettl, 2017). These tools helped realize a comprehensive understanding of the administrative, legal, and operational issues that the department was facing.

Data Analysis

Thematic analysis was utilized to analyze qualitative responses and, thus, revealed common trends and themes

within the institutions. The quantitative data were also put to statistical test by the correlation analysis and multiple regression method which was meant to test the relationship between the variables and explain how these variables affect the performance of the departments. The combination of these strands of the methodology improved the precision of interpretation and validity of the study.

Ethical Considerations

The research followed all ethical principles, as recommended by APA (2017). Participants were informed on informed consent, and data were utilized in academic purposes only and confidentiality was ensured. The participation was voluntary, and any identifiers were eliminated to ensure anonymity protection.

Findings and Discussion

Administrative Challenges

Analytical results show that most (69) of the respondents disapproved of the suggestion that the CCD had severe shortages in staffing or administrative leadership capacities. This implies that the department on a structural level has put a relatively stable administrative base. However, qualitative findings with regard to the interviews revealed that the issues that were raised included bureaucratic sluggishness, lack of clarity in the role descriptions, and internal communication mechanisms that were not consistent. According to the respondents, slowness in file movement, redundancy in the procedures and lack of decentralization of authority often hindered timely decision making and operations.

These findings are also congruent with the works by Peters (2010), who argues that the problems of bureaucratic inflexibility and complexity of procedures represent typical obstacles in the establishment of the administrative order. The same results were obtained by Grindle (1997) who remarks that hierarchical decision-making frameworks and overlaps in responsibilities tend to slow down the process of institutional consolidation in the public organizations. Based on this, the findings suggest that the CCD administrative structure is operational, but not optimized, it still has elements of conventional bureaucracy, which inhibits flexibility and responsiveness.

Overall, the evidence indicates the importance of administrative simplification by means of defining job description, eliminating communication layers, and providing digital record keeping to reduce the number of bottlenecks in the procedure. The administrative power of the CCD lies in the fact that it is sufficiently staffed, but more efficiency is possible through internal procedural changes, decentralization of authority, and better coordination between its divisions.

Legal and Jurisdictional Challenges

Regarding the legal aspect, 56 per cent of the respondents agreed on the fact that the mandate of the CCD is well spelt out, 33 per cent was inconclusive, thus pointing to a continuing uncertainty with regard to the jurisdictional boundaries and the interagency roles of the department. Most often, the respondents were confused about the connection of the CCD with the provincial police force, as well as the prosecution department, in terms of the limits of federal jurisdiction in the scope of investigations and case transfer. The regression analysis revealed that legal uncertainties are good predictors of operational inefficiency (0.230, p 0.01), therefore, highlighting that poorly articulated legal systems undermine coordination and performance. These findings support the argument offered by Walker and Katz (2018) that legal precision and role clarity are essential requirements of institutional effectiveness in a law-enforcement agency. Analogically, according to Khan (2020), in Pakistan, nascent departments often exist in a space of partial legal vacuum before being codified in law, therefore creating uncertainty and friction between agencies. This has been as a result of the lack of a radiant legislative act formally constituting the CCD and thus has resulted in a diffuse operational identity. Without a clearly defined boundary by law, the jurisdiction of the CCD risks clashing with the jurisdiction of the already established investigative agencies and as such, creates not only functional

inefficiencies, but also accountability challenges. These observations underline the fact that legality in written form and geographical explicitness are all pre-requisites to operational effectiveness, legitimacy and institutionalization.

Operational and Technological Challenges

An operational effectiveness area was determined as being of moderate concern. About 40% of the participants said that the CCD did not have access to high-level technological applications, and 23% said that they were not efficient due to insufficient resource availability, both material and financial. On the other hand, 68% had a contrary opinion that there are insufficient training opportunities, which means that human resource development programs are relatively strong when compared to technological preparedness.

Qualitative feedback uncovered that despite high staff competence and enthusiasm, operational performance suffers, due to lack of adequate technological infrastructure, especially in the digital forensics, surveillance, and case-management systems. Such results support the claim made by Brodeur (2010) that policing modernization relies on methodological technological adoption. Malik and Ahmad (2019) also claim that ineffective digital connectivity and obsolete investigative equipment are the obstacles to the efficiency of operations within the Pakistani policing agencies.

Irrespective of such constraints, there was a positive attitude expressed by CCD officers in terms of internal capacity-building programmes and the willingness of the management to embrace new systems. According to the respondents, computerized record systems and data-sharing platforms will be implemented, and can improve information management and coordination between the field. In line with this, this study concludes that though the CCD is changing its operational structure there is need to make a lot of technological modernization and investment in infrastructure to facilitate current day policing requirements.

Inter-Agency Coordination

One of the greatest predictors of operational challenges was found to be inter-agency coordination. It was found that the statistical model showed that the jurisdictional coordination challenges ($= -.389, =.001$) had the most significant negative impact on operational effectiveness. Although 63 percent of the respondents did not agree that inter-agency communication was completely deficient, the qualitative descriptions and quantitative findings indicate that lapses in coordination are still an institutional problem.

These results confirm the perception of Denhardt and Denhardt (2015) that proper governance is based on properly operating collaborative networks and not strong hierarchical controls. The CCD has a multi-agency structure that entails the Punjab Police, Prosecution Department, and Home Department. In this kind of environment, essential gaps in communication channels and reporting lines will tend to create delays, duplication, and inter-departmental tension.

A similar argument is presented by Rizvi (2020), who states that the lack of inter-agency coordination in the justice sector of Pakistan is caused by bureaucratic siloing and the lack of common digital platforms. When it comes to the CCD, lack of integrated command system and standard operating procedures that can be used to share information causes inefficiency in case management and the use of resources.

Bettering inter-agency coordination entails developing formal liaison units, joint task force, and protocols of sharing data to achieve a feeling of mutual trust and operational synergy. These would also improve horizontal responsibility and the learning of the institution, which would make the CCD a primary coordinating center in the Punjab criminal-control system.

Finding and Discussion

All the above mentioned results point at the fact that the administrative, legal, and operational aspects are very deeply interconnected and influence each other impacting the overall performance and institutional maturity of the CCD. The theoretical assumption concerning the integrated functioning of institutional components

rather than separate entities is supported by correlation coefficients ($r = 0.229 - 0.337, p < .01$).

Appreciating the CCD in Administrative Systems Theory perspective (Riggs, 1964), the current system structure may be regarded as a prismatic system that can cross the boundary between traditional bureaucratic culture and modern institutional aspirations. Despite the progress of the department in terms of administrative organization and employee proficiency, the department faces the problem of old-fashioned procedures, law-related vagueness, and poor inter-agency interactions.

As explained through the Institutional Development Theory (Huntington, 1968; Grindle, 1997), organizational stability and maturity is a result of organizing the adaptation and learning of the process. An example of such an adjustment in the case of the CCD can be found in terms of gradual administrative reform, capacity-building efforts and efforts at standardizing operations. However, to realize the long-term institutional development, the department should be advanced to a higher level of institutional coherence, which implies institutional standardization, the technological modernization, and the mechanisms of strategic co-ordination.

In a nutshell, the CCD is in the transitional phase of development, as it is functional but institutionally in transition. It is successful depending on the ability to transform its current bureaucratic practices to adaptive governance mechanisms. The combination of the analysis of the work reveals that administrative changes will not automatically lead to efficiency without legal clarity and operative innovation. On the other hand, administrative and legal milieu will not be enabled by technological modernization.

Based on this, the future success of the CCD lies on institutional integration, where administrative reforms, codification of the law, and modernization of operation move forward simultaneously. Such balance approach will not only improve the performance of the department, but will also play a significant role towards the larger goal of modernizing law enforcement and good governance in Pakistan.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The general discussion shows that the Crime Control Department (CCD) of Punjab has reached some commendable milestones in its initial institutionalization process but still have many aspects that constrain its full potential in functioning. The report revealed that the administrative systems are more functional and have sufficient staffing and organization systems, but are impeded by the inflexible procedures and bureaucratic delays. Legal and jurisdictional ambiguities proved to be more critical and the overlapping of mandates and lack of a holistic legislative framework have tended to cause confusion when it comes to power and responsibility. In terms of operations, though officers are usually satisfied with the training and internal communication, the lack of access to modern technology and the adequate distribution of resources still hinders the efficiency. Inter-agency coordination became the greatest problem and poor communication networks and overlapping duties diminished coherence in the multi-agency efforts of controlling the crime.

All these findings point to the fact that the CCD is at an institutional maturity transition stage. It has strong foundations, and the department needs to reinforce its internal operations, legal framework, and collaboration structures in order to attain sustainability in the long-run. In order to fill these gaps, there are various measures which can be suggested. Laws to codify the CCD should be given priority through the government enacting a formal law specifying the authority of CCD, jurisdiction and how it will coordinate with other law-enforcement agencies. The administrative reforms must be aimed at streamlining of processes, decentralization of decisions, and creation of digital management systems to reduce bureaucratic delays. At the operation level, the technological modernization is necessary; the investment in the forensic tools, data analytics, and digital records systems would make the investigation more productive and effective at managing the evidence. Moreover, all-time professional training activities must be extended to develop technical skills and leadership ability and moral responsibility among CCD staff. Improving cooperation of various agencies by liaison offices, joint task forces and database sharing will eliminate redundancy and facilitate coordinated efforts among institutions.

In general, the CCD is a significant experiment in the modernization of law-enforcement and reform of governance in Pakistan. Its future progress will hinge in its ability to strike a balance between structure and flexibility, legality and accountability as well as between innovation and institutional stability. The CCD can become a model institution that represents efficiency, transparency, and public trust, which are the essential values of a good governance system in the contemporary democratic state, by working in a coordinated fashion to address its administrative, legal, and operational issues.

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