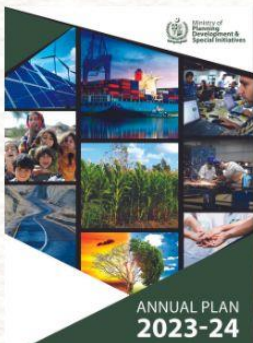




YEAR BOOK 2022-23



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINISTRY OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL INITIATIVES



**In the Name of Allah The Most Beneficent
The Most Merciful**

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Vision

*A national knowledge driven organization
dedicated towards promoting sustainable
and equitable socio-economic development
of the country*

Mission

MISSION



*Formulate, coordinate and assess long,
medium and short-term development plans
and programmes through result based
monitoring and evaluation*

Foreword

The Year Book for FY 2022-23 is a pivotal document that encompasses the details of Ministry's functions, organizational structure, and its overarching tasks as mandated under the Rule 25(2) of the Rules of Business 1973. It constitutes the activities and achievements of a Ministry for information of the Cabinet and general public. The chapters provide the programmes, targets, and a glimpse of work in progress during the current year.



The core aim of the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives is to enhance Pakistan's socio-economic development. The document highlights the Ministry's efforts and contribution in advancing the country's socio-economic landscape.

In FY 2022-23, the Pakistan economy faced unprecedented challenges like; mounting inflationary pressures, fluctuating interest rates, currency devaluations etc. Despite these obstacles, the Ministry's role remained instrumental in achieving positive growth and economic recovery.

This Year Book will also provide insights into the Ministry's operations and serves as a resource for different stakeholders; including planners, academicians, and researchers.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the dedicated teams within the Economic, Technical Sections and Attached Departments for their vital contributions to this document. Especially, the team of Plan Coordination Section led by Mr. Zafar-ul-Hasan, JCE (EP)/Chairman (Review Committee) for their active efforts in finalization of the document.

I welcome any comment, suggestion or feedback which will surely contribute in further improvement of this publication and the Ministry's performance.

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Secretary

Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives
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Acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADP	Annual Development Programme
ADPC	Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre
AGPR	Auditor General of Pakistan Revenue
AJ&K	Azad Jammu & Kashmir
ANF	Anti-Narcotics Force
APCC	Annual Plan Coordination Committee
APFSD	Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
ASF	Airports Security Force
ATH	Ayub Teaching Hospital
BCR	Benefit-Cost Ratio
BECS	Basic Education Community Schools
BEOE	Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment
BO	Budget Order
BOI	Board of Investment
BOP	Balance of Payments
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CARE	Climate Adaptation and Resilience for South Asia
CBN	Cost of Basic Needs
CCI	Council of Common Interests
CCIR	Committee on Institutional Reforms
CCOI	Cabinet Committee on Investment
CCOP	Cabinet Committee on Privatization
CDA	Capital Development Authority
CDWP	Central Development Working Party
CMI	Census of Manufacturing Industries
COBP	Country Operations Business Plan
CPEC	China Pakistan Economic Corridor
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CSA	Civil Society Alliance
CSD	Country Strategic Dialogue
DCPC	Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
DDWP	Departmental Development Working Party

DFID	Department for International Development
DHA	Defence Housing Authority
DHQ	District Headquarter
DISCOS	Distribution Companies
DOAM	Department of Archeology & Museum
DSSI	Decision Support System for Inflation
DTMB	Digital Terrestrial Multimedia Broadcast
ECC	Economic Coordination Committee
ECD	Early Childhood Development
ECNEC	Executive Committee of National Economic Council
ECO	Economic Cooperation Organization
EEF	Employees Education Foundation
EIRR	Economic Internal Rate of Return
EPRC	Energy Planning and Resource Centre
ERRA	Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority
FATA	Federal Areas Tribal Areas
FBR	Federal Board of Revenue
FCT	Food Composition Table
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FG	Flare Gas
FIA	Federal Investigation Authority
GB	Gilgit Baltistan
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GIDC	Gas Infrastructure Development Cess
GPA	Grade Point Average
HDIP	Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan
HEC	Higher Education Commission
HIES	Household Integrated Economic Survey
HR	Human Resource
HRC	Human Rights Council
HRD	Human Resource Development
HRM	Human Resource Management
I&M	Implementation & Monitoring
IBC	Indicative Budget Ceiling
ICT	Islamabad Capital Territory
IDWP	Islamabad Development Working Party
IEP	Integrated Energy Planning

ILO	International Labor Organization
IPC	Inter-Provincial Coordination
IRR	Financial Internal Rate of Return
IST	Institute of Space Technology
JACC	Jawaid Azfar Computer Centre
JCC	Joint Coordination Committee
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
JWG	Joint Working Groups
KEMU	King Edward Medical University
KJP	Kamyab Jawan Programme
KKH	Karakorum Highway
KPK	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
KPT	Karachi Port Trust
KS&EW	Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works Limited
LAN	Local Area Network
LFS	Labour Force Survey
LPG	Liquified Petroleum Gas
MEF	Macroeconomic Framework
MFPC	Monetary and Fiscal Policy Coordination
MIS	Management Information System
ML-1	Main Line-1
MPCL	Mari Petroleum Company Limited
MW	Mega Watt
NADRA	National Database & Registration Authority
NAVTTTC	National Vocational and Technical Training Commission
NDA	Net Domestic Assets
NDMA	National Disaster Management Authority
NDRC	National Development Reforms Commission
NEC	National Economic Council
NEFT	NLC Express Freight Train
NEPRA	National Electric Power Regulatory Authority
NESCOM	National Engineering and Scientific Commission
NFA	Net Foreign Assets
NH&MP	National Highways & Motorways Police
NHA	National Highways Authority
NIS	New Item Statement
NITB	National Information Technology Board

NLC	National Logistic Cell
NLP	National Library of Pakistan
NLTA	Non-Lending Technical Assistance
NMIS	Nutrition Management Information System
NNTMP	National Nutrition Thought Management Programme
NPMC	National Price Monitoring Committee
NPV	Net Present Value
NSO	National Statistical Organization
NSPAIT	National Strategic Programme for Acquisition of Industrial Technology
NTP	National Transport Policy
NTRC	National Transport Research Centre
NUMS	National University of Management Sciences
NUST	National University of Science & Technology
NUTECH	National University of Technology
OGDCL	Oil & Gas Development Company Limited
OGRA	Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority
OPHR&D	Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development
PAC	Public Accounts Committee
PAEC	Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission
PAL	Pakistan Academy of Letters
PBC	Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation
PBS	Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
PD&SI	Planning, Development & Special Initiatives
PDGN	Pakistan Dietary Guidelines for Better Nutrition
PDR	Pakistan Development Review
PDS	Product Data Sheet
PEPAC	Pakistan Environmental Planning and Architectural Consultant
PIDE	Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
PMD	Pakistan Meteorological Department
PMES	Project Monitoring and Evaluation System
PMTFKE	Prime Ministers' Task Force on Knowledge Economy
PNCA	Pakistan National Council of Arts
PNRA	Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority
POL	Petroleum Oil & Lubricants
PPMI	Pakistan Planning and Management Institute

PPP	Public Private Partnership
PPRA	Public Procurement Regulatory Authority
PQA	Port Qasim Authority
PR	Pakistan Railways
PRC	Population Resource Centre
PSA	Population Situation Analysis
PSB	Pakistan Sports Board
PSD&C	Private Sector Development & Competitiveness
PSDP	Public Sector Development Programme
PSLM	Pakistan Social and Living Standard Measurements
PTDC	Pakistan Tourism Development Cooperation
PTV	Pakistan Television
PTVC	Pakistan Television Corporation
PWD	Public Works Department
PWD	Population Welfare Department
PWP	Population Welfare Programme
PWWB	Punjab Workers Welfare Board
RPC	Regional Planning Council
RPL	Recognition of Prior Learning
S&T	Science & Technology
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SECP	Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan
SEZ	Special Economic Zone
SHMI	Small and Household Manufacturing Industries
SIDCL	Sindh Infrastructure Development Co. Ltd.
SPI	Sensitive Price Index
SPMHs	Special Procedure Mandate Holders
TA	Transaction Advisor
TAPI	Turkmenistan–Afghanistan–Pakistan–India Pipeline
THQ	Tehsil Headquarter
UCG	Underground Coal Gasification
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USC	Utility Stores Corporation

VGF	Viability Gap Fund
WAN	Wide Area Network
WAPDA	Water & Power Development Authority
WEF	World Economic Forum
WPI	Wholesale Price Index
WTO	World Trade Organization
YES	Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme
ZTBL	Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited

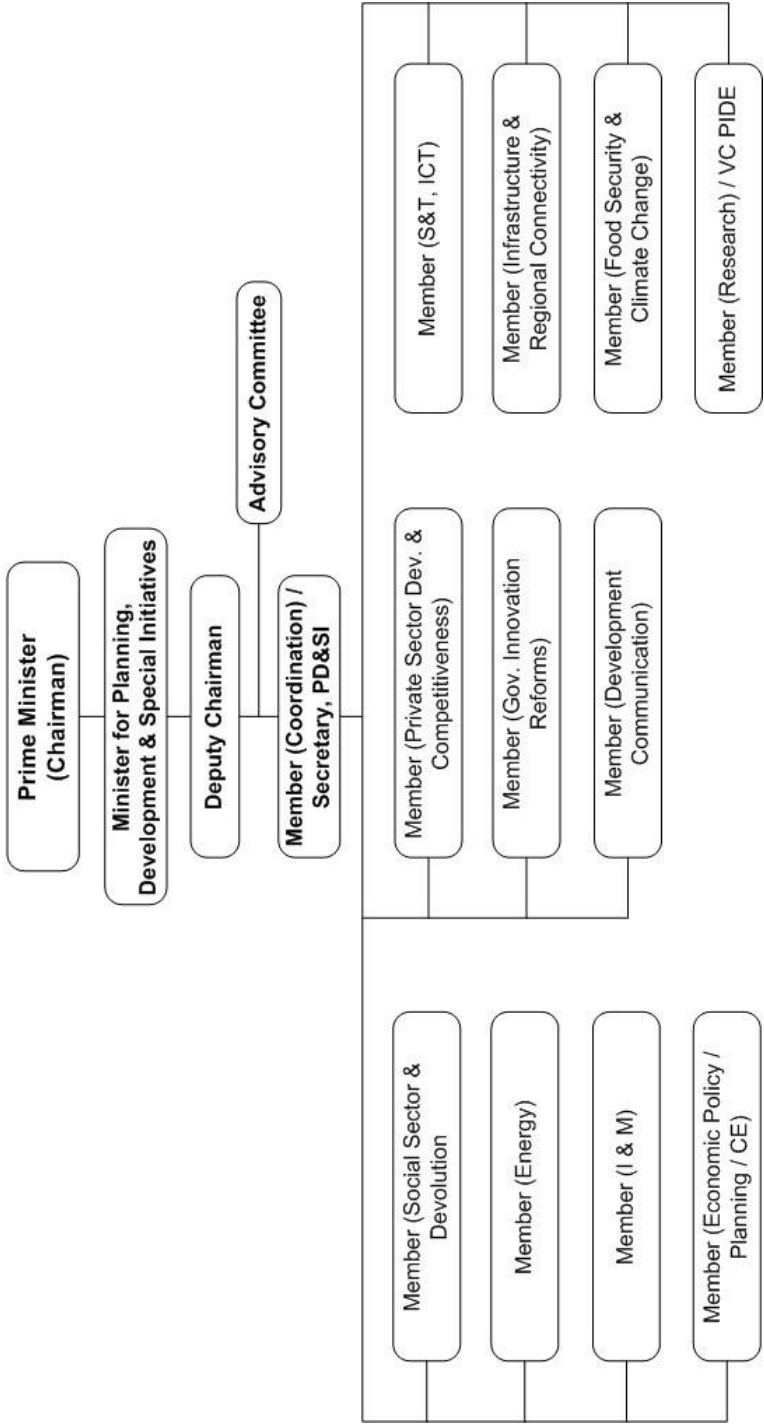
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**Planning Commission
(Organogram)**



Introduction

The Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (PD&SI) headed by the Minister for PD&SI is designated as Secretariat of the Planning Commission; to provide administrative and logistic support enabling the assignments in an efficient and effective manner. The Planning Commission works as a think tank for policy formulation input regarding the country's socio-economic development. It formulates/carries out economic policies, evaluates economic situation, prepares National Development Plans and evaluates implementation in collaboration with the respective ministries, divisions and provincial governments.

The Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Planning Commission; assisted by the Deputy Chairman and the Minister for PD&SI. The Governing Council comprises twelve members including the Secretary Ministry of PD&SI who works as Member Coordination. The Planning Commission is responsible for performing functions as indicated in Schedule-II of the Rules of Business 1973 which inter-alia includes:

- i. Preparing the National Plan, reviewing and evaluating its implementation
- ii. Formulating Annual Plan and Annual Development Plan
- iii. Monitoring and evaluating implementation of major development projects and programmes
- iv. Stimulating preparation of sound projects in regions and sectors lacking adequate portfolios
- v. Continuously evaluating the economic situation and coordinating economic policies
- vi. Organizing research and analytical studies for economic decision-making

The Planning Commission also discharges the following functions:

- i. Assisting in defining the national vision and undertaking strategic planning

- ii. Assessing the material, capital and human resources of the country and formulating proposals for augmenting such resources
- iii. Assisting the government in providing a conducive macroeconomic and regulatory framework, improved resource mobilization, an institutional framework and efficient public investment
- iv. Promoting and developing role of the private sector as an engine of growth by co-opting it as a partner in the development process through an institutionalized effective consultative process
- v. Promoting and coordinating Special Initiatives and innovation in the government in partnership with the relevant ministries, divisions and organizations
- vi. Promoting and developing social capital for development with the stakeholders (SDGs, poverty alleviation, social harmony)
- vii. Promoting, and coordinating economic and infrastructure initiatives toward developing regional economic integration
- viii. Monitoring Pakistan's economic competitiveness and development strategies for its enhancement with the relevant ministries, divisions and organizations
- ix. Promoting development discourse towards participatory and collaborative planning and development
- x. Study trends and evaluate impact of globalization and develop appropriate national responses in coordination with the relevant ministries, divisions and organizations
- xi. Study and evaluate impact of new technologies on development and develop appropriate national responses in coordination with the relevant ministries, divisions and organizations
- xii. Facilitating capacity building of agencies involved in development
- xiii. Any other function assigned by the Prime Minister

Economic Wing & its Sections

There are ten Economic Sections in the Ministry. Out of which five Sections provide input/policy advice on economic policy of the country that cover areas like; macroeconomics, fiscal policy, international trade & finance, employment & research and poverty alleviation & SDGs. Other four Sections work on Operations side and carry out functions of Public Investment Authorization, projects appraisal and approval, formulation of PSDP and release of development funds. Coordination for formulation of short/medium/long term Plans and implementation of decisions of national fora like; CCI, NEC, Federal Cabinet and its Committees is also carried out on operations side.

MACROECONOMICS

Section's Overview

Macroeconomics Section is an integral part of the Economic Policy Wing of the Ministry of PD&SI. The major functions of the Section include preparation of macroeconomic framework, GDP and sectoral growth targets which are incorporated in Annual / Five Year Plans after approval of the National Economic Council (NEC). The Section plays a key role in formulation of economic growth strategies. It submits replies to the questions raised by members of the parliament regarding growth, investment and economic development.

The Section represents the Ministry in the meetings of National Accounts Committee (NAC). The Section evaluates the economic situation and prepares position papers / presentations on the economy. It also provides views/comments/ reviews to other ministries/divisions /organizations on macroeconomic issues.

Major Activities

During 2022-23, Macroeconomics Section monitored the performance of the economy and prepared 12 periodic reports on key macroeconomic indicators. Besides, this Section carried out a quarterly analysis of the economy.

The Section prepared weekly statements on key economic indicators for information of the higher-ups.

The Section prepared working paper for the APCC on “Review of Annual Plan 2022-23 and Proposed Annual Plan 2023-24” which included

a review of economic performance during 2022-23 and proposed growth targets for 2023-24. The working paper also included a macroeconomic framework on total investment, total consumption and national savings etc. Subsequently, on recommendations of the APCC, the Section prepared a summary on “Review of Annual Plan 2022-23 and Proposed Annual Plan 2023-24” for consideration of the NEC.

The Section has also contributed to Annual Plan 2023-24 by preparing a comprehensive chapter on ‘Growth, Investment and Savings’ including growth targets and macroeconomic framework as approved by the NEC.

The Section completed other miscellaneous assignments relating to the economy of Pakistan and participated in meetings.

ECONOMIC RESEARCH & INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Section's Overview

The Economic Research & International Cooperation (ER&IC) Section is responsible for the following:

- i. Develop a systematic mechanism for demand-based and regular/periodic collation of policy-oriented economic research needs by Members, Technical Sections, and affiliated bodies of the Ministry of PD&SI
- ii. Based on policy-oriented economic research needs assessment of the Ministry and its affiliated bodies, coordinate preparation of three-year rolling economic research agenda and process it for review/ approval of the Planning Commission
- iii. Develop a mechanism for just-in-time/ rapid provision of research inputs for policy and decision-making forums
- iv. Develop a mechanism for systematic and collaborative arrangements for executing research assignments in partnership with PIDE, Federal /Provincial bodies/ research institutions, and donor agencies
- v. As secretariat of the economic/ sectoral research activities, take steps to execute the research agenda as per the approved mechanism
- vi. It deals with matters relating to the Joint Ministerial/ Economic Commission, bilateral economic relations, and international and regional cooperation
- vii. Preparing briefing material/ input on bilateral economic cooperation to the relevant Ministries on behalf of the Ministry during the visit of foreign heads of states/ delegates to Pakistan
- viii. Matters/ activities relating to multilateral organizations such as World Bank, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), and UN organizations like United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) etc.
- ix. Deals with matters relating to regional economic cooperation organizations like the South Asian Association for Regional

Cooperation (SAARC), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Programme (CAREC), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) etc.

- x. Act as the focal point for the Regional Planning Council (RPC) of the ECO, coordinating matters pertaining to the implementation of the decisions of the RPC

Major Activities

Completed Assignments

- i. Prepared 20 briefs and talking points regarding bilateral, multilateral, and regional economic cooperation for the Prime Minister, Minister, Deputy Chairman, and Secretary
- ii. Facilitated participation of Minister/ DCPC and Secretary in the virtual meetings of UNESCAP and Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD)
- iii. Analyzed the data on Balance of Payment, exports & imports of goods & services, Quantum Price effect, remittances, foreign direct investment, and foreign exchange reserves on a monthly, quarterly, biannual and annual basis and prepared briefs for the senior management in Planning Commission
- iv. Provided input/ comments on various policy documents pertaining to bilateral, multilateral, and regional economic and political cooperation
- v. Being the Focal Point of ECO RPC, kept close coordination with MoFA, ECO Secretariat, Pakistan's Mission in Tehran, and concerned Ministries / Organizations. RPC is the planning arm of the ECO. Each year, this section receives eight Working Papers from RPC which are circulated among all relevant Ministries/ Stakeholders for their inputs
- vi. Coordinated and managed different virtual sessions of 33rd RPC meeting at the Planning Commission
- vii. Provided material for the Year Book 2021-22 of the Ministry
- viii. Capacity building of the officers from the Strategic Plan Division on the use of the trade data under the guidance of the Chief Economist
- ix. Participated actively in the preparation of 5Es Framework and completed all tasks relevant to this section

- x. Prepared summary for the Cabinet's approval for the rectification of the Charter for the establishment of ECO Research Centre in Baku
- xi. Moved Summary for Cabinet to provide Instrument of Ratification for ECO Research Centre at Baku
- xii. Prepared response of Government. of Pakistan on the issues highlighted in working papers of 33rd ECO Regional Planning Council received from ECO Secretariat
- xiii. Provided technical assistance to Ministry of Commerce for preparing the Government Report for 5th Trade Policy Review of Pakistan by the World Trade Organization (WTO) Secretariat. Also provided technical comments on the Secretariat Report prepared by the WTO Secretariat
- xiv. Followed-up with the relevant ministries/divisions/departments on the implementation status of decisions/commitments made by the Government of Pakistan during the 33rd meeting of ECO-RPC
- xv. Finalized version of MoU for "Knowledge Sharing Program between Pakistan and Turkey" was communicated to the M/o Economic Affairs in order to enable both sides to sign the MoU during the next High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council (HLSCC) session. The Agreement was signed on 1st June 2022 during the visit of the Prime Minister of Pakistan to Turkey.

Events Organized

- i. Coordinated 33rd meeting of RPC of the ECO from 16-19 January 2023. The meeting held virtually at ECO Secretariat, Tehran, Iran. The Section coordinated all preparatory work with ECO Secretariat, Pakistan's Permanent Mission at Tehran, and around 40 Federal Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments for virtual participation
- ii. In this regard, nine preparatory meetings with relevant Federal Ministries/ Divisions /Departments were also convened in close coordination with MoFA
- iii. Joint Chief Economist (EP Wing), M/o PD&SI represented the Ministry in the closing plenary in Tehran, Iran as head of the delegation from Pakistan.
- iv. The Section assisted in hosting the first meeting of the General Assembly of State Parties to the ECO regional centre for cooperation anticorruption agencies and ombudsmen

Other activities

Balance of Payments Assessments

- i. Prepared the Chapter on “Balance of Payments” for Annual Plan 2023-24
- ii. The Section prepared 12 reviews/ analysis reports on external sector performance, balance of payments position including exports and imports, updates on workers’ remittances, and foreign direct investment as and when required/ demanded by high-ups to facilitate decision making.

Input on Summaries for Submission to Cabinet/ ECC

Prepared and provided briefs on twelve (12) summaries of the ECC and other Cabinet Committees related to the external sector of the economy, including:

- i. Moved summary for the approval of Cabinet for the signing of MoU for promotion of coastal tourism in Balochistan under CPEC
- ii. Moved summary for the approval of Cabinet for the signing of MoU on Urban Development of Gwadar city
- iii. Moved summary for the approval of Cabinet for the signing of provision of goods under South-South corporation for addressing climate change issues
- iv. Moved a Summary for the approval of Cabinet for the signing of MoU on enhancing cooperation for export promotion under CPEC
- v. Pakistan signed charter of ECO research centre on the treaty event during 26th Council of Minister Meeting
- vi. Furnished comments on the Summary regarding the Declaration of Customs Station Angoor Adda as Authorized Export Land Route to Afghanistan and through Afghanistan to Central Asian Republics.

Inter-Ministerial and Inter-Agency Coordination Activities

- i. Furnished comments to Board of Investment on “draft policy for grant of long term/permanent residency to foreign investors”
- ii. Provided comments on the Investment Promotion strategy 2020-23 to the Board of Investment
- iii. Furnished views to revise and develop new BIT Framework

- iv. Provided material for speech/address by the President to the Joint Session of Parliament
- v. Coordinated/attended the Midterm Review Meeting of the ECO RPC held on 28th July 2022 in virtual mode
- vi. Invited comments from Finance Division, Law and Justice Division, and PIDE for Framework for Knowledge Sharing Program between Pakistan and Turkey
- vii. Coordinated with various Sections to seek the implementation status of the 15th Session of Pak-China Joint Committee on Economic Trade Scientific and Technical Cooperation (JEC)
- viii. Processed nomination of the Ministry to the Board of Investment regarding the Investment Climate Working Group Under the FCDO Funded Remit Programme
- ix. Processed and conveyed nomination of representative/ focal person to EAD on behalf of this Ministry for Pak-Afghan Joint Economic Commission (JEC)
- x. Coordinated with MoFA regarding the nomination of Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives to attend the 25th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum 2022
- xi. Prepared response of Government of Pakistan on the issues highlighted in working papers of 33rd ECO RPC received from ECO Secretariat
- xii. Prepared comments and processed nomination for Draft Plan of Joint Measures of the SCO Member States to Overcome Negative Socio-Economic Consequences of COVID-19 pandemic for 2021-23
- xiii. Provided detailed comments to MoFA on the MoU between the United Nations Economic and Social Commission and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
- xiv. Provided comments/ material for Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting to consider Draft Mid-Term Review Document of OIC-2025: Programme of Action
- xv. Coordinated/participated in WTO 5th Trade Policy Review for Pakistan (2021-22). Provided comments on the Secretariat Report and Government Report prepared by the WTO Secretariat

- xvi. Furnished views/comments on Pak-EU Joint Economic Commission
- xvii. Provided comments on completion Review of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP-2016-21). Also furnished views on IFAD's draft Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP) 2023-27
- xviii. Provided feedback on the Upcoming Reporting Milestone for the Sendai Framework
- xix. Furnished comments on the Business Case of AAWAZ-II Programme by Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO)
- xx. Provided comments to ADB's Country Programming Mission on the Country Operations Business Plan (COBP) for Pakistan 2022-24
- xxi. Provided comments to MoFA on the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Blueprint 2021-30
- xxii. Provided detailed comments to BoI on the Bilateral Investment Treaty with Hungary
- xxiii. Participated in the inter-ministerial meetings in M/oFA for the preparations for the meeting of the Council of Ministers of ECO, and provided detailed input for the COM

Additional Assignments

- i. Fine-tuned the PC-I for World Bank funded project titled "Planning, Investment, and Statistics Support Project" for revamping of Planning Commission and to make it a more effective organization. The task also included coordination with the P3A and PBS for their part of the input for the PC-I.
- ii. Five meetings were held with the World Bank while finalizing the PC-I, primarily to carry out an internal assessment of the capacity of the M/o PD&SI. Coordination within the Ministry was necessary to seek input and share it with the Bank. Meetings were held with the Accounts Wing, I.T. Wing and PIP Sections
- iii. Reviewed the Chapters on "SDGs", "Mass Media" and "Labour and Manpower" for the Annual Plan 2023-24
- iv. Prepared three research proposals for D-8 Forum, and shared with the MoFA to tap funding available with the D-8

- v. Arranged a meeting with the Senior Economist of the Asian Development Bank to discuss capacity building of the Officers of PD&SI on RIVA Value Chain Analyzer software
- vi. The Section also maintains monthly data for the past five years regarding imports and exports of goods and services, FDI and workers' remittances
- vii. Prepared and written letters to all major brands of Pakistan regarding Made in Pakistan: Developing Global Brands for promotion /developing Pakistani brands and diversifying exports
- viii. Participated in the preparation of Celebrating 10 Year of CPEC

Work in progress

- i. A draft mechanism is being developed for gathering information on the demand for research within the Economic and Technical Sections within the Ministry. The focus will be on economic research. The draft has been shared with the stakeholders for their comments
- ii. Once the mechanism is finalized through the consultative process, the implementation of the indigenous research will be taken up, including constitution of committees, and convening the meetings, etc.
- iii. The MoU on Knowledge Sharing has been signed between the Planning Commission and the Presidency of Budget and Strategy, Republic of Turkey. This is an ongoing activity. The composition of the Steering Committee is being finalized. The Steering Committee will frame the program of action for implementation of the MoU.

POLICY REVIEW & COORDINATION

Section's Overview

Policy Review & Coordination (PR&C) Section reviews fiscal, monetary and capital market developments beside inflation trend. Main functions assigned to the Section include regular appraisal/analysis of inflation, capital market, monetary developments and FBR's tax collection. The main functions assigned to this Section are as under:

- i. Planning and recommending reforms for fiscal, monetary and capital market development (through short, medium and long-term economic plans);
- ii. Monthly review / analysis of consolidated fiscal operations, public debt, inflation, capital market developments, monetary developments and FBR's tax collection;
- iii. Analysis of regional prices of critical consumer items for the meetings of National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) chaired by Minister for PD&SI;
- iv. Quarterly review/analysis of consolidated fiscal operations;
- v. Preparation of material for meetings of Monetary and Fiscal Policies Coordination Board;
- vi. Preparation of material for working papers for APCC, summaries for NEC and Review of Five Year Plans;
- vii. Preparation of material for National Assembly and Senate business;
- viii. Preparation of material for Year Book of the Ministry;
- ix. Preparation of briefs / comments on summaries for Federal Cabinet, Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet and Council of Common Interests (CCI), etc. on policy issues relevant to the Section.

Major Activities

The major activities undertaken by the Section during the year include the following:

Reports

The Section produced reports on monetary, fiscal and capital markets development on regular basis along with comments on the summaries for ECC. Furthermore, produced reports on CPI for regular analysis of the prices for consumption of higher management.

Reports on Fiscal Development

Quarterly reports on fiscal development were prepared on the Fiscal Operations data issued by Finance Division.

Reports on CPI

Prepared 12 Monthly reports on on review of inflation showing trends of Consumer Price Index (CPI) Wholesale Price index (WPI) and Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI). The reports contain the analysis of the prices of essential commodities covered in CPI.

Reports on Monetary Development

The Section prepared 12 monthly reports on monetary developments which outlined changes in stocks of broad money (M2) and factors affecting M2 like Net Foreign Assets (NFA), Net Domestic Assets (NDA), government borrowing for budgetary support and commodity operations, policy rate and its impact on offtake of private sector credit and inflation outlook.

Reports on Capital Markets Development

Monthly reports on review of capital market developments were prepared containing trends of Pakistan Stock Exchange indices in comparison with major stock indices in the world. Furthermore, monthly reports on portfolio investment, foreign direct investment, repatriation of profit / dividend on foreign investment were prepared.

National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC)

The NPMC was constituted on 24th January, 2011 chaired by Secretary, Finance Division to review and monitor prices and supply & demand situation of essential food items on monthly basis. However, the subject matter was transferred from Finance Division to Ministry of PD&SI on

29th June, 2022. A series of meetings were conducted under the chairmanship of Minister for PD&SI to review and improve the supplies of essential commodities and administrative measures taken by provincial governments thereof. The key issues highlighted and resolved as a result of these meetings includes the following:

- i. The uplifting of ban on wheat mobilization between provinces (from Punjab to KP).
- ii. Inclusion of micro ingredient used in the poultry feed in the list of essential commodities by SBP for LC clearance.
- iii. Prompt LC clearance of essential commodities like masoor daal, edible oil etc. from the port and SBP remained on board .
- iv. Reduction in the duty on imports of dates from Iran by Ministry of Commerce to ensure smooth supply during Ramdan.
- v. Ensuring smooth supply of essential items during Ramadan by taking provincial governments on board.

Other Activities

Other activities carried out by the Section include the following:

- i. Prepared material for Year Book 2021-22 of the Ministry.
- ii. Prepared a chapter on Monetary, Fiscal and Capital Market developments along with the prices situation for Annual Plan, 2023-24.
- iii. Disposed off parliamentary business including response to National Assembly Questions along with the provision of breif material for Standing Committee on Finance & Revenue regarding inflation and issues concerning the price hike.
- iv. Provided feedback on the Performance Agreement of the Section with the Ministry.
- v. Coordinated with PBS, relevant Federal Ministries and Provincial Governments for convening and facilitating the meetings of NPMC.
- vi. Miscellaneous assignments as assigned by the Higher management from time to time.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Section's Overview

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is centered on eliminating extreme poverty and “leaving no one behind”. The function of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Section is poverty estimation and coordination for mainstreaming and achieving Agenda 2030 in Pakistan. Given that Agenda 2030 is an ambitious agenda, it requires identification of key targets, collecting data, monitoring progress and strengthening institutions for these tasks.

Major Activities

Voluntary National Review

The Ministry in collaboration with Federal SDGs Support Unit developed Pakistan's second Voluntary National Review (VNR) on SDGs in 2022. It was presented by the Federal Minister for PD&SI at the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2022, highlighting country's progress, challenges and lessons learnt.

Third Meeting of the NEC Subcommittee on SDGs

For strategic guidance and oversight, the Sub-Committee was notified on August 06, 2020. The third meeting of the NEC Subcommittee on SDGs was held under the chairmanship of the Minister for PD&SI on December 27, 2022. This shows government's utmost commitment and ownership for SDGs at the highest level for better cross-sectoral and inter-provincial coordination.

SDGs Dashboard

The NEC subcommittee on SDGs approved the national SDGs dashboard which would be made public after necessary clearance from the concerned. The dashboard reflects national and provincial performance on all SDG indicators as well as shows index values for all goals. In addition to that, the dashboard reflects on all baseline values, current value and the targets for 2030.

Working Group on Data Harmonization and Standardization

A working group has been formed for harmonization and standardization of data relevant to SDGs. The working group comprises of

representatives of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), Ministry of PD&SI, Planning Departments and provincial bureau of statistics.

6th South and South-West Asia SDG Forum in, Islamabad, Pakistan

The Sixth South and South-West Asia Forum on the SDGs was held in hybrid mode, from 5-7 December 2022 in Islamabad, as a sub-regional preparatory meeting for the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) 2023, which in turn will contribute towards the annual High-Level Policy Forum (HLPF) to be held at the global level in July 2023.

The Forum deliberated on the progress made in the implementation of the SDGs in light of the “triple C” crisis of COVID, Conflict and Climate Change which adversely impacted development gains in the sub-region.

Launch of Youth Universities Network on SDGs

Realizing the potential and significance of the youth, the Ministry has started a university engagement program for youth “Youth Universities Network on SDGs (YOUNGs)”. The program is initiated to work closely with universities and the students enrolled for the achievement of SDGs through awareness, advocacy and innovation. The YOUNGs initiative will be instrumental in sensitizing the masses about sustainable development and its relevance to the life practices.

Under this initiative, the universities were requested to nominate a focal person from the faculty/official staff and 17 YOUNGs ambassadors (one for each SDG) from every university in Pakistan. These students will act as youth ambassadors in their university.

Mid-term Review of SDGs

The implementation of SDGs suffered due to natural calamities, such as flood and COVID-19, and precarious socioeconomic conditions. The aftermath of the COVID-19 and global economic crisis thus demanded reorientation and realigning of the priorities to build forward better in the decade of action and effectively implement the 2030 Agenda. In light of the above, it is imperative to review the implementation of SDGs National Development Agenda and set future direction. Therefore, to review the progress and devise an action plan for acceleration of SDGs till 2030, it was decided to conduct a mid-term review. This is an ongoing exercise which would be completed in later half of 2023, however, several consultative sessions were held on different themes.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Workshop

A “3-day Capacity Strengthening Workshop on Monitoring Evaluation and Research” was held from 27-29 December 2022 by the Ministry in collaboration with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to support the Federal and Regional level public sector Departments in performance monitoring, evaluation and research of the projects implemented by Federal and Provincial Governments and to generate evidence-based data for decision making around SDGs.

Situational Analysis Report on SDG 4 and 6

Sindh SDGs Unit in collaboration with Federal Unit and UNICEF developed the situation analysis report on SDG-4 & 6. The analysis considers the Education, Water, and Sanitation Sectors' plan and policies, public sector resources, geography, and demography attributes of implementation to build an evidence base for preparing policy papers for localization of SDG-4, and SDG-6 in Sindh.

SDGs District Achievement Plan for AJ&K and GB

In order to localize SDGs at the district level in Pakistan, SDGs Section in Ministry and UNICEF aim to develop child focused district development plans to cover all or most of the child-related indicators of SDGs. In this regard, three pilot districts were selected, as recommended by the Ministry i.e. Muzaffarabad in AJ&K, Skardu in Gilgit-Baltistan and ICT.

Based on the consultations with key District Stakeholders and using the results of latest Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) and other national survey results, the district profile of Islamabad was developed to set baseline and targets for child-related SDGs indicators.

Up-lift of Backward Districts

An umbrella PC-I titled “Rising Together project for the uplift of 20 poorest districts of Pakistan (50:50)” with the aim to bring regional equality and foster development in the lagging behind districts was prepared and included in the PSDP 2023-24. The project is worth Rs. 40 billion and approved by ECNEC. It is believed that the project would be executed in close coordination and collaboration with the provinces on 50:50 cost-sharing basis.

Verification of Several DLIs of Social Protection Programs

Several Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI) of social protection programs funded by the World Bank and ADB were reviewed and verified for

transparent and smooth disbursement of the funds provided to BISP by the said donors.

PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROGRAMMING

Section's Overview

The Public Investment Programming (PIP) Section is entrusted with the responsibility of undertaking important tasks including the finalization of an investment portfolio and sectoral priorities of PSDP in consultation with Technical Sections and stakeholders, coordination of preparation and approval of Annual Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) from APCC and NEC, representation and provision of inputs in the CDWP meetings, quarterly reviews of PSDP and adjustment in PSDP through reappropriation and Technical Supplementary Grants (TSG) etc. Furthermore, supervision of data and record maintenance in Intelligent Project Automation System (iPAS)/SAP systems and sharing reports on PSDP releases, sanctions and utilization as well as regularly uploading on the website of the Ministry.

Major Activities

In line with the assigned functions, the Section, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, formulated the federal PSDP 2022-23 which was approved by the NEC on 08th June 2022 at a size of Rs. 800 billion including foreign aid of Rs 60 billion and provision of Rs 73 billion for Viability Gap Fund (VGF)/ Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects. A major thrust of PSDP 2022-23 was to achieve the target of economic growth, maintaining the momentum of development, improving livelihoods and removing regional disparities. Projects on Build Operate Transfer (BOT) /VGF funding were given adequate fiscal space to pick up implementation of BOT-related initiatives during 2022-23. Furthermore, PSDP 2022-23 focused on the revival of CPEC and related projects for inter-provincial and regional connectivity with equal importance to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to promote trade, industrialization and job creation.

Policy Measures for Effective Utilization of PSDP 2022-23

To speed up the process of development and ensure effective utilization, the following measures were taken during 2022-23;

Release Strategy for PSDP 2022-23

Finance Division issued a release strategy in July 2022 @ 20%, 25%, 30% & 25%, however, the strategy was reviewed in August 2022 @ 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% of rupee allocations for Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4, respectively.

Upfront releases were made keeping in view the government's development priorities as per the revised strategy. To ensure the uninterrupted availability of funds, Principal Accounting Officers (PAOs) were fully empowered to sanction/utilize authorized funds as per actual financial requirements and pace of physical progress of the project(s) during 2022-23.

Quarterly Reviews

Being a mandatory requirement, the PIP Section conducted quarterly reviews of PSDP 2022-23 to assess the financial and physical progress of PSDP-funded projects and redress impeding issues with a focus on the completion of a maximum number of projects. The financial progress of the budgeted projects was regularly tracked based on information retrieved through the SAP/iPAS system. Besides, PAOs were also emphasized to undertake monthly in-house reviews. Quarterly and Monthly review/progress reports on PSDP showing the performance of each Ministry / Division were regularly shared with the stakeholders including the Prime Minister's Office.

The Minister for PD&SI/DCPC had a special review meeting with PAOs on 29th April 2023 to ensure the optimum utilization of released funds. Pursuant to the proceedings of the meeting, Secretaries/PAOs shared committed utilization of funds, critical additional demands, likely savings, and completion of projects under respective development portfolios. Accordingly, necessary adjustments were made to ensure maximum utilization of allocated funds through the procedure of reappropriation and TSG.

Reappropriation /Technical Supplementary Grants (TSGs)

To ensure maximum utilization of PSDP 2022-23, Ministries / Divisions were empowered to cater for additional funds through re-appropriations of savings from slow-moving projects to fast-moving/important projects. Intergrant adjustments/ surrenders were also recommended to fully utilize available resources on fast-track projects. During July 2022-June 2023, an amount of Rs. 63 billion was re-appropriated by Ministries/ Divisions within budgeted important/fast-moving projects. Besides, Rs. 69 billion was recommended for important projects/ programmes through inter-grant adjustments/ TSG as per the notified procedure of the Finance Division. The allocation of the SAP Programme was enhanced from Rs. 68 billion to Rs. 116 billion through Intergrant adjustment to cater for the financial requirement of the program during 2022-23.

Utilization of PSDP 2022-23

The government made all possible efforts to efficiently utilize scarce PSDP funds for public welfare. Keeping in view the revenue flow and pace of development, funds were released quarterly to sponsoring Ministries/Divisions.

Other activities

Detail of other activities performed by the Section during 2022-23 is given below:

- i. The Officers of the PIP Section participated in NEC/ PAC/ ECNEC / CDWP/Standing Committees of the Senate and National Assembly.
- ii. Prepared replies/reports/briefs for the Senate and Assembly Business
- iii. Attended National Assembly and Senate regarding budget sessions and other related matters on development budget
- iv. Managed the directions of the Prime Minister for funding of projects through PSDP.

Work in progress

The following activities will be performed during the 2023-24:

- i. Processing of releases of the first quarter of 2023-24
- ii. Conduct of Comprehensive Full Year Review of PSDP 2022-23
- iii. Input for the Annual Report for NEC (2022-23) on Agenda Items pertaining to PSDP.
- iv. Punching of release sanctions into the SAP system of a few ministries
- v. Updating of PSDP data on iPAS / PSDP Dashboard etc.

PUBLIC INVESTMENT AUTHORIZATION

Section's Overview

The Public Investment Authorization Section (PIA) Section is mainly responsible for processing development projects submitted in the shape of PC-I/II to the Planning Commission being the Secretariat of the CDWP. In this capacity, the Section arranges meetings of the forum, coordinates with all relevant stakeholders including, sponsoring and executing agencies as well as the permanent members of the forum, issues minutes/decisions of the CDWP to all concerned and follows up with relevant Technical Section for compliance of CDWP decision as well as submission of summaries for consideration of Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) for projects being recommended by CDWP to ECNEC. The Section coordinates with the Cabinet Division for holding meetings of the ECNEC. After approval of development projects by the CDWP and ECNEC, authorization letters are issued by the Section.

The Section also places the Concept Proposals of projects for foreign funding before the Concept Clearance Committee (CCC) as received from different sponsoring agencies including Federal and Provincial Governments seeking foreign assistance through Economic Affairs Division (EAD).

Furthermore, the Section deals with various policies and procedural matters pertaining to the processing of development projects including issues related to sanctioning powers of various development fora, development planning and policy guidelines of forums like; NEC and ECNEC etc. The Section tenders advice to Ministries/Divisions and Provincial Governments on the development procedures as and when required.

As a regular activity, the Section prepares the following two important publications yearly for consideration by the NEC:

- i. Progress Report of the CDWP
- ii. Schemes approved by the ECNEC and CDWP.

Major Activities

The Section during the period from April 2021 to March 2023, conducted 21 meetings of CDWP wherein 186 projects were considered and approved 112 projects while 50 projects were recommended for consideration/approval of ECNEC being a competent forum for such projects.

Additionally, the Section coordinated with the Cabinet Division to conduct ECNEC meetings. During the reporting period, 05 meetings of the ECNEC were held whereby 41 projects were approved. The total cost of approved projects by CDWP and ECNEC remained at Rs. 323.01 billion and Rs. 4,110.80 billion respectively. The sector-wise break-up of approved projects by the CDWP and ECNEC is given in Table 6.1:

Table 6.1: Sector-wise break-up of approved projects by the CDWP and ECNEC

(Rs. Million)

S.No.	Sector	Schemes approved by CDWP			Schemes approved by ECNEC		
		No(s)	Estimated Cost	Approved Cost	No(s)	Estimated Cost	Approved Cost
1	Agriculture & Food (Agri&Food)	02	4,928.000	4,928.000	02	94,687.070	94,687.070
2	Education (Edu)	05	9,718.910	9,718.910	-	-	-
3	Energy	11	43,987.233	44,725.463	04	75,313.541	79,024.500
4	Environment (Env)	02	7,580.759	7,580.759	-	-	-
5	Governance (Gov)	07	25,433.099	18,366.893	-	-	-
6	Health	17	59,788.783	45,751.711	01	61,600.000	61,600.000
7	Higher Education	16	52,685.305	45,016.621	04	54,407.548	54,407.548
8	Information Technology (IT)	05	8,587.632	8,587.632	01	25,500.000	25,500.000
9	Industries & Commerce (I&C)	01	9,665.353	500.000	-	-	-
10	Manpower	04	17,738.103	17,738.103	01	23,982.702	23,982.702
11	Mass Media	05	7,300.978	7,135.860	-	-	-
12	Physical Planning & Housing (PP&H)	11	30,090.145	28,164.722	03	266,583.410	266,583.410
13	Population & Social Planning (Pop & Soc)	01	4,828.050	4,828.050	-	-	-
14	Science & Technology (S&T)	01	1,325.000	1,325.000	-	-	-
15	Social Welfare	01	1,000.000	1,000.000	02	88,300.000	88,300.000
16	Transport & Communications (T&C)	20	69,890.777	69,708.984	14	3,034,076.114	2,997,784.335
17	Water Resources (WR)	03	7,933.485	7,933.485	09	423,523.017	418,933.477
Total		112	362,481.612	323,010.193	41	4,147,973.402	4,110,803.042

Moreover, 23 Concept Clearance proposals were accorded approval by the CDWP/CCC during the same period.

Other Activities

The Section provided views/comments to different Ministries/Divisions besides tendering advice to the Ministries/Divisions on policy matters relating to development projects. Besides, Technical Sections of this Ministry were also provided requisite guidance for the processing of development projects on a case-to-case basis.

GROWTH & EMPLOYMENT

Section's Overview

The Growth and Employment (G&E) Section is assigned the function of devising policies and plans that provide a stimulus for employment-led growth of the economy. The Section is responsible for coordinating with the International Labour Organization (ILO), Bureau of Emigration & Overseas Employment (BEOE) and Professional Training institutes for imparting skill sets which may enhance labour productivity and subsequently economic growth. The focus of the collaborated efforts is to increase employability within the country, to exploit overseas employment opportunities for the highly educated, skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour force to align our national policies with SDG-8 and to equip the Labour Force with the latest digital revolution by promoting e-commerce.

Major Activities

During the period the Section performed all assigned functions related to jobs-led economic growth; technical engagements with various stakeholders i.e. PBS with respect to Labour Force Survey, ILO; preparation of briefs, comments, summaries, reports, country papers, labour productivity enhancement and structural transformation; maintenance of employment data generated through PSDP; parliamentary businesses matters etc. The Section also performed and contributed to the following assignments:

- i. Techno-Economic Feasibility study was drafted by the Section. After approval by ECNEC, the same was printed and circulated to all Ministries/ Divisions for guidance and compliance.
- ii. The Development Manual for projects, approved by the Planning Commission, was printed in booklet form. The same is being circulated to Ministries as per demand.
- iii. Clarifications sought by ministries/departments regarding the Development Manual for Projects, were issued by the Section with the approval of Secretary PDSI.

- iv. Consultancy Guidelines were framed for public sector procurement of consultants and to develop a regime to hire good consultants, after consecutive consultations with relevant stakeholders i.e. Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), Pakistan Council for Architecture and Town Planning (PCATP). Necessary amendments in PPRA rules were proposed which were incorporated by the authority.
- v. PSDP Reforms study was completed with PIDE and was presented in PIDE Seminar.
- vi. Consolidated material on labour, employment and skill development furnished to the Finance Division for the annual issue of the Pakistan Economic Survey.
- vii. Consolidated material for the Annual Plan 2023-24 chapter on Employment.
- viii. The Section provided supportive material for 5Es document.
- ix. Consolidated material was provided on the Growth & Employment chapter for Outlook 2035.
- x. Comments on KSA Vision 2030 were furnished by the Section keeping in view the importance for Pakistan to engage its surplus labor by entering into agreement with KSA for availing and participating in their various ongoing investment projects i.e. construction, consultancy etc.

Appraisal of PC-Is

The Section, being the policy Section, not only contributed to policy-making but also performed the duties on the operations side. G&E Section examined and furnished comments on 165 PC-1s to the concerned Technical Section for incorporation in the Working Papers for Pre-CDWP and CDWP meetings. Technical Sections provide comments on PSDP projects related to their sector only, whereas, the G&E Section provides comments on all PSDP projects which are uploaded on IPAS from the G&E and Consultancy perspective. The Section also maintains employment generation data through PSDP projects.

Other activities

During the period, the Section performed and contributed to the following additional assignments:

The Minister for PD&SI desired to devise Guidelines for DDWPs which have to be followed by the representatives of PD&SI while representing the Ministry in DDWPs. These approved draft guidelines have been circulated among relevant stakeholders for consultation and views/ comments.

IMF stand-by Arrangements 14th - 28th March 2023:

The Section was assigned the task of apprising the technical level IMF's mission to conduct Climate-Public Investment Management Assessment (C-PIMA). PIMA is a framework to assess infrastructure governance practices at all levels of development starting from planning, appraisal, budgeting down to implementation and audit. A report in this regard was finalized with the proposed Action Plan by the IMF mission.

Work in progress

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework has been prepared with the consultation of all stakeholders which will be presented before CDWP for approval after the recommendations furnished by the committees, constituted by the Secretary in this regard.

Consultancy Guidelines have been shared with Members, Planning Commission for further feedback, to devise sound guidelines for hiring consultants and consultancy services by all Government & Semi-Government entities.

ECONOMIC APPRAISAL

Section's Overview

As per the Rules of Business 1973, the Ministry is responsible for developing appropriate cost and physical standards for effective technical and economic appraisal of projects. The technical appraisal is undertaken by the concerned Technical Sections, which cover engineering, commercial, organizational, environmental and managerial aspects, whereas, the Economic Appraisal Section carries out financial and economic analysis, which mainly includes Financial Internal Rate of Return (IRR), Economic Internal Rate of Return (EIRR), Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR), Net Present Value (NPV) based on Revenue Rate and subsidy etc. of the projects.

The Section has undertaken a financial and economic analysis of all the projects included in PSDP 2022-23. The adequacy of projects and risk, if any, are assessed which facilitates informed decision-making in the selection/approval of viable projects for the socio-economic development of the country.

Major Activities

The Section performed the following major activities during 2022-23:

- i. The Section undertaken Economic and Financial Analysis of 1924 development projects in various sectors of the economy, and requisite input was provided to the relevant forums such as; the DDWP, CDWP and ECNEC.
- ii. The Section participated in 104 DDWP, 22 CDWP, and ECNEC meetings.
- iii. The projects related to AJ&K DWP were also examined, and requisite inputs were provided.
- iv. Furthermore, the Section participated in 257 pre/post CDWP meetings.

- v. A comparison of the number of development projects appraised by the Section during 2021-22 and 2022-23 is given in **Table 8.1**:

Table 8.1: Appraisal of Development projects

Sr. No.	Forum	2021-22	2022-23
1	Projects processed through CDWP	316	173
2	Projects processed through DDWP	1,215	1751

Other activities:

A detail of miscellaneous activities performed by the Section during the 2022-23 is given below:

- i. The Section has participated in committees in compliance with CDWP decisions.
- ii. Provided internships to students from various universities.
- iii. Prepared annual reports on all the projects submitted for Economic Appraisal.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Section's Overview

The Foreign Aid (FA) Section's core function is to focus on connecting the value of foreign investment / foreign assistance through the PSDP, ensuring the availability of foreign funds and managing foreign assistance in collaboration with EAD for optimal utilization of the borrowed funds. The Section also coordinates and provides technical support for PSDP initiative proceedings. To achieve the development objectives set under the development plans, foreign-funded projects are included in the PSDP after consultation with all concerned stakeholders.

Major Activities

Projects Appraised

During 2022-23, 41 concept clearance proposals were processed, out of which 07 proposals were approved by the CDWP/ CCC. Out of the total, 02 were returned as PC-Is of the same were under process for approval while the remaining 26 were returned to the concerned for resubmission after fulfilment of codal formalities and observations of the Ministry. Further, 06 Concept Clearance Papers (CCP) were returned to executing agencies due to certain deficiencies.

CDWP, Pre-CCC, etc. Meetings

During 2022-23, the Section actively participated in all meetings of CDWP/Pre-CCC, EAD, etc. regarding foreign-funded projects/proposals.

Coordination activities with Development Partners

The Section organized/coordinated 14 meetings with foreign donors/Country Directors/ Donors delegations in the Ministry.

Coordination activities with Provinces in collaboration with EAD

A series of meetings were held in 2022 with Planning & Development Departments of Provincial governments to finalize Revised Allocation

2021-22 & Budget Estimates 2022-23 for foreign funded projects reflected in PSDP2022-23.

Prepared monthly disbursements position of foreign-funded projects in PSDP 2022-23 and circulated to concerned.

Participation in meetings with Ministries/Divisions

The Section actively participated in all meetings held in EAD and other federal Ministries /Divisions regarding implementation/disbursement issues of foreign-funded projects during 2022-23.

PLAN COORDINATION

Section's Overview

Plan Coordination (PC) Section coordinates preparation of short, medium- and long-term development Plans for the country and is also responsible for preparing the Year Book of the Ministry. The Section convenes APCC meetings and also coordinate for NEC meetings. Moreover, meetings of high-level fora like Planning Commission, and Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission are also organized by this Section. In addition to above, this Section also follows up the implementation status on the decisions of Council of Common Interests (CCI), NEC, Cabinet and its different Committees including the ECC and Secretaries Committee. Further, directives of the President's Secretariat and Prime Minister's Office are also dealt by this Section. In addition, the Section also prepares periodic performance reports of the Ministry, provide input for Finance Minister's Budget Speech, Performance report of NEC along with furnishing input for annual report on the observance of Principles of Policy, etc.

Major Activities

The Section performed following major activities during 2022-23:

Formulation of Annual Plan 2023-24

A thematic Annual Plan 2023-24 (focusing on sustainable growth in the backdrop of stabilization of the economy) was prepared based on input received from different Economic and Technical Sections of the Ministry. The Plan was approved by NEC on June 6, 2023 and was published/circulated to all key stakeholders i.e. National Assembly, Senate, Cabinet, Federal Ministries/Divisions, Provincial Governments etc. for implementation.

Annual Plan Coordination Committee (APCC)

The APCC builds consensus on macroeconomic framework and PSDP documents before sending the same for NEC approval. The APCC meeting was organized on June 4, 2023 and was chaired by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission (DCPC) and while Provincial Finance & Planning Ministers, Federal Secretaries, other Provincial representatives and heads of different Public Sector Enterprises attended the meeting. The state of the economy comprising a review of 2022-23 and the outlook of a macroeconomic framework for 2023-24 was presented. Finance Division and SBP gave their views on the stance of M/o PD&SI. The PSDP allocations proposed for 2023-24 were also discussed and agreed upon.

National Economic Council (NEC)

This Section coordinated for preparation of proposed agenda of the NEC meeting which was scheduled on June 6, 2023. The Section also shared working papers/summaries with the Cabinet Division for circulation among members of NEC.

Formulation of 5Es Framework

During 2022-23 work was initiated by this Ministry to prepare “5Es Framework”. For this purpose, extensive consultations at sectoral level was done by the Members, Planning Commission under the supervision of the Chief Economist. To formally inaugurate the Framework and kick off the activities all the Ambassadors were invited and a session was organized by the PC Section under the chairmanship of the Minister for PD&SI on July 27, 2023.

Annual Report on Observance & Principles of Policy for 2021-22

Cabinet Division, under Rule 26 of the Rules of Business 1973 is entrusted with the responsibility to prepare the Annual Report on the Observance and Implementation of Principles of Policy to meet the Constitutional requirement. The Principles of Policy, as laid down in Articles 29 to 40 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, require that an Annual Report on the Observance and Implementation of these Principles concerning the affairs of the Federation should be prepared and laid before

each House of Majlis-e-Shoora (the Parliament). The Articles cover a wide range of principles including the promotion of local government, full participation of women, protection of family/minorities etc. Accordingly, the report of the Ministry for 2021-22 was consolidated on the prescribed template and furnished to the Cabinet Division.

Year Book 2021-22

In compliance with Rule 25 of the Rules of Business 1973 and guidelines of the Cabinet Division, the Year Book 2021-22 was prepared. The book contains detailed activities, achievements and progress of various Sections/Wings/attached departments of the Ministry during 2021-22. A total of 42 chapters received in the PC Section were reviewed by the Committee headed by JCE (EP). The reviewed version was edited by the PC Section and formatted by IT Wing. After the approval of Secretary PD&SI, the book was published online on the Ministry's website.

Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission

For better policy making in wake of the emerging development challenges to the economy, a forum of Advisory Committee was constituted by the Government. PC Section acts as a Secretariat of the Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission. The meetings of the Advisory Committee were held under the chairmanship of the Minister for PD&SI. One meeting of Advisory Committee was held during this period

Meetings of the Planning Commission

Planning Commission is headed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan whereas due to his heavy engagements, the DCPC oversees the day-to-day functioning of the Commission. The DCPC is assisted by 12 Members whereas Secretary PD&SI is Member Coordination of the Planning Commission.

Cabinet Committees and Related Matters

- i. Coordinated and compiled input for Finance Minister's Budget Speech based on feedback received from different Sections/Wings of the Ministry.

- ii. Coordinated the follow-up on the decisions of CCI, NEC, Cabinet and Cabinet Committee on Privatization (CCOP), Cabinet Committee on Investment (CCOI), Cabinet Committee on CPEC (CCOCPEC), etc. and ECC and progress report on implementation of the decisions was provided to the Cabinet Division.
- iii. Briefs for Minister/Deputy Chairman Planning Commission and Secretary PD&SI were arranged for all the meetings of Cabinet, CCI, Committees of Cabinet and ECC.
- iv. Coordination for preparation of Report on three and half years Performance of the previous Government (Aug 2018- March 2023)
- v. Organized six briefing sessions for the officers/participants of MCMC, SMC and other provincial management services who are in their promotion zone. The participants were given a briefing on the state of economy and working of the Ministry, in particular.

Work in Progress

- i. The incumbent government after assuming power embarked upon preparations for 13th Five Year Plan 2024-28 to revamp the economy. The work related to the coordination of activities and convening of meetings is underway.
- ii. Coordination for preparation of Year Book for 2022-23
- iii. Coordination for preparation of the Annual Report of NEC for 2023-24
- iv. Coordination for preparation of Annual Report on Observance & Principles of Policy for 2022-23
- v. Follow-up on the Directives of the President / Prime Minister.
- vi. Coordination for implementation of decisions of NEC, Cabinet and its sub-Committees etc. and furnishing implementation status to the Cabinet.
- vii. The Chief (Plan Coord) Section has been assigned the look after charge of the post Project Director of the Capacity Building of Institutional Strengthening of M/o PD&SI. The Sector Specialists were hired under the project during 2021-22. Currently, Young Development Fellows (YDFs) are being recruited under the said project. The PC Section also assisted the PD for carrying out the activities of the Project.

Technical Wing & its Sections

There are eighteen Technical Sections in the Ministry which cover various socio-economic areas of the economy including but not limited to science & technology, industries & commerce, devolution & area development, mass media & manpower, information & communication technology, transport & communication, physical planning & housing, energy, water, health, nutrition, food & climate change, social welfare etc. Mainly, these Sections are responsible for technical appraisal of development projects. Technical aspects like; engineering, commercial, environmental and managerial issues are examined. Technical Sections play an important part in informed decision-making for selection/approval of viable development projects for socio-economic development of the country.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Section's Overview:

The Ministry has long been providing special emphasis on the development of the food and agriculture sector; the related spadework for which is mainly the portfolio of its Food and Agriculture Section. Starting right from liaison with the core Ministry of National Food Security & Research (MNFS&R); the Section takes part in bringing other relevant stakeholders on one platform from time to time. Maximum efforts are made by the Section, to take on board the stakeholders of provincial food and agriculture departments, cooperatives, private sector and farming community etc., while making any development policy. Different policy frameworks regarding the sector are prepared by the Section. The Section takes part in budgetary progression, processing, appraisal and review of PSDP and donor-funded projects pertaining to the section. The section facilitates the Priorities Committee, APCC, NEC, Parliament Standing Committees, etc. by providing insight about the pros and cons regarding policy formulation and their implementation. Representation of Ministry in various fora engaged in development processes including; IDWP, DDWP, PDWP, Pre-CDWP, CDWP and ECNEC is done from time to time.

Major Activities

During 2022-23, 33 development projects of the Ministry of NFS&R, included in the PSDP out of which 29 were ongoing and the remaining 4 were new ones, were dealt by the Section. The following are the major projects which were reviewed by the section during the 2022-23:

- i. Better Cotton Initiatives
- ii. Cage Culture Cluster Development Project
- iii. Calf feedlot fattening in Pakistan
- iv. Commercialization of Potato Tissue Culture Technology in Pakistan
- v. Construction of Office and Laboratory Buildings of Animal Quarantine Department, Karachi

- vi. Cotton Productivity Enhancement through eco-friendly pink bollworm management and capacity building in Punjab under the Prime Minister emergency program
- vii. Establishment of consumer sourcing seed authenticity system and Strengthening of Labs of FSC&RD
- viii. Establishment of Plant Breeders Rights Registry and Strengthening of DUS Examination System
- ix. Establishment of Seed Certification Services in Southern Balochistan
- x. Geospatial Monitoring of Major and High-Value Crops
- xi. National Oilseed Enhancement Program
- xii. National Peste Des Petits Ruminants (PPR) Eradication Programme: Phase 1
- xiii. Risk-Based PPR Control in Sheep and Goats of Pakistan
- xiv. National Program for Enhancing the Command Area in Barani Areas of Pakistan
- xv. National Programme for Improvement of Watercourses in Pakistan - Phase II
- xvi. Pilot Shrimp Farming Cluster Development
- xvii. Prime Minister's Initiative for Backyard Poultry
- xviii. Prime Minister's initiative for Save the Calf
- xix. Productivity Enhancement of Rice
- xx. Productivity Enhancement of Sugarcane
- xxi. Productivity Enhancement of Wheat
- xxii. Promoting Research for Productivity Enhancement in Pulses
- xxiii. Promotion of Olive cultivation on commercial scale in Pakistan-Phase II
- xxiv. Promotion of Trout Farming in Northern Areas of Pakistan
- xxv. Sino-Pak Agricultural Breeding innovations Project for Rapid Yield Enhancement

- xxvi. Strengthening / Up-gradation of Agriculture and Livestock Research System of Arid Zone Research Institute, Umerkot –Sindh
- xxvii. Strengthening of Monitoring and Evaluation Cell in NFS&R
- xxviii. Updation of Agro Ecological Zones of Pakistan through Satellite and In-situ Data Mapping
- xxix. Upgradation and Establishment of Animal Quarantine Stations in Pakistan (Phase-II)
- xxx. Water Conservation in Barani Areas of KP
- xxxi. Locust Emergency and Food Security Project
- xxxii. Mainstreaming of Mountain Agricultural Research Centre (MARC) for the Promotion of High Value Agriculture in Gilgit-Baltistan
- xxxiii. National Program for Animal Disease Surveillance (PC-II)
- xxxiv. Quality Seed Production and Supply to the Farming Community for Ensuring Food Security in Pakistan (Revised)
- xxxv. Detail of CDWP and DDWP meetings attended by the Section is given in Table 11.1:

Table 11.1: Pre-CDWP, Post-CDWP and DDWP meetings attended

Pre-CDWP	06
CDWP	05
ECNEC	01

Other activities

Comments were offered on the following projects/proposals:

- i. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rural Investment & Institutional Support Project
- ii. Agriculture Productivity Enhancement to Ensure Food Security Through Effective and Efficient Utilization of Water Resources Under

Solar Tube Wells Linked with High Efficiency Irrigation System in Zhob Division, Balochistan

- iii. WFP's Country Strategic Plan (2023-27)
- iv. National Oilseed Policy and Implementation Plan of National Oilseed Policy
- v. Monitoring Report of project entitled "Pilot Shrimp Farming Cluster Development project
- vi. Construction of Office Building of Head Quarter of Plant Breeders' Rights Registry at The Premises of FSC&RD'S Old Building at Shamsabad Murree Road, Rawalpindi
- vii. KSA Mega Projects: Opportunities for Pakistan
- viii. Climate Smart Green Action Plan for Punjab, Pakistan
- ix. Review and Analysis of Existing Policies and Frameworks for Climatically-Smart and Competitive Agriculture Systems
- x. Policy Framework for Climate-Smart Agriculture and Livestock of Punjab
- xi. Climate Smart National Policy Framework for Wheat and Cotton

Work in progress

CCPs being processed regarding the following:

- i. Rehabilitation of Rain-2022 Affected Coastal Fisher Community of Sindh (Cost: Million US\$ 8.231)
- ii. Creating Employment opportunities through Cash for Work and by Increasing the income of female farmers through kitchen gardening and Cash for work for Home based interventions.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE

Section's overview

The Industries and Commerce Section (I&C) deals with project appraisal, approval, PSDP, policy and planning-related matters of the line ministries pertaining to Industries and Commerce Sector. In addition, technical appraisal of development projects; submitted by the Federal Ministry of Industries & Production (MoIP); Ministry of Commerce (MoC), Mineral Wing of Petroleum Division and Board of Investment (BoI) is carried out.

Major Activities

Projects Appraisal

In line with the functions of the Section, during 2022-23 the Section examined and processed new as well as revised development projects of the MoIP, MoC and BOI. Moreover, the Section appraised 2 projects and attended DDWP meetings of the National Industrial Park Development & Management Company (NIP) and Pakistan Tobacco Board (PTB).

Policy Initiatives

Policy consistency over the medium term is critical for the private sector to develop its investment plans. The Section worked on several policy initiatives of the Ministry as well as policy initiatives of the line ministries which include:

National Productivity Master Plan

The Section attended different meetings and provided input for the National Productivity Master Plan (NPMP) formulated by the MoIP in coordination with Korean Development Institute (KDI). This plan is an in-depth analysis and a detailed program designed with the possibility of assigning responsibility to all ministries to bring a paradigm shift in increasing the productivity of different sectors of the economy. NPMP is being developed by the KDI.

5Es Framework

The Section worked on the 5Es Framework, and input for the chapter “Exports (Enterprises & Employment) was prepared, including a set of PSDP and non-PSDP initiatives in consultation with the line ministries.

Round Table Conferences (RTCs) on Conducive Business Environment & Improvement in Exports

To bring ease of doing business in the country and enhance exports, an RTC on “conducive business environment & improvement in exports” was held in September 2022 wherein 28 Action Matrices were developed. So far, 20 have been implemented by respective ministries/ departments. Another RTC on “exploring Pakistan’s export potential with China” was held in October 2022 wherein a study concerning potential exportable items to China was shared with stakeholders. Keeping in view the prevailing economic situation, a series of meetings were held with stakeholders of 9 export sectors in January and February 2023 to solicit their feedback/ recommendations for resolving the pressing issues. About 90 top exporters participated in these meetings and identified 38 fiscal and 72 non-fiscal issues.

Pak-China Trade Study to identify trade opportunities with China

A study to identify potential export opportunities with China was conducted, analyzing HS 6-digit level product categories, considering China Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA) and Pakistan’s Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA). The study explored Pakistan’s export portfolio with respect to China vis-à-vis rest of the world to increase export volume. In this regard, the Section convened a meeting with public and private sector stakeholders including representatives from MoC, M/o Foreign Affairs, M/o I&P, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), and Chamber of Commerce & Industry all over Pakistan and handed over the study to MoC to execute the findings in consultation with stakeholders.

Investment Policy 2023

The Section provided input and feedback on Investment Policy 2023 formulated by the BOI in consultation with stakeholders as per global best practices.

10-Year Plan for Cluster-Based Development of SMEs

The Section in coordination with the MoIP / Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) prepared a 10-Year Plan for Cluster-Based Development of SMEs for the 5 priority sectors in accordance with the 5Es framework. These five priority sectors were selected in the thorough review in coordination with the Ministry and include:

- i. Pharmaceutical Cluster
- ii. Fruits and Vegetables Processing - Potato Cluster
- iii. Marble and Granite Cluster
- iv. Sea Foods Cluster
- v. E-bikes Cluster

Other activities

- i. Assisted Chambers of Commerce in resolving the document attestation-related issues in MoFA.
- ii. Provided input on “Task Force on FDI”.
- iii. Represented the Ministry in Auto Industry Development & Export Committee’s meetings convened by the Engineering Development Board/ MoIP.
- iv. Prepared ToRs for Mineral & Mining and Competitiveness Specialists and participated in the selection/ interview committee’s meetings.
- v. Represented the Ministry in the meetings of Public Accounts Committee.
- vi. Represented the Ministry in the meetings of the Senate Standing Committee on Industries & Production, Commerce and Petroleum.
- vii. Provided input on the draft of the National Industrial Policy and convened a meeting to tweak the policy with focus on exports enhancement.
- viii. Conducted a series of meetings on the PSDP project “1000 Industrial Stitching Units Phase-I” to make it more impactful for the garment/ textile sector.
- ix. Prepared Chapter of Annual Plan 2023-24 regarding Manufacturing, Commerce & Mineral Sectors.
- x. Finalized PSDP 2023-24 of MoIP, MoC, BoI and Petroleum Division (Mineral Sector).

- xi. Represented the Ministry in the Inter-Ministerial Meeting on Pak-Germany G2G Negotiation 2023 arranged by EAD.
- xii. Finalized 33 talking points/ Briefs on Summaries for ECC of the Cabinet/ Cabinet Committee on Privatization.
- xiii. Furnished para-wise replies and represented the Ministry in two court cases related to the line ministries.
- xiv. Provided input on 3rd draft of Domestic Commerce Policy 2022-24.
- xv. Convened a consultative meeting to resolve the issue of land development and gas of Magna Textile Industries Pvt. Ltd. with the stakeholders (i.e. FIEDMC, SNGPL).
- xvi. Assisted Economic Research and International Cooperation Section in the Round Table Conference on Made in Pakistan-Developing Global Brands.
- xvii. Participated in a meeting for seeking technical assistance from World Bank for Consultancy Services for Drafting of Model Mineral Agreement and Updating of Regulatory Framework for mineral sector of Pakistan.
- xviii. Participated in a meeting regarding “SME Sector Opportunities and Challenges in Pakistan” arranged by SMEDA.
- xix. In addition, two inquiry reports completed/ submitted on protection against women harassment at workplace.

Work in Progress

The following projects/ feasibility studies are under process:

- i. Development of Karachi Industrial Park on 1500 acres of PSM Land at Karachi including Feasibility
- ii. National Business Development Program for SMEs (Revised)
- iii. Expo Centre, Quetta (Revised)
- iv. Feasibility Study and Acquisition of Land for Establishment of Islamabad Model Special Economic Zone

ENERGY INFORMATION SYSTEMS & COMPUTER /INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (EISC/ICT)

Section's Overview

The Energy Information Systems & Computer /Information & Communication Technology (EISC/ICT) Section is an integral part of the Ministry of PD&SI in order to perform technical review and appraisal of ICT and other projects having advanced technology components. The Section is involved in the formulation of national policies and planning as well as facilitation to federal ministries and provincial/regional departments in the formulation, designing and execution of programme/ projects pertaining to EISC/ICT sector. In addition, the Section processes projects and programmes for approval through DDWP, CDWP and ECNEC.

Major Activities

Detail of major activities performed by the Section during 2022-23 is given below:

Thematic Summary of Completed Assignments:

Besides the ongoing projects, several important projects and concepts were taken-up during 2022-23. The central aim was to ensure introduction of cutting-edge technologies in improving the I.T. landscape of Pakistan and envisioning/facilitating such projects which are aimed at engaging youth into I.T. and Tech-based startups in order to increase the I.T. exports of Pakistan. To name a few are, PM Initiative on I.T. Startups, I.T. Trainings and Venture Capital, Cyber Security for Digital Pakistan, Accelerated Geological Mapping of Unmapped Areas etc.

Projects Appraised:

42 ongoing projects and 4 new schemes/projects were appraised by the Section during 2022-23 and accordingly were proposed for PSDP 2023-24. Moreover, the Section participated in DDWP meetings to consider around 30 projects of Frequency Allocation Board (FAB), Pakistan Telecom Authority

(PTA) and National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC). During last year, 09 CDWP, 45 DDWP and 02 ECNEC meetings were attended. Projects appraised/executed by the Section in the ICT sector during 2021-22 are given below:

i. Digital Infrastructure and Technology Enhancement Projects

- a. PM's Initiative Support for I.T. Start-ups, Specialized I.T. Trainings and Venture Capital
- b. Cyber Security for Digital Pakistan (Phase-I)
- c. Expansion of FTTH Services (GPON) in 11x Existing Cities of AJ&K and GB (Phase-IV)
- d. Digital Economy Enhancement Project (DEEP)
- e. Deployment of Optical Fiber Cable for Expansion of Transmission Network in GB
- f. Position Paper on "Online Recruitment System for FPSC"
- g. Development of ICT and AI based Precision Agriculture System utilizing Dual Use Aerospace Technologies – Green AI

ii. Advanced Mapping and Satellite Imaging Projects

- a. Cadastral Mapping
- b. Punjab Urban Land System Enhancement Project (PULSE)
- c. Accelerated Geological Mapping and Mineral Expansion Using Advanced Satellite Image Based Technologies for Unmapped Areas
- d. Construction of Planetarium at Islamabad
- e. Establishment of Spaceport

iii. Institutional Capacity Building and Advancement Programme

- a. Position Paper on Gwadar Safe City (Phase – I)

- b. Operational Improvement of Federal Investigation Agency in anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing (AML/CFT) , Counter Terrorism Wing & Case Management System
- c. Punjab Police Integrated Command, Control and Communication (PPIC3) Centre Rawalpindi
- d. Establishment of Knowledge Park in Pakistan Phase-I
- e. Establishment of I.T. Centres In Ten Districts of Gilgit-Baltistan
- f. Pakistan Cyber Efficient Parliament
- g. Strengthening and Expansion of National Judicial Automation Unit (NJAU)
- h. Expansion of I.T. Systems of the Office of Federal Tax Ombudsman including Computerization of 5 newly established FTO Regional Offices
- i. Established of ICT enabled libraries at Federal Judicial Complexes at Islamabad and Peshawar
- j. Archiving and Digitalization of Legislation and Record of Ministry of Law and Justice
- k. Automation of Federal Courts/Tribunals Phase – (Revised)
- l. Establishment of Technology Park Islamabad (Phase -II) and Technology Park Karachi
- m. Technology Export Marketing Program
- n. Strengthening of Infrastructure and academic programmes of Government College Women University Sialkot (GCWUS)

Other Activities

- i. Facilitation for Grant of Rupee Cover to Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) and Exim Bank funded project titled “Technology Park Development Project (Phase-I)”.
- ii. The Venture Capital Fund was inaugurated by the Minister for PD&SI

- iii. Spatial Decision Support System (SDSS) was inaugurated by the Minister for PS&DI
- iv. Public PSDP Portal was also launched at the ministry.
- v. Annual Plan 2023-24 was prepared in consultation with relevant Ministries, ICT Industry and academia
- vi. PSDP 2023-24 was prepared in consultation with various Ministries/ Divisions i.e. Information Technology & Telecommunication, Interior, Defence, Science & Technology, Finance, Pakistan Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) and HEC
- vii. Basic and specialized training by SUPARCO was also imparted to officers of the ministry on satellite imagery and analysis. These programmes are instrumental in enhancing the capacity of officers to include satellite imaging in infrastructure development projects whereby tracking can be done to gauge progress of the project. Several officers have already incorporated satellite imagery and analysis as a vital part of their project appraisal. So far, a total of 100 basic and 25 advanced trainings on spatial mapping and satellite imaging have been imparted to officers.

Work in Progress

The Section is the executing agency for the “Strengthening of M/o PD&SI in IT” project. Moreover, work is under process to bring the remaining modules on iPAS which includes; Funds Management (release, re-appropriation, surrender etc.), process flow for PC-IV, PC-V, and process flow for concept clearance. The initiative would provide advanced configuration to an automated system of project tracking and act as an enabler to conduct follow-up regarding status of PC-Is.

POPULATION AND SOCIAL PLANNING

Section's overview

The Population and Social Planning Section is responsible for the formulation of national policies and planning as well as facilitation to provincial/regional governments in the formulation of policies, designing and execution of programmes/projects pertaining to the Population and Social Planning realm. The Section provides a platform to share knowledge to achieve targets set out in the national SDGs. In addition, the Section carries out the technical appraisal of development projects submitted by the Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination (NHSR&C) and Population Welfare Departments of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K) and Gilgit Baltistan (GB) for consideration of the DDWP, CDWP and ECNEC.

Major Activities

Taskforce on Population of Desert Areas of Punjab and Sindh

The Section coordinated the meeting of the Prime Minister's Task Force on the population of desert areas of Punjab and Sindh. The task force on population of desert areas aims to resolve the issues of the inhabitants of desert areas of Punjab and Sindh. The meetings were coordinated on 21st July, 2022 and 29th March, 2023. The Task Force comprises of 05 Federal Ministers and 02 provincial Ministers and 02 Chief Secretaries as well as 21 other high-rank officers with Secretary, M/o PD&SI as Secretary of the Committee. The Section acted as the Secretariat of the Task Force and obtained data from 08 different coordinating departments. The data relates to existing facilities of safe drinking water, health care, quality education, livestock, agriculture and infrastructure in the desert areas of Punjab and Sindh. The expected outcomes of the task force shall be compiled after deliberations and finalization of PC-1s by the respective provinces.

Round-table for placement of NIPS under M/o PD&SI

A detailed roundtable session was organized with population sector stakeholders including National Institute of Population Studies (NIPS), PBS, Ministry of NHSR&C and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for placement of NIPS under this Ministry. The idea behind placement of NIPS under the Ministry of PD&SI was considered since NIPS is solely conducting research related to population and also producing several documents on it as well. The placement of NIPS was proposed to facilitate the policymakers at

M/o PD&SI for the formulation of a holistic plan based on population projections and trends of the demographic situation of Pakistan.

Round-table for Sub-advisory Committee on Population

A detailed roundtable session was organized by the Section with population sector stakeholders including International NGOs, development partners, academia and government. Following actions were taken:

- i. A sub-advisory committee on population was constituted and submitted for approval;
- ii. ToRs of the Committee were also finalized.

Population projections for Pakistan based on 2017 figures

Population projections upto the year 2050 based on 2017 numbers were carried out by the Section in consultation with UNFPA. These projections were based on parameters such as; provincial projections, district-wise population projections, tehsil-wise population projections and male/female population projections with and without migration with specific parameters.

Revision of FTF on Population and Population Fund

The Federal Task Force (FTF) on Population is headed by the President of Pakistan. Later on, it was observed that the task force was not meeting regularly to take stock of the population situation in the country and suggesting way forward for implementation of its decisions. Therefore, it was suggested that the task force should be headed by the Prime Minister to actively pursue its agenda of population sustainability. Keeping in view this aspect, a summary, after several rounds of meetings was prepared, aimed at improving the composition of Federal Task Force on Population and activating Population Fund of 10 billion as promised by the Government. The summary was submitted and it was approved to take the matter to CCI for further decision on the matters. The Section played pivotal role of collecting data regarding meetings and outcomes of the consultations of the task force in the past and sorted out a long-standing matter which was due to be decided earlier.

Consultative Meeting on the Voucher Scheme for Helping Poor Women through BISP

Voucher programmes are being adopted in many settings as a reproductive health intervention for both demand and supply-side financing to

offset costs of services for the poorest women. The Section actively participated in all the consultative meetings held in this regard.

Transition of project titled “Strengthening of civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) system”

A series of consultative meetings were held with Federal and Provincial stakeholders for CRVS system implementation. Ultimately as per the decision of CDWP the project was transferred to the Ministry of Interior as per their domain in Rules of Business, 1973. However, technical matters and appraisal parameters related to the subject are still with this Section of the Ministry of PD&SI.

ICPD Country-wide consultations for Pakistan’s statement and report for ICPD30

A series of country-wide meetings were held in Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Karachi and Islamabad for detailed consultations on International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) with Federal and Provincial stakeholders. More than 350 participants attended these sessions and were consulted for ICPD 30 report from Pakistan. It is still an ongoing consultation. In this regard, the following documents have been prepared:

- a) A detailed consultation form comprising of recommendations from all provinces and federal organizations has been prepared and shared with UNESCAP on behalf of Pakistan;
- b) A detailed consultation report is being prepared on behalf of Pakistan to be presented in ICPD 30 in Bangkok scheduled in November 2023;
- c) A country statement to be presented by head of state or Pakistan’s delegation to ICPD30 is also being prepared

Establishment of Pakistan Demographic Resource Center

A series of meetings were held with all stake holders such as; PBS, NIPS, PIDE, National Trust for Population Welfare (NATPOW) and Ministry of NHR&C for proposed feasibility of Pakistan Demographic Resource Center in this Ministry. The matters regarding domain, Rules of Business, 1973 and allocation of business were discussed in several meetings and a PC-I was formulated for approval.

Ba-ikhtiyar Naujawan Internship Programme

The Prime Minister's Ba-Ikhtiyar Naujawan Internship Programme contributes to this goal by increasing the marketability, employability and job-readiness of educated youth in Pakistan. Different tasks including series of meetings with service providers, shortlisting and screening of applications for placement before short-listing committee, mapping of stakeholders and maintaining data base etc., related to this project under Social Sector Accelerator (SSA) for Health, Nutrition, Education, Youth and Gender (HNEYG) were carried out during the year.

Other activities

The following tasks were also carried out during 2022-23:

- i) Full-year review documents prepared for year 2021-22 regarding population section projects;
- ii) Documents for meeting were prepared for project titled "Social Sector Accelerator for Health, Nutrition, Education, Youth and Gender" National Priority Initiatives;
- iii) Working papers for SSA project was placed for review before the CDWP
- iv) Pre-concept Committee meeting for Punjab Family Planning Program costing 130 million USD funded by the World Bank;
- v) Detailed documents including presentation and Working Paper for Concept Clearance Proposal for Punjab Family Planning Program costing 130 million USD funded by the World Bank
- vi) First quarter review of PSDP of population section projects
- vii) Review meeting with Ministry of NHR&C for project titled Implementation of National Action Plan on Population (2021-26);
- viii) Review of National Action Plan on Population and costed National Action Plan on Population for Task Force meeting on Population under the chair of President of Pakistan;
- ix) Country Engagement Working Group (CEWG) meetings held in each quarter in all four provinces wherein viewpoint of this Ministry was presented;
- x) PSDP review meetings for Population Welfare Program for Gilgit Baltistan (2017-20)

- xi) Project Completion report meetings with PWD Gilgit Baltistan
- xii) Consultative meeting series with stakeholders of Population for stock-taking of activities of population by federal and provincial stakeholders as well as private sector and development sector;
- xiii) Status report on Population sector situation report in the wake of floods;
- xiv) Stock-take report of provincial programs for population welfare quarterly meetings;
- xv) Progress review of initiatives of international conference on Family Planning organized by UNFPA
- xvi) Sindh Human Capital Investment 1000 Days - Integrated Health and Population Program meeting
- xvii) Documents and presentation for Population, Social Cohesion and Family Planning" in the 23rd Annual Conference of the Population Association of Pakistan, 2022
- xviii) Second quarter review meeting with Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination for checking the implementation status of Project NAP 2021-26;
- xix) Preparation of chapter for Economic Survey of Pakistan 2022-23
- xx) Preparation of documents and presentations for international conference on inequality assessment of CRVS at Thailand
- xxi) Documents preparation and presentation for 9th regional steering group meeting for CRVS;
- xxii) Third quarter review of projects
- xxiii) Status report on population dynamics of Pakistan
- xxiv) National assembly and senate starred and un-starred questions
- xxv) Matters regarding PMDU

EDUCATION

Section's Overview

Education Section is one of the Technical Sections of the Ministry of PD&SI mandated to prepare short to long-term plans for education sector. Besides, the Section appraises the Basic and College Education sector projects sponsored by the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training (FE&PT), Ministry of Defence, Finance Division and Provincial / Area Education Departments. PC-Is, PC-IIs, Concept Clearance Proposals and Position Papers are examined/evaluated and processed for the consideration of the relevant fora like; DDWP, CDWP and ECNEC. The Section also provides input to the Projects Wing of the Planning Commission in monitoring and evaluation of development projects as well as technical reviews of education sector foreign-funded projects.

Major Activities

In line with its mandate, the Education Section examined and processed both new and revised development schemes sponsored by the Ministry of FE&PT and other departments of both Federal and provincial Governments. Detail of the major activities performed during 2022-23 is as follows:

Annual Plan 2023-24

Education Section prepared a chapter on Basic and College Education for Annual Plan 2023-24. The chapter reflected the progress made during 2022-23 focusing especially on key educational indicators like literacy rate, enrollment of students at different levels, regional and gender disparity rates and development expenditures made by Federal and Provincial Governments.

Pakistan Economic Survey

Chapter on Basic and College Education was prepared for the Pakistan Economic Survey 2021-22. A comprehensive overview was presented on the performance of the sector in areas like literacy rate, Gross as well as Net Enrollment Rate of students at national and provincial levels, Out of School Children (OOSC), establishment of new schools etc.

Appraisal of Projects

- i. A total of 08 projects / PC-Is were examined by the Education Section and approved by CDWP.

- ii. Technically appraised a total of 30 PC-Is of the competence of CDWP and DDWP forums.
- iii. Arranged 16 Pre-CDWP meetings to review the projects and provided technical support to the sponsoring agencies before processing the projects to the CDWP forum
- iv. Participated in 06DDWP and in-house review meetings organized by line ministries and shared technical inputs on the relevant projects
- v. A comparison of appraisal of development projects for consideration of CDWP/DDWP/ECNEC during 2021-2022 & and 2022-2023 is given in Table 15.1.

Table 15.1: Comparison of Appraisal of Development projects

Approval of Development Schemes / Projects			
Sr. No.	Forum	2021-22	2022-23
1	Projects appraised for consideration of DDWP	21	06
2	Projects appraised for consideration of CDWP	11	24

Other activities:

The following initiatives and achievements were made during 2022-23:

- i. Participated in the preparation of PSDP 2023-24.
- ii. In order to tackle the issue of OOSC, several meetings were held in M/o FE&PT in June and July 2022. Consequently, the ToRs for National Advisory Committee on OOSC were drafted.
- iii. For improving the quality of education, projects relating to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and Blended Learning were approved to be introduced in ICT schools on a pilot basis (Knowledge Economy Initiatives)
- iv. On January 4, 2023 a Round-Table Conference was held under the chairpersonship of the Minister for PD&SI to review and assess the

progress of Single National Curriculum which was attended by experts of curriculum and senior management of the M/o FE&PT.

- v. A High-level Consultative meeting on OOSC held in May 2023 was organized by the Section.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Section's Overview

Science and Technology (S&T) Section performs duties regarding appraisal and evaluation of development projects, their PC-Is and PC-IIs, relevant programmes, and allied policy interventions related to S&T and Higher Education (HE) Sectors. The Section has close coordination with the main stakeholders in the above sectors, including the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Universities, the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), and various Scientific Research Organizations. However, the matters of the sector, programmes and projects are not confined to a solitary ministry; instead, projects from other R&D organizations like the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), the National Energy and Scientific Commission (NESCOM), the Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO), the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), the Defence Division (Survey of Pakistan), and the Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA) are approved and funded under the umbrella of S&T sector. The Section maintains a close liaison with the main stakeholders of these sectors to play its due part in the country's economic development through the expansion of entrepreneur culture, better industry-academia cooperation, and investment related to the promotion of knowledge for the overall socio-economic development of the country.

Major Activities

Appraisal of projects

During 2022-23, the Section continued to work on the projects prioritized by the government. Overall, more than 67 sectoral projects, including the following mega projects, were processed.

- i. Award of Allama Muhammad Iqbal Scholarships to Afghan students (Phase -III)
- ii. Provision of Higher Education Opportunities for Students of Balochistan & Erstwhile FATA (Phase-III)

- iii. Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme (Phase-III) (Revised)
- iv. Overseas Scholarships for MS/MPhil leading to PhD in selected fields (Phase III)

The detail of schemes appraised and processed through CDWP and ECNEC during 2022-23 are given in Table 16.1, whereas those of pre-CDWP are given in Table 16.2.

Table 16.1: CDWP /ECNEC processed projects during 2022-23

S.No.	Date	No. of Projects considered	Approving Forum
i.	04.06.2022	11	CDWP
ii.	24.06.2022	04	CDWP
iii.	29.06.2022	01	CDWP
iv.	27.07.2022	04	CDWP
v.	14.09.2022	04	CDWP
vi.	07.10.2022	01	ECNEC
vii.	05.12.2022	05	CDWP
viii.	22.12.2022	02	CDWP
ix.	04.01.2023	03	ECNEC
x.	27.01.2023	01	CDWP
xi.	06.02.2023	01	CDWP
xii.	02.03.2023	02	CDWP
xiii.	23.05.2023	04	CDWP
xiv.	01.06.2023	01	CDWP
xv.	14.06.2023	01	CDWP
xvi.	23.06.2023	06	CDWP
xvii.	26.06.2023	07	CDWP
No. of Total Processed Projects / 58			
No. of Total Approved Projects / 54 CDWP/ 04 ECNEC			

Table 16.2: Pre-CDWP / Committee meetings

S. No.	Date of Meeting	No. of Projects considered
i.	19.08.2022	10
ii.	23.11.2022	08
iii.	16.03.2023	06
iv.	11.05.2023	10
v.	08.06.2023	03
vi.	14.06.2023	09
vii.	19.06.2023	12
viii.	21.06.2023	09
Total:		67

Other activities

Detail of other activities performed by the Section during 2022-23 is given below:

- i. The Section actively provided input for about 45 DDWP projects approved during 2022-23 and presented in the DDWP of HEC and MoST
- ii. The chapter titled "Knowledge & Technology-based Development" was prepared for Annual Plan 2023-24. Moreover, five chapters of other Sections were reviewed
- iii. Actively participated in the preparation of the PSDP/Development Budget 2023-24 during the last quarter of 2022-23

- iv. Prepared replies for the questions about parliamentary business, i.e., the National Assembly and the Senate
- v. Attended meetings of the National Assembly and the Senate Standing Committees and provided input
- vi. Attended National Scholarships Management Committee, Steering Committee and Executive Committee meetings of several projects of HEC and provided feedback
- vii. Prepared briefs for the higher authorities for various meetings and events
- viii. Attended meetings of various governing bodies of HEC and S&T-related R&D organizations
- ix. Represented the Ministry in various Steering Committees and Board of Governors / Board of Directors (BoGs / BoDs)
- x. Provided input as comments on various policy documents on bilateral, multilateral, and regional economic and international cooperation
- xi. Disposal of complaints on the Pakistan Citizen Portal
- xii. Provided feedback on monitoring reports prepared by the Projects Wing, MoPD&SI
- xiii. Attended project review meetings held at HEC, MoST and PNRA

Work in Progress

The comprehensive Framework of the Higher Education Sector and the consolidation of the Scholarship Portfolio are under process for formal approval of the relevant competent forum.

HEALTH

Section's Overview:

The key operational wavelength of the Section encompasses assistance to corresponding health sector stakeholders including the Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination (NHSR&C) and respective counterpart departments of health at the Provincial/ Area Government level. The Section takes lead in defining a roadmap for health sector development in tandem with aspirations of National Vision, Five Year Plans and annual development plans to streamline the strategic planning and policy formulation. The Section examines health sector development portfolios of line Ministries/ Divisions and special areas including GB and AJ&K. The Section is responsible for undertaking health sector strategic planning through periodic monitoring and evaluating of the implementation of the development portfolio to realign wayward project activities on track with the trajectory of the approved scope.

Major Activities

Formulation of Strategic Manuscripts:

The Section assisted formulation of two key strategic manuscripts through the inscription of health chapters regarding achievements of 2022-23 and imminent development course for 2023-24 were reflected in the Pakistan Economic Survey 2022-23 and Annual Plan 2023-24. Input for these strategic documents was prepared in consultation with relevant stakeholders of the health sector.

Contributions to Development Agenda:

The Section continued to play a pivotal role in promoting the national development agenda by participating in various National Consultative dialogues to discuss the issues related to the implementation of the Prime Minister's Elimination of Hepatitis-C Programme and the Prime Minister's Programme for control of Diabetes Mellitus. The Section played its mandated role in processing the World Bank supported Federal and Provincial PC-Is related to the National Health Support Project for ensuring Universal Health

Coverage (UHC). The following flagship mega projects were approved during 2022-23:

- i. Procurement of Equipment for Establishment of Cancer Hospital in Islamabad.
 - ii. Establishment of National Police Hospital, Islamabad
- Assistance in Joint External Evaluation for International Health Regulation:

The Section has extended its assistance to the Ministry of NHR&C for implementation of the 2nd Joint External Evaluation (JEE) for International Health Regulations (2005) Core Competencies conducted in February-March 2023. Pakistan has the honor of being the first country in the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO) region to volunteer for the first JEE in 2016 and established a baseline of Pakistan's IHR core capacities to develop a five-year National Action Plan for Health security. To track the progress made since 2016 and identify gaps, the second JEE was conducted in March 2023 in Pakistan. Based on the second JEE findings and Mission Report recommendations, Pakistan will update its national action plan for Health Security.

Assistance in Mental Health & Psychosocial Support Initiative:

The Section provided technical assistance in the establishment of the Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) initiative. The MHPSS is designed to build the capacity of a mental health workforce and set-up referral links to offer therapeutic interventions at multiple levels. The core features of the initiative are delivered through an integrated web portal, iOS and Android Mobile Apps and eLearning Portal.

Assistance in Pakistan Deworming Initiative:

The Section provided support in bringing all the concerned stakeholders from Federal line Ministries/ Divisions to Provincial line departments involved in the implementation of Mass Deworming of School-age children through the Pakistan Deworming Initiative (PDI). The Section provided support in the drafting of first ever policy and planning instrument "National Vision & Strategic Plan of Action 2022-27" for the PDI. The school-

based deworming program has been steered and coordinated by a National Steering and Coordination Committee (NSCC) led by the Ministry of PD&SI in collaboration with line ministries of Federal Education & Professional Training (FEPT) and NHR&C, Provincial departments of Health, Education and Planning & Development.

Work in progress

The review of the various development projects in underway in the Section ranging from infrastructure development, procurement of medical equipment, furniture and fixture, strengthening of infectious disease capacity of major tertiary care health facilities to strengthening of the health system in Federal areas and Provincial domains. The process of monitoring and evaluation of PC-is including a stock take on sub-projects of area government is an ongoing activity that is being carried out with the collaboration of federal and provincial health Ministries / departments for better outcomes of health service delivery to achieve UHC at an affordable cost for common man.

NUTRITION

Section's Overview

The Nutrition Section of the Ministry holds a crucial role in the country's economic and developmental framework. With a clear vision of fostering a healthy, hunger-free nation, the Section is positioned to lead important initiatives. By focusing on food and nutrition security, the Section employs a multifaceted strategy that includes strategic coordination, impactful awareness campaigns, and effective behaviour change communication.

Among the Section's major functions are the preparation of short- and long-term plans; national food balance sheet; monthly estimation of the cost of a food basket; analysis of food consumption patterns and nutritional status monitoring; technical support and capacity building of relevant stakeholders from the public and private sectors; and food and nutrition research studies. The National Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) Movement under the auspices of the Nutrition Section, has also been playing an integral role in policy planning, capacity building, and coordination regarding multi-sectoral nutrition promotion in the country, since its establishment in 2013.

Major Activities

To upscale nutrition, various initiatives and activities undertaken during 2022-23 are mentioned below:

- i. As a regular monthly research activity of the Nutrition Section, the cost of the monthly minimum food basket has been calculated using food price data from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).
- ii. The availability of major food items, such as cereals, pulses, animal products, sugar, edible oil fruits and vegetables, were computed.
- iii. A nutrition stakeholder's meeting to discuss the post-flood nutrition and food security situation, progress, and way forward was organized. The consultation culminated in the acknowledgement of the necessity to launch an umbrella multisectoral national nutrition program as a response to the challenge of malnutrition.

- iv. The project “National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Programme to Reduce Stunting and other forms of Malnutrition” costing Rs.8583 million launched for 36 high-burdened stunted, backward and calamity-hit districts of the country (Balochistan 12, Sindh 10, KP 5, Punjab 2, AJ&K 2, GB 5). The overall goal of the project is to significantly reduce stunting among children in the next 3 years.
- v. Rural Poor Stimulus Facility (RPSF) - Waseel-e-Khurak Pilot Project “Improving Food Security and Nutrition, Minimizing the Impact of COVID-19 on Livelihoods of Poorest Households in South Punjab” completed in Bhakkar, Khushab and Mianwali districts and the findings of the project were shared with the stakeholders for scale-up of the pilot interventions.
- vi. A National Consultation on “Multisectoral Nutrition Stakeholders’ Response to Minimize the Impact of Flood Calamity on Food and Nutrition Security of Vulnerable Population” was organized to respond to the impacts of flood calamity across all sectors. The consultative event chaired by the Minister for PD&SI brought together representatives of various public and private organizations and the international community to join efforts to address the challenge of malnutrition, food insecurity, and livelihoods resulting from the flood crisis. The consultation resulted in the compilation of key recommendations to draw a roadmap and action plan jointly to address nutrition security issues.
- vii. The development of a Multisectoral National Nutrition Policy (MS-NNP) was initiated with the support of nutrition partners. As part of this, a consultation involving key stakeholders was conducted to deliberate on the government's vision for policy formulation. The policy will provide directions for multisectoral nutrition planning and programming across the country to significantly improve the nutritional status of the people.
- viii. Under the Early Childhood Development (ECD) initiative, several activities were carried out which include:
 - Capacity Building Workshop on ECD to equip the members of the National Steering Committee (NSC) and National Technical Working Group (NTWG) with the necessary skills and knowledge to advance ECD initiatives in the country. The workshop was facilitated by international, regional and national ECD experts.
 - The 4th International Conference on ECD titled “Nurturing for Transforming Lives - the Power of ECD” was conducted which featured

plenaries, workshops, concurrent sessions and an exhibition on ECD models.

To kickstart a nationwide school meal/nutrition programme, a governing framework was prepared on the federal level, taking into account the suggestions outlined in the National Consultation on School Meals/Nutrition Programme.

- ix. A PC-I titled “National Multisectoral Umbrella Nutrition Program to Reduce Stunting and Other Forms of Malnutrition” has been drafted for high-stunting, flood-affected, and poor districts of the country. To discuss the project modalities, a RTC of Nutrition Stakeholders was organized.
- x. A workshop on SUN Annual Work Planning 2023, Joint Annual Assessment 2022 (JAA) and Nutrition for Growth (N4G) was organized to discuss the progress made towards SUN strategic objectives, identify bottlenecks, devise the workplan for 2023, and decode commitments made at the Nutrition for Growth summit and turning those into actions.
- xi. SUN Business Network (SBN) and SUN Civil Society Alliance (SUNCSA) was revitalized that include revision of ToRs in line with the recent developments, new membership drive and new governing bodies etc. The orientation of elected members was also organized to discuss operationalizing SUNCSA strategy/ advocacy priorities for 2023, reviewing membership applications, and planning for SUNCSA AGM.

Projects appraised

- i. National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Program to Reduce Stunting and other forms of Malnutrition
- ii. Balochistan Comprehensive Nutrition Program
- iii. Sindh Human Capital Investment: 1000 Days - Integrated Health and Population Program
- iv. Tackling Malnutrition-Induced Stunting in Pakistan
- v. Establishment of Pak-Korea Nutrition Center (PKNC) to Improve Child and Community Nutrition

Work in progress

- i. The action plan for the implementation of the project “National Multi-sectoral Nutrition Program to Reduce Stunting and Other forms of

Malnutrition” costing Rs. 8583 million has been drafted and is under process for approval.

- ii. To disseminate the Urdu version of the Pakistan Dietary Guidelines for Better Nutrition (PDGN) collaborative efforts are underway to refine and shape the guidelines into an effective resource that will empower individuals to make healthier dietary choices.
- iii. The development of the agroecological-based Food Composition Table (FCT) is in progress with efforts in data review and validation of nutrient evaluation across diverse food items, tailored to agroecological contexts.
- iv. Work is under progress for Public Finance Tracking that aims to ensure that adequate financial resources are directed towards addressing malnutrition, improving food security, and promoting healthy diets.

MASS MEDIA & CULTURE, SPORTS, TOURISM AND YOUTH

Section's Overview

The Mass Media & Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth (CSTY) Section formulates policies, plans and programs for the development of broadcasting networks and programme production facilities of public sector media i.e. Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC) and Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC). The Section is responsible for promotion of CSTY-related activities and prepare policies, plans and programmes for the conservation of cultural heritage, development/strengthening of new and existing sports facilities, harnessing the tourism potential of the country, and youth development through entrepreneurship and skill development. The Section is also looking after the administrative matters of the Development Communication Project.

Major Activities

The Section performed the following major activities during the year 2022-23:

Formulation of Annual Plan 2023-24

During 2022-23, the Section formulated a chapter of the Annual Plan 2023-24 on Mass Media and National Heritage & Culture sectors.

Preparation of PSDP 2023-24 and Quarterly Reviews of PSDP 2022-23

The Section prepared PSDP 2023-24 in consultation with sponsoring ministries and executing agencies. Similarly, Officers of the Section held a series of meetings with Sponsors and executing agencies throughout the year to review each ongoing project included in PSDP 2022-23.

Examination of Advertisements / Printing Bills

The Section has been the Secretariat of the Finance Committee of the Ministry which has been constituted for evaluation/examination of

advertisement and print media bills. The Section evaluated, and processed more than fifty (50) advertisement bills from the Committee during 2022-23.

Appraisal of PC-Is/PC-IIs

During 2022-23, the Section appraised and processed several new and revised PC-Is/PC-IIs of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, National Heritage & Culture Division, Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC) and their attached departments including; PTVC, PBC, Central Board of Film Censors (CBFC), Press Information Department (PID), Department of Archaeology & Museum (DOAM), National Library of Pakistan (NLP), National Language Promotion Department (NLPD) and Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) for consideration of CDWP and DDWP.

The Section carried out the technical appraisal and prepared working papers of about 11 CDWP and 30 DDWP level PC-Is/PC-IIs. The major projects include the up-gradation of HPT Rawat Transmitting Station by installing a 1000 KW DRM-Enabled Medium Wave Transmitter, the Establishment of National Sports City (NSC) at Narowal (3rd Revised), Prime Minister's Initiatives for promotion and development of Sports, Establishment of Public Library at Islamabad, Construction of Faiz Ahmad Faiz Complex at Narowal, Establishment of National Film Production Institute at Islamabad, Upgradation of National Library of Pakistan, PC-II of Construction of 250 Mini Sports Complexes (50:50) and Improvement of equipment for exhibition, conservation and storage of Cultural Heritage/Antiquities of Taxila Museum under the Government of Japan's Cultural Assistance Grant.

Other activities

The details of other activities performed by the Section during 2022-23 are given below:

- i. Convened and coordinated several review meetings with the Ministry of IPC and PSB for fast-track implementation of a project titled "Establishment of National Sports City (NSC), Narowal".
- ii. The Chief of the Section worked as Project Director, Development Communication Project from July 2022 to February 2023. During the period, bulk of outstanding liabilities of advertising agencies were cleared and several functions/events including printing of 4RF reports

and other time-bound assignments were carried-out besides financial management and overall supervision of the project.

- iii. The process for hiring of independent Project Director for the project was also completed successfully.
- iv. Completed hiring process of advertising agencies on the panel of this Ministry
- v. Offered Comments on National Sports Policy 2022-27
- vi. Disposed off many cases regarding the provision of requested information under the Right of Access to Information Act 2017 to Pakistan Information Commission as a Focal Section.

Work in Progress

Currently, the Section is evaluating the modified PC-I titled “Prime Minister’s Initiatives for Promotion and Development of Sports” in pursuance of the CDWP decision and full-year review of PSDP 2022-23. Similarly, the case for the non-payment of outstanding print media dues is being actively pursued in the office of Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Secretariat.

MANPOWER

Section's Overview:

The Manpower Section is the focal point for skill development and is actively engaged in contributing towards producing skilled youth to achieve a high level of excellence and to meet the requirements of international competitiveness in line with the 8th SDG's goal i.e. Decent Work and Economic Growth and Pillar-1 of Vision-2025 i.e. Putting people First-Developing Human and Social Capital. The Section deals with all budgetary matters, technical appraisal of youth skill development schemes/programs including the Prime Minister's special Initiatives for Youth and policy guidelines for the uplift of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector in the country. In addition, the Section coordinates with provinces and donor agencies to support technical training, facilitate TVET reforms and provide policy recommendations to implement focused interventions in the TVET sector.

Major Activities

Some of the major activities performed by the Section are as follows:

- i. During 2022-23, 08 pre-CDWP/CCC meetings were convened and 02 pre-CDWP meetings of other Sections were attended. 07 new development schemes were technically examined and their working papers were presented in 07 CDWP meetings held from time to time.
- ii. Technical appraisal and preparation of working papers of 07 youth development schemes (one ECNEC and others CDWP level) with a total financial portfolio of Rs.11.50 Billion including Prime Minister's Special Initiative for Youth Development i.e. Prime Minister's Hunarmand Pakistan – Skill for All Program (14 PC-Is) and Prime Minister's Ba- Salahiyat Naujwan program.
- iii. Technical appraisal and preparation of working papers of 04 foreign /donor-funded schemes approved by CDWP.

- iv. Technical appraisal and presentation of working papers in Pre-CCC/CDWP meetings
- v. Preparation of PSDP information regarding for 2023-24 & 2024-25.
- vi. Completed quarterly reviews of PSDP 2022-23 by facilitating the concerned Ministries/Divisions and attended review meetings of each quarter.
- vii. Preparation of material regarding “Youth Skill Development” for the Pakistan Economic Survey 2022-23.
- viii. Convened consultative meetings held under the chairmanship of the Minister for PD&SI with concerned stakeholders at the national level for the finalization and launch of the Prime Minister’s Ba-Salahiyat Naujwan program.
- ix. Arranged a meeting of the National Task Force on Human Resource and Skill Development and initiated a process to develop a national strategy and focused action plan for human resource and skill development.
- x. Prepared chapter on “Youth Skill Development” for Annual Plan 2023-24.
- xi. Prepared and furnished replies to the National Assembly and Senate Questions to the Council Section.

Other Activities

The Section remained actively engaged in the provision of technical support and a conducive environment for the implementation of training programs all over the country. Further, several consultative meetings were convened with concerned stakeholders under the chairmanship of Minister for PDSI in the perspective of implementing focused interventions for Human Resource and Youth Skill Development.

ENERGY WING

Wing's Overview

Energy, in the modern era, is a crucial driver of economic progress. Pakistan's economic order and growth prospects are highly dependent on a secure, sustainable and reliable energy supply chain. The Energy Wing, in the Ministry is entrusted with the role of appraisal, processing and approval of Energy Sector projects (Power & Fuel), formulation of PSDP of Energy Sector projects, preparation and review of short-term/ long-term energy plans and furnish comments on energy policies. The Wing is a key stakeholder in formulating policy decisions regarding the Energy Sector and accordingly furnishes valuable inputs on Summaries for the ECC, Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) and CCI. The Wing possesses representation in the Board of Directors (BoDs) of State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and participates in Board Meetings of the Private Power Infrastructure Board (PPIB), Alternate Energy Development Board (AEDB), National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA), Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan (HDIP). The Wing is comprised of four Sections i.e. Power, Fuel, Energy Finance and Economics (EF&E) and Energy Information System (EIS). Below is a snapshot of major activities carried out by the Wing.

Major Activities

Power Section

- i. Prepared Working Paper for Pre-CDWP/CDWP/CCC meetings of the following projects:
- ii. Land Acquisition for Installation of 600 MW Solar Power Plant at District Muzaffargarh
- iii. Land Acquisition for Installation of 600MW Solar Power Plant at District Jhang
- iv. Land Acquisition for Installation of 1200 MW Solar Power Plant at Sher Garh Tehsil Chubara District Layyah

- v. Installation of Wide Area Monitoring System (WAMS) for NTDC Power Network (Pilot Project)
- vi. Installation of On-Grid Solar Power System at PNRA Buildings
- vii. Electrification of villages of District Dera Bugti (Dera Bugti Package)
- viii. 220 KV Dhabeji Substation for Provision of Electricity for Dhabeji Special Economic Zone (DSEZ)
- ix. Punjab Energy Efficiency and Conservation project
- x. Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Asset Performance Management System (APMS) on 100KVA & 200KVA General Duty Distribution Transformers in DISCOs
- xi. Green Energy Projects Financed by kfW Germany
- xii. 500/132 KV Allama Iqbal Industrial City/M-3 Industrial City Grid Station for Supply of Power to Special Economic Zones in FIEDMC Area (Revised PC-I)

Prepared Summary /Presentations of the following projects for ECNEC:

- i. Diamer Basha Dam Project - Power Generation Facilities
- ii. Establishment of Regional Grids in Gilgit-Baltistan Phase-1
- iii. Evacuation of Power from 800 MW Mohmand Dam Hydro Power Plant to the National Grid
- iv. Sindh Solar Energy Project (SSEP)
- v. 26 MW Shagharthang Hydropower Project, Skardu.
- vi. 500KV Sialkot substation
- vii. Upgradation of existing 220 KV Vehari substation to 500 KV Vehari Substation
- viii. Addition & Augmentation of 500 KV and 220 KV Transformers at the Existing Grid Stations for Removal of NTDC System Constraints

Comments on agenda items of DDWP/DWP of Power Division, Ministry of Housing and Works, Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony and CDA:

- i. Establishment of New Distribution Lines for The Electrification of Villages District Khuzdar
- ii. Providing Ht/Lt Lines Along with Transformers in Tribal Merged District Kurram Village Electrification under Head SDGs SAP Tehsil: Muzaffar Garh Distt: Muzaffar Garh NA-182
- iii. Grid Station at Ahmed Wall 33 KV District Noushki
- iv. 33 KV Grid Station at Essa Chah
- v. Construction of 33 KV Grid Station for Totazai
- vi. Provision of 50 KVA Transformer and Ht/Lt Line for Digree College Area Dalbandin
- vii. Provision of 50 KVA Transformer and Ht/Lt Line for Killi Hassanabad & Mengalabad Nokundi
- viii. Provision of 50 KVA Transformer & 250 Poles for NA-268
- ix. Electrification of 38 X Schemes of District Quetta
- x. Village Electrification in NA-266 (Quetta)
- xi. Construction and Up-Gradation of 132KV Grid Station Mand (Revised)
- xii. Technical Supplementary Grant for NA - 142 under SDGs
- xiii. Construction and Up-Gradation of 132KV Grid Station Tump (Revised)
- xiv. Construction of 132KV Grid Station in Kapoto Area District Kalat (Revised)
- xv. Construction of 132KV Grid Station at Sunni (Khuzdar) with Allied 132KV Double Circuit Transmission Line (in & Out Arrangement) (05km)
- xvi. Village Electrification under SDGs (SAP) Programme Tehsil Kot Moman Sargodha of 20 Abadies NA-89 District Sargodha
- xvii. Village Electrification under SDGs (SAP) Programme Tehsil Ahmadpur East & Bahawalpur District Bahawalpur. Amount Rs: 173.518 million, Prepared by PDC MEPCO Multan, NA-173

- xxviii. Villages Electrification under Head SDG's (SAP) NA-153 Jahanian
- xix. Construction of 132KV Grid Station at Gresha with Allied 132KV Double Circuit Transmission Line (In & Out Arrangement) (05km)
- xx. Village Electrification under SDG's (SAP) Programme Tehsil Tandlianwala & Jaranwala District Faisalabad NA-103
- xxi. Village Electrification under SDG's (SAP) Programme Tehsil Sahiwal & Shahpur District Sargodha NA-92
- xxii. Village Electrification in Tehsil and District Gujranwala (NA-82) under SDGs (SAP) Rs. 5.05 million
- xxiii. Village Electrification under SDG's (SAP) Tehsil Bhalwal District Sargodha NA-88 Amount Rs.179.987 million
- xxiv. Village Electrification under SDG's (SAP) Programme 34 No. Villages Tehsil Samundri District Faisalabad NA-104
- xxv. Providing Ht/Lt Line and Transformers at Merged Tribal Sub Divisions WaNA (NA-50)
- xxvi. Village Electrification in Tehsil Noshera Virkan District Gujranwala (NA-84) under SDGs (SAP) Rs. 8.24-Million
- xxvii. Village Electrification under SDG's (SAP) Programme Tehsil Chak Jhumra District Faisalabad NA-101
- xxviii. Village Electrification under SDG's (SAP) Programme 36 No. Villages Tehsil & District Faisalabad NA-106
- xxix. Construction of 132KV Grid Station at Do Sarka with Allied 132KV D/C Transmission Line (In & Out Arrangement) (05km)
- xxx. Development Schemes of Nankana NA – 118
- xxxi. Development Schemes for Sheikhpura District Tehsil Muridke NA-119
- xxxii. Development Schemes of District Sheikhpura Tehsil Ferozewala NA-120
- xxxiii. Technical Supplementary Grant for NA-123 under SDGs
- xxxiv. Technical Supplementary Grant for NA-125
- xxxv. Village Electrification under SDG's (SAP) Program Tehsil Chishtian & Haroon Abad, District Bahawal Nagar

- xxxvi. Village Electrification in Tehsil Daska District Sialkot (NA-75) under SDGs (SAP)
- xxxvii. Village Electrification in Tehsil Pasrur District Sialkot (NA-74) under SDGs (SAP)
- xxxviii. Village Electrification Schemes under SDGs (SAP) Program constituency NA-71 Tehsil & District Gujrat Amounting TORs.
- xxxix. Village Electrification under SDG's (SAP) Programme Tehsil Khairpur Tamewali & Hasilpur, District Bahawalpur
 - xl. Village Electrification under SDG's (SAP) Programme Tehsil Haroon Abad & fort Abbas, District Bahawal Nagar
 - xli. Village Electrification under Head SDGs (SAP) NA-176
 - xlii. Village Electrification under Head SDGs SAP NA-180
 - xliii. Village Electrification under Head SDGs SAP NA-178
 - xliv. Technical Supplementary Grant for NA-141 under SDGs
 - xlv. Technical Supplementary Grant for NA-144 under SDGs
 - xlvi. Technical Supplementary Grant for NA-132 under SDGs
 - xlvii. Technical Supplementary Grant for NA-134 under SDGs
 - xlviii. Village Electrification under Head SDGs SAP Development Program Tehsil Burewala & Vehari District Vehari NA-163
 - xlix. Village Electrification under Head SDG SAP NA-147
 - 1. MEPCO Pc-I for Village Electrification in Tehsil: Rojhan & Rajanpur District: Rajanpur under SDGs (SAP) Development Programme Multan Electric Power Company NA-195
 - li. MEPCO PC-I for Village Electrification in Tehsil: D.G.Khan District: D.G.Khan Rs.36.192 Million under SDGs (SAP) Development Programme Multan Electric Power Company NA-190
 - lii. Village Electrification under Head SDGs SAP Development Program Tehsil Burewala District Vehari for Rs.300-Millions NA-162
 - liii. Villages Electrification under Head SDGs (SAP) NA-148
 - liv. Implementation of Development Schemes Electrification / Rehabilitation / Augmentation / Conversion & Shifting of Ht/Lt Poles /

Lines, Wires, Cables alongwith T/Fs etc under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) at Various U/Cs I.E.U/C Kankola, U/C Khatki & Surrounding Area in District Peshawar NA-27

- iv. Implementation of Development Schemes Electrification / Rehabilitation / Augmentation / Conversion & Shifting of Ht/Lt Poles / Lines, Wires, Cables alongwith T/Fs etc under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) at Various U/Cs i.e., U/C Gulbela, U/C Khazana & Surrounding Area in District Peshawar NA-27
- lvi. Implementation of Development Schemes Electrification / Rehabilitation / Augmentation / Conversion & Shifting of Ht/Lt Poles / Lines, Wires, Cables alongwith T/Fs etc under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) at Various U/Cs i.e., U/C Haryana, U/C Chagharmatti & Surrounding Area in District Peshawar NA-27
- lvii. Implementation of Development Schemes Electrification / Rehabilitation / Augmentation / Conversion & Shifting of Ht/Lt Poles / Lines, Wires, Cables alongwith T/Fs etc under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) at Various U/Cs i.e., U/C Khazana, U/C Khatki & Surrounding Area in District Peshawar NA-27
- lviii. Implementation of Development Schemes Electrification / Rehabilitation / Augmentation / Conversion & Shifting of Ht/Lt Poles / Lines, Wires, Cables alongwith T/Fs etc under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) at Various U/Cs i.e., U/C Jogani, U/C Nahqi & Surrounding Area in District Peshawar NA-27
- lix. Village Electrification under SDGs SAP Development Program Tehsil: Minchanabad & Bahawalnagar Distt: Bahawalnagar Amount: Rs. 100.000 million Construction Multan Electric Power Company MEPCO NA-166
- lx. MEPCO PC-I for Village Electrification in Tehsil: Arif Wala District: Pakpattan Rs.200.000 million under SDGs (SAP) Development Programme Multan Electric Power Company NA-146
- lxi. Implementation of Development Schemes Electrification / Rehabilitation / Augmentation / Conversion & Shifting of Ht/Lt Poles / Lines, Wires, Cables Along with T/Fs etc. under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) at Various U/Cs i.e. U/C Daag, U/C Larama & Surrounding Area in District Peshawar NA-27
- lxii. Village Electrification under Head SDG's (SAP)

- lxiii. Electrification of 225 No. Schemes (Volume I & II) in Various U/C of District Attock (NA-56) and 02 No Schemes in District Rawalpindi under Prime Minister's Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Achievement Programme 2022-23.
- lxiv. Electrification of 180 No. Schemes (Volume I & II) in Various U/C of Tehsil Gujar Khan District Rawalpindi (NA-58) under Prime Minister's Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Achievement Programme 2022-23.
- lxv. 09-Nos Rehabilitation of Electricity Distribution Infrastructure Schemes under SDGs (SAP) Programme V.C Masher Daud Shah, Masti Khel, Choki Qadr Khan Kalla, Shah Khel, Khass Dawod Shah, Sokari Zabta Khan, Sokari Jabbar, Gawshalah, Bannu City, Pori Gate, Rail Way Road, Masher Daud Shah-1, Masher Daud Shah-2, Sheikhan, Mamash Khel, Boza Khel & Sher Ahmad Kalla District Bannu
- lxvi. 08-Nos Rehabilitation of Electricity Distribution Infrastructure Schemes under SDGs (SAP) Programme V.C Tughal Khel, Mughal Khel, Barat, Kot Qalandar Kawsar Fata Khel, Faiz Talab Abbas, Abbass Khel Mandan, Khujari Jana, Shama Khel, Kaki, Landidak, Shabari Kalla, Bharat, Makhati Kalla Distt Bannu
- lxvii. 08-Nos Rehabilitation of Electricity Distribution Infrastructure Schemes under SDGs (SAP) Programme U.C Kawsar Fata Khel, Hinjal-I & II, Daud Shah, Bazar Ahmad Khan, Mandan, Mughal Khel, Nar Jaffar & Nar Hafiz Abad District Bannu
- lxviii. Establishment of 132 KV Grid Station Puran, Tehsil Martung, Shangla (Pesco)
- lxix. Providing Ht/Lt Line and Transformers at Merged Tribal Sub Divisions Peshawar, Kohat, Bannu, Lakki, Tank and Dera Ismail Khan (NA-51)
- lxx. Electrification of Villages of District Mastung, Kalat and Surab
- lxxi. 50 No's Solar Water Supply Schemes in District Khuzdar
- lxxii. installation, Testing & Commissioning and Operation (Turn-Key Basis) of Solar PV System 1 MW at PM Secretariat & 1 MW PM House
- lxxiii. Village Electrification in NA-112 (Cost: Rs. 499.999 million)
- lxxiv. Provision of Electricity of 51 Abadies in NA-98 (Cost: Rs. 107.548 million)

- lxxv. Solarization of Homes at Various Villages of Upper and Lower Khurram District Khurram
- lxxvi. Provision of Electricity of NA-110 and NA-96 District Faisalabad
- lxxvii. Solarization of Federal Shariat Court Building and Judges Rest House G-5 Islamabad
- lxxviii. 150 KW On-Grid Solar Photovoltaic System (Madina-tul-Hujjaj) Hajj Complex, Sector I-14, Islamabad
- lxxix. Electrification of 34 No. Schemes District Sanghar

Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP):

- i. Review and Rationalization of PSDP 2022-23 Portfolio (Power Sector)
- ii. Quarterly and Full Year Reviews of PSDP 2022-23 (Power Sector)
- iii. Preparation and Recommendations for PSDP 2023-24 (Power Sector)

Plans:

- i. Review of Annual Plan 2022-23 – Energy Chapter (Power Sector)
- ii. Prepared Annual Plan 2023-24 – Energy Chapter (Power Sector)

Board/Technical Meetings:

- i. PPIB Board Meetings
- ii. NTDC Board Meetings

Comments furnished on Summaries:

Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCOE):

- i. National Energy Electricity Plan 2023-27
- ii. National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Policy

Prime Minister Tasks processed:

- i. Payments to CPEC IPPs and establishment of Revolving Accounts
- ii. Chinese Investment to Upgrade Pakistan's Power Transmission and Distribution System
- iii. Financial Closure of Azad Pattan, Kohala, Thar Block I Power Projects
- iv. Attracting Investments in Solar Power Parks and Solar Panel Manufacturing

- v. 300 MW Gwadar Coal Fired Power Plant

PMDU Complaints

Processed 200+ complaints related to the Power sector

Other activities

Detail of other activities performed by Energy Wing during 2022-23 is given below:

- i. Convened a meeting regarding issues faced in adaptation of the National Power Generation Policy, 2015 by Government of Gilgit-Baltistan.
- ii. Provided inputs/brief regarding the meeting of Pakistan Trade Minister Washington DC with Regional Director (Indo-Pacific) USTDA
- iii. Provided inputs/brief regarding the meeting of Ambassador in Beijing with Mr. Konstatin Limitovski, Vice President (Investment Operations) at Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- iv. Provided update regarding issues Faced by Jhimphir Power JPL/HAWA Energy Wind Power Consortium
- v. Provided inputs regarding the operationalization of the CICA Fund
- vi. Provided comments on Combined Power Acquisition Programme (2022-23) submitted by XW DISCOs for Approval of NEPRA
- vii. Provided comments on Power Acquisition Programme (2024-30) Submitted by K-Electric for Approval of NEPRA
- viii. Provided comments to NEPRA on Application of Punjab Grid Company Ltd. (PGCL) for grant of Transmission License
- ix. Provided comments to NEPRA on Feasibility Stage Tariff Petition for Kalam Asrit Power Ltd, Asrit Kedam HPP.
- x. Provided comments on Draft NEPRA Regulations, Amendment in NEPRA (Fees) Regulations, Consumer Eligibility Criteria Regulations, 2021 in respect of Electric Power Trader, Electric Power Supplier and Distribution Licensee.

- xii. Post-Turnaround Pakistan Conference reviews, recommendations and submission of draft report.

Appraisal of projects

The Power Section of the Wing processed the following schemes during 2022-23 through various approvals for i.e. CDWP and ECNEC (Table 21.1).

Table 21.1: CDWP processed projects during 2022-23

CDWP/CCC Meeting	No. of projects considered	Approved (A) / Deferred (D) / Returned (R)	Recommended for ECNEC
19/10/2022	1	D	
28/10/2022	4	4A	
27/01/2023	1	D	
06/02/2023	2	2A	2
05/05/2023	1	D	
23/05/2023	2	1A 1D	
01/06/2023	2	2A	2
14/06/2023	3	3A	
15/06/2023	1	D	
	16	11A 5D	4

Fuel Section

Prepared Working Paper for Pre-CDWP/CDWP/CCC meetings of the following projects:

- i. Reconnaissance Survey of Mineral Resources (RSMR), Phase-II (PC-II)
- ii. Detailed Exploration of Uranium Resources in Bannu Basin and Kohat Plateau - Phase-V (PC-II)
- iii. Development of Strategic Underground Gas Storage (SUGS-Hiring of Services for Bankable Feasibility Study and Transaction Advisor Services (PC-II)
- iv. Prepared position papers and draft working papers for the following:
 - a. Fuel Fabrication Plant (FFP) Project - (Revised PC-I)
 - b. Expansion and Up-gradation of Pakistan Petroleum Core House (PETCORE) for its Sustainable Operations (Revised-PC-I)

Comments on Agenda Items of DDWP/DWP of Petroleum Division:

- i. Gas supply to Bostan SEZ Balochistan – (Revised PC-I)
- ii. Gas supply to Bin Qasim Industrial Park Sindh - (Revised PC-I)

Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP):

- i. Review and Rationalization of PSDP 2022-23 Portfolio (Fuel Sector)
- ii. Quarterly and Full Year Reviews of PSDP 2022-23 (Fuel Sector)
- iii. Preparation and Recommendations for PSDP 2023-24 (Fuel Sector)

Plans:

- i. Review of Annual Plan 2022-23 – Energy Chapter (Fuel Sector)
- ii. Prepared Annual Plan 2023-24 – Energy Chapter (Fuel Sector)

Board/Technical Meetings:

1. Boards Meetings
 - i. HDIP Board Meetings
 - ii. NEECA Board Technical Committee Meeting

- iii. NEECA Board HR Committee Meeting
- iv. PPIB Committee Thar Coal Conversion Feasibility Meeting
- v. HDIP HR Committee Meeting
- 2. Parliamentary Business
 - i. Public Accounts Committee Meetings
 - ii. National Assembly Budget Session
 - iii. National Assembly and Senate Meetings
 - iv. National Assembly Starred Question No.81 moved by Ms Uzma Riaz, MNA
- 3. Meetings related to the establishment of Oil Jetty at Gwadar by the Ministry of Defence
- 4. Meetings in light of Ferguson Report on White Oil Pipeline FOTCO/PQA
- 5. Meeting on Bankable Feasibility for conversion of imported coal power plants to Thar Coal
- 6. Meeting of Policy & Strategic Committee / Oversight Board on Post-Flood Reconstruction Activities
- 7. Post Flood Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Strategy / Plan meeting under Minister for PD&SI
- 8. 23rd Meeting of Thar Coal & Energy Board (TCEB)
- 9. The Round Table Conference on Innovation Support Program held by Governance Section
- 10. Meetings on issues related to general administration and HRM matters

Comments furnished on Summaries:

1. Council of Common Interest (CCI):
 - i. Tight Gas (Exploration and Production) Policy 2023
 - ii. Amendments in Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012
2. **Federal Cabinet:**
 - i. Amendment in OGRA Ordinance, 2002 for exemption from mandatory Third-Party Access (TPA) to New LNG Terminals
 - ii. Amendment in Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act, 2016
 - iii. Policy Guideline for the Security and Safety of National Oil Pipeline System
3. **Economic Coordination Committee (ECC):**
 - i. Import on Foreign Supplier's Account Through Custom Bonded Storage Facilities
 - ii. Approval of framework agreement between PLL and SOCAR
 - iii. Liquidity Requirement of PSO for Import of LNG and Petroleum Products in the Country
 - iv. Natural Gas Sale Pricing (July 2022)
 - v. Natural Gas Sale Pricing 2022-23 (Jan 2023)
 - vi. Request of Extended Well Testing (EWT) over Umair SE-1 Discovery Guddu (E.L)
 - vii. Grant of Extension in Adam X-1 Development and Production Lease (Hala Block)
 - viii. Assignment of Working Interest in Exploration Licenses/ Blocks
 - ix. Enhancement of Oil and Gas Production from Tal Block vis-à-vis Provisional Allocation of Gas Price under the 2012 Petroleum Policy
 - x. Continuation of Subsidized RLNG Supply to FatimaFert and AgriTech Ltd.

- xi. Increase in Rate of Sales Tax on HOBC
- xii. Guidelines for Utilization of Social Welfare Fund
- xiii. Utilization of Excess Capacity at PGPCL's LNG Terminal
- xiv. Efficient and Effective Utilization of Kandhkot Gas Allocated to Thermal Power Station Guddu (TPSG) / GENCO-II
- xv. Syndicate Running Finance Facility for PSO
- xvi. Committee to Explore Avenues for Development of Mining Sector & Address the Issues of Coal Miners
- xvii. Rate of Petroleum Levy on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)
- xviii. Resumption of JJVL LPG Extraction Plant
- xix. Amendment in LNG Policy 2011 for exemption from mandatory Third-Party Access (TPA) to New LNG Terminals

4. Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCOE):

- i. Draft Model Production Sharing Agreement (MPSA)
- ii. Installation of LPG Air-Mix Plant(s) by Private Sector: Tariff Setting
- iii. Execution of Gas Development Schemes and Provision of New Domestic Connections
- iv. Draft Pakistan Oil Refining Policy 2023 - for New/Greenfield Refineries
- v. Draft Pakistan Oil Refining Policy 2023 - For Upgradation of Existing / Brown Refineries
- vi. Allocation of Gas from Mari Field Gas Reservoirs to Fertilizer Plants
- vii. Gasification projects of Villages/Towns falling within a 5-km radius of gas-producing fields in the financial year 2023-24 for funds allocation
- viii. Policy Guidelines for Revocation of NOCs to Captive Power Plants (CPPs) Selling Electricity to National Grid and New Connections for CPPs

5. Cabinet Committee of Legislative Cases (CCLC):

- i. Approval for Amendment in Oil and Gas Regulatory Ordinance, 2002, to Establish Gas Tribunal

Prime Minister Tasks processed:

- i. Sui Mining Lease and other issues raised by the Government of Balochistan
- ii. Southern Balochistan Development Package – LPG supply to Southern Balochistan and Opening of More Petrol Pumps
- iii. Pakistan-China Bilateral Consultations
- iv. Thar Coal for Power Generation
- v. PPL issues (Sui mining lease) and Dividend PARCO Refinery
- vi. Jamshoro Coal Fired Power Plant (PMIC)

Comments for Senate, National Assembly and Court Cases:

- i. Appearance/Submission of Para wise comments in Review Petition No. 172/2017 in WP-1752/2017, (Sohaib Hassan vs Government of Pakistan) in the Peshawar High Court, Peshawar.
- ii. Para-wise Comments on Writ Petition No. 869-B/2021 (Awam Un Nass vs Federation of Pakistan) in the Peshawar High Court, Bannu Bench.
- iii. Appeal No. 1217(R) CS-2022 Mr. Muhammad Umar Before the Federal Service Tribunal, Islamabad.
- iv. Constitutional Petition (C.P) D-8163 of 2022 (Mr. Muhammad Shakoor & Others Versus Federation of Pakistan & Others) in The Honorable High Court of Sindh at Karachi.
- v. Para-wise Comments on WP No. 77985/2022 (Ch. Amir Sultan Cheema vs Federation of Pakistan) in the Lahore High Court, Lahore.

PMDU Complaints

Processed 1000+ complaints related to the gas sector

Other Activities

Detail of other activities performed by Energy Wing during 2022-23 is given below:

- i. Post Turnaround Pakistan Conference reviews, recommendations and submission of draft report.
- ii. Finalization of Turnaround Pakistan Conference Report under Chief Economist for Oil & Gas Sector.
- iii. White Oil Pipeline Multigrade Movement Project – Tariff for Handling MOGAS/HSD at FOTCO/PQA
- iv. Provided Comments on Framework for Climate Vulnerable to Climate Resilient Development: Roadmap for Pakistan
- v. Prepared Brief on Short Term Measures to Improve Performance Efficiency of Petroleum Sector
- vi. Report on assessment of gas infrastructure flood damages and Post Damage Needs Assessment (PDNA) Exercise. Prepared Brief on damages caused by Floods to Gas Infrastructure
- vii. Questionnaire for Development of National Integrated Data Dashboard (NID)
- viii. Comments on Draft Climate Proofed Development Manual, PC-I, PC-II, PC-III, PC-IV Proforma and User Hand Book on Climate Risk Screening for Policy Planning
- ix. Monthly E-Office Adoption Progress Monitoring Report
- x. Development of Performance Agreement of the Ministry for 2022-23
- xi. Prepared TORs for hiring of Sector Specialist/Expert/Consultant (Fuel Sector)
- xii. Extension of Gas Network/ Rehabilitation of Network in Oil and Gas producing districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- xiii. Comments on report of 26th Session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP), Geneva

- xiv. EU Global Gateway and the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+)
- xv. Comments on feasibility study for conversion of imported coal with Thar coal.
- xvi. Prepared National Development Framework NDF Petroleum Sector
- xvii. Coordinated Gilgit Baltistan Development Package – Oil storage at Skardu

EF&E Section

Comments furnished on Summaries:

1. National Economic Council (NEC):

Summary for NEC on Implementation of Energy Conservation Plan 2023 across the Country

2. Economic Coordination Committee (ECC):

- i. Approval of ECC for issuance of GoP Sovereign Guarantee for Rs.19.145 billion for construction of 2x660 MW Coal Power Project Jamshoro
- ii. Regionally Competitive Energy Rates for Export Oriented Sectors during 2022-23 (effectively 1st July, 2022)
- iii. Augmentation of existing Pipeline Infrastructure for transportation of gas from South to North
- iv. Levy of Sales Tax on Subsidy granted to DISCOs
- v. Tariff Rationalization for Power Sector
- vi. Standardized Security Package Agreements for Solar PV Projects for substitution of expensive imported fossil fuels with Solar PV Energy
- vii. Utilization of excess capacity at PGPCL's LNG Terminal
- viii. Approval of Framework Agreement Between PLL and SOCAR
- ix. Partial Settlement of PSO's Circular Debt receivables by Transferring the Controlling Stake of Government's Equity in Power Plants

- x. Change in Take or Pay Commitment in Power Purchase Agreement (s) and Gas Supply Agreement(s) of three (3) RLNG Public Sector Power Plants and placement of firm gas commitment proposal
- xi. Liquidity Requirements of PSO for import of LNG and Petroleum Products in the country
- xii. Revision of OMCs Margins on Petroleum Products: Motor Spirit (MS) and High-Speed Diesel (HSD)
- xiii. High Speed Diesel (HSD)/ Gas Oil Premium
- xiv. Continuation of Subsidized RLNG to Fatimafert and Agritech
- xv. Draft Pakistan Oil Refining Policy 2023 for upgradation of existing refineries
- xvi. Recovery of staggered Fuel Charges Adjustment applicable for the months of August and September 2022 and waiver of electricity bills in Flood Affected Areas
- xvii. Refinancing of Power Holding Limited's Debt Amounting to Rs.283.287 billion and a surcharge to cover Mark-Up payments
- xviii. Liquidity requirements of PSO for import of LNG and Petroleum Products in the country
- xix. Implementation of Article 8.7 of the Implementation Agreement signed between Government of Pakistan and K-Electric (erstwhile Karachi Electric Supply Company)
- xx. Notification of Quarterly Tarif Adjustments of K-Electric and associated financial impact
- xxi. Tight Gas Policy
- xxii. Revision of Fertilizer gas sale prices in the context of Mari Wellhead Gas Pricing

3. Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCOE):

Revised Circular Debt Management Plan

4. Cabinet Committee on Privatization (CCOP):

- i. Re-engagement of M/S Credit Suisse as Financial Advisor for NPPMCL
- ii. Private Sector Participation in Management of DISCOs

Other Activities

- i. Prepared Part-C of working papers of Energy Sector Projects processed by Power and Fuel Sections.
- ii. Convened meetings of the Committees constituted by Prime Minister/ Federal Cabinet / CCI for:

Payment of Net Hydel Profits

- i. Formulation and Finalization of Thar Coal Gasification Policy
- ii. Compliance to Prime Minister's initiative on fast track utilization of Thar Coal and development of Thar Rail Link connectivity project

Implementation Plan for the proposed Energy Conservation Measures

Reviewed tariff petitions filed by the WAPDA, PAEC, K-Electric, IPPS, NTDC, CPPA-G and DISCOs in the NEPRA for determination of tariff, fuel cost adjustments, generation license etc. and submitted views / comments thereon.

Offered comments on various Energy Sector related National as well as International Policies

Special Initiatives:

Solarization of P-Block (Installation of 200 kWp Solar PV System and Augmentation with the existing 178 kWp Solar PV System)

2. Integrated Energy Planning for Sustainable Development

The Integrated Energy Planning (IEP) for Sustainable Development has been established within the Energy Wing of the Ministry with a mandate to carry out integrated energy activities in Pakistan. Moreover, IEP has been performing long-term energy planning in different energy domains of the country including coal, petroleum, oil, lubricants, natural gas, LNG, and electricity.

IEP work activities performed during 2022-2023:

- i. Centralized Database and Energy Information System (EIS): IEP has completed the tender and bidding process for the development of EIS and NESPAK has been awarded the project. Currently, IEP is negotiating with NESPAK on the EIS contract and soon the

groundbreaking of the project will be carried out. The EIS timeline of the development of EIS is 12 months. Once developed, EIS will be the country's first single source of energy related data that would provide access to real-time energy data to all the identified stakeholders. In addition to data, EIS will offer Analytical and Forecasting dashboards/portals that will be helpful in decision making and policy analysis. EIS is considered to be a landmark project for the sustainable development of the energy sector of Pakistan.

ii. Data Collection by the Data Management Working Group:

In 2022-23, the DMWG has constantly updated the data archive of IEP by collecting and verifying data related to different energy and non-energy sources.

iii. LEAP Training Program conducted by IEP:

IEP in collaboration with USAID and Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) organized a 5-day training program on “Low Emission Analysis Platform (LEAP)” software from 1st to 5th August 2022 in Islamabad. The LEAP software is developed by a Sweden based Stockholm Environment Institute which has its branch offices in UK and USA. The software is capable of accurately calculating long-term energy demand, supply, transformation and optimization through the development of different models based on different future scenarios.

iv. Pakistan Natural Gas Policy Analysis & Way Forward:

Under Vision 2025, IEP has developed and published the “Pakistan Natural Gas: Policy Analysis and Way Forward”. The report was launched on 22nd June 2023.

The report presents a comprehensive view of the present state of the gas sector in Pakistan by highlighting the key issues that are hindering the provision of a sustainable supply of natural gas in the country. IEP held a series of different consultative sessions with energy sector stakeholders of the country to ensure the inclusive development of policy recommendations for this report.

v. Introduction of Large-Scale Solar IPPs: Financial Viability

The “Introduction of Large-Scale Solar IPPs: Financial Viability” report developed through wider consultations with related energy sector stakeholders for their technical guidance and feedback. After

incorporating the feedback received from stakeholders, the report was finalized for further publication.

vi. Pakistan's First LEAP Model Using Top-Down Approach

The Energy Planning and Resource Centre (EPRC) has completed the LEAP-based Integrated Demand-Supply Model for Pakistan with top-down demand modelling approach. The model represents a comprehensive view of the overall energy sector having various scenarios to indicate the future energy demand and supply situation of the country with environmental emissions and cost of generation perspective.

vii. Other activities:

- Provided detailed analysis and comments on the Prime Minister's petroleum relief programme for motorcycles, rikshaws and small vehicles.
- Comments on the "Relaxation of Moratorium of New Gas Connections of Bulk Domestic Category and Housing Schemes"
- The IEP team provided detailed technical comments on the working paper "Evaluating Energy Security Paradigm of Pakistan-Challenges and Opportunities" prepared by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI).
- Technical comments on Draft National Energy Efficiency and Conservation (NEEC) Action Plan 2023-30 by NEECA

Work in Progress

The Wing is working on the betterment of existing performance indicators in the energy sector and exploring new performance indicators for better future performance measurement. During 2023-24, the Wing will undertake review meetings of PSDP 2023-24, formulate PSDP 2024-25 and appraise energy sector projects for CDWP/ECNEC.

WATER RESOURCES

Section's Overview

Given the paramount importance of the Water Resource Sector concerning food security, socioeconomic advancement, evolving climate patterns, population dynamics, and shifting water consumption trends, the dedicated team within the water resource section is wholly committed. The Section's primary endeavor is to ensure the effective execution of both national and international policies, agreements, plans, development frameworks, and the Planning Commission's guidelines.

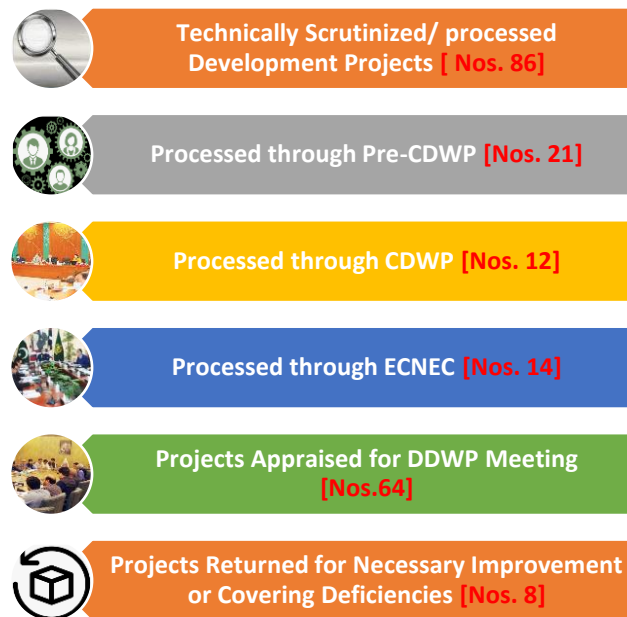
Furthermore, the Section is engaged in the thorough assessment and evaluation of developmental projects, PC-Is, and PC-IIs related to Water Resources Development and Management. Concurrently, it provides invaluable guidance and facilitation to pertinent line ministries and departments. This collaborative effort aims to address Pakistan's water scarcity challenges within the context of climate change, flood mitigation, augmented cropping intensity, and agricultural productivity enhancement, all of which are crucial for meeting the escalating demands of the burgeoning population.

Major Activities

During the span of 2022-23, a comprehensive array of activities and achievements within the water resource sector has taken place. These include:

- i. Throughout 2022-23, the focus remained dedicated to the processing of development projects via CDWP/ECNEC mechanisms. This period witnessed a dedicated endeavor to evaluate and manage projects in alignment with overarching developmental objectives. The summary of these activities is provided in Figure 22.1.

Figure-22.1: Processing of Development Projects through DDWP/CDWP/ECNEC 2022-23



- iii. Quarterly evaluations of ongoing development projects, ensuring their smooth progression towards timely completion.
- iv. Water sector development projects undertook thorough technical reviews to facilitate their processing through pivotal decision-making platforms such as ECNEC, CDWP, and DDWP.
- v. To overcome persistent issues, a series of consultative meetings centered on major Water Sector Mega projects, the Sindh Water and Agriculture Transformation initiative, and the Mangla Dam Raising projects were coordinated. These engagements aimed to proactively resolve outstanding concerns and bottlenecks.
- vi. Quality enhancement and supervision remained central in the monitoring of various Flood Schemes and projects, affirming their adherence to established standards and water policy 2018. Meanwhile, preparatory work encompassed drafting a chapter for the Annual Plan 2023-24, coupled with a comprehensive assessment of the previous year's (2022-23) targets within the policy framework of water storage and conservation.

- vii. Active involvement extended to the formulation of the PSDP for the forthcoming year, with a parallel endeavor to provide quarterly progress briefs for ongoing mega projects, elevating transparency and accountability. Meetings convened with executing agencies, including WAPDA and provincial representatives, aimed to expedite the resolution of challenges faced by both ongoing and new projects.
- viii. Expertise-driven contributions were rendered through the provision of insights on summaries forwarded by various ministries and divisions to the Prime Minister's Office. Additionally, inputs informed the Sectoral Feedback for key national economic assessments such as the Economic Survey of Pakistan, the Finance Minister's Budget Speech, and data compiled by PBS.
- ix. Technical appraisals and comments concerning both field and desk monitoring exercises were offered, enhancing the holistic assessment of the financial and physical progress of water sector projects earmarked for inclusion in the PSDP 2023-24.
- x. Active participation in forums like the DDWP and the Scrutinizing Committee for Emergent Flood Schemes further showcased commitment to addressing challenges, especially those arising from hill torrents and flash floods.
- xi. Guided by governmental policies, strategies for maximizing agricultural productivity were refined, reinforcing alignment with national development plans.
- xii. In line with legal obligations, appearances and reports were submitted before the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan in response to various court cases.
- xiii. A holistic approach to conservation strategies was coordinated with concerned departments by contributions made alongside stakeholders to shape comprehensive water conservation strategies. These endeavors collectively underscore the sector's proactive and multifaceted engagement in steering the nation towards water security and sustainable development.

Mega Water Sector projects:

Following are mega projects with the approved cost processed during 2022-23:

	Mohmand Dam Hydropower Project • Rs. 309,000.00 million
	Diamer Basha Dam Project (Dam Part) • Rs. 479,000.00 million
	Kurram Tangi Dam Stage-I (Keitu Weir Irrigation & Power) Project- • Rs. 21,059.260 million
	Nai Gaj Dam Project, Dadu, Sindh • Rs. 46,980.350 million
	K-4 Greater Water Supply Scheme District: 260 MGD for Karachi, Sindh • Rs. 126,404.751 million
	Indus Basin Irrigation System, Autom. of 07 sites for Discharge Monitoring • Rs. 2,399.572 million
	Chashma Right Bank Canal Project (Lift Cum Gravity) District: D.I.Khan, KP • Rs. 189,606.428 million
	Kachhi Canal Project Phase-I & Remaining Works, Balochistan • 80,352.00 million
	Remodeling of Pat Feeder Canal System, Balochistan • Rs. 61,793.367 million
	Improv. of KB Feeder & Keenjhar Lake, PCC Lining KB Feeder Upper, Sindh • Rs. 40,003.00 million
	Flood Protection Sector Program-III, Throughout Pakistan • Rs. 194,625.00 million

Field Visits

Members of the Water Resources team actively engaged in field visits to assess the progress of ongoing water sector projects, collaborating with Monitoring Teams from the Projects Wing of the Ministry, as well as teams from the Federal Flood Commission. During these visits, comprehensive insights were provided to field staff regarding project deficiencies and areas requiring improvement.

Work in Progress

The Section is diligently dedicated to addressing a spectrum of critical challenges encompassing water scarcity, the equitable distribution of water resources among provinces, and the enhancement of groundwater recharge through strategic measures such as the construction of delay action and retention dams. A pivotal aspect of the Section's mandate involves the enhancement of the Flood Early Warning System and hill torrents management within Pakistan, strategically designed to mitigate the impact of potentially devastating flood disasters through timely alerts and responsive measures.

PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING

Section's Overview

The Physical Planning & Housing (PP&H) Section plays a pivotal role in shaping the national policies and strategies for PP&H development. This Section is primarily responsible for the formulation of national policies and comprehensive planning, working closely with provincial and regional governments to effectively manage the complexities of urbanization. Its mandate encompasses a diverse range of projects, such as; water supply, sanitation, urban development, urban renewal, slum upgradation and housing initiatives.

Moreover, the Section serves as a vital knowledge-sharing platform, fostering collaboration to address pressing urban and regional development challenges. In addition to its policy and planning roles, the Section conducts rigorous technical evaluations of development projects. These projects are submitted for consideration by various federal ministries, divisions, departments, and provincial governments. Technical scrutiny is a critical step in the decision-making process, ultimately leading to approvals by the DDWP, CDWP, and the ECNEC. This multifaceted approach ensures that PP&H development initiatives are aligned with the national goals and executed with precision and accountability.

Major Activities

- i. The Section conducted in-depth technical assessments of a diverse range of development projects during 2022-23. These projects encompassed important sectors such as water supply and sanitation infrastructure, urban planning & development, construction of government offices and residential accommodation, educational institutions, hospitals, and various public and institutional buildings.
- ii. In alignment with national priorities, the Section rigorously assessed development projects linked to SDGs Number 6 and 11 (Clean Water and Sanitation and Sustainable Cities and Communities respectively).

These assessments ensured that projects met the stringent criteria set by the Cabinet Division and Planning Commission.

- iii. The Section provided valuable technical assistance to numerous ministries and departments involved in the preparation of programme and project documents. This support was crucial in enhancing the quality and feasibility of these initiatives.
- iv. As part of its responsibilities, the Section played a pivotal role in crafting sectoral chapters for inclusion in the Annual Plan and the PSDP for 2023-24. These contributions were instrumental in shaping the national development agenda and ensuring the successful execution of vital projects aimed at improving the quality of life for all citizens.

Major allocations were made to the programmes and projects relating to water supply and sanitation, government office buildings and housing etc. The important projects of PP&H sector processed by the Section during 2022-23 includes the following:

- i. Post-Flood 2022 Reconstruction Programme: Resilience Enhancement and Livelihood Diversification in Balochistan
- ii. Flood Response Emergency Housing Project, Sindh
- iii. Regional Infrastructure Fund –In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for “Resilient Resource Management in Cities (RRMIC)
- iv. Developing Resilient Environment and Advancing Municipal Services (DREAMS-I)
- v. Karachi Water & Sewerage Improvement Project (KWSSIP)
- vi. Technical Assistance for Punjab Affordable Housing Programme (PAHP-TA);
- vii. Punjab Intermediated Cities Improvement Programme
- viii. Extension of Water Supply Resources in WASA Faisalabad
- ix. Projects for WASA, Lahore

- x. AJ&K Legislative Assembly
- xi. Construction of Additional Family Suits (104) for Members of the Parliament including Servant Quarters.
- xii. Construction of New Building for Supreme Court, Branch Registry at Karachi
- xiii. Construction of Legal Facilitation Center, Islamabad High Court at Constitution Avenue, G-5/1, Islamabad
- xiv. Pakistan Audit & Account Academy (PAAA), Islamabad
- xv. Construction of Audit House, Lahore
- xvi. Construction of Office Building of Competition Commission of Pakistan in Sector G-10/4, Islamabad
- xvii. Construction of Federal Audit Complex, G-8/1, Islamabad
- xviii. Up-gradation of ASF Academy, Karachi
- xix. Civil Armed Forces projects i.e. Construction of Barracks, Offices etc.
- xx. ASF offices around the country
- xxi. Intelligence Bureau offices around the country
- xxii. Water Supply and Sanitation Schemes, Mansehra, Gilgit City Havelian Abbottabad, Multan, Hunza Hevellian, Gwadar
- xxiii. Development of Ziarat Town
- xxiv. Rehabilitation of Old Town of Gwadar

Appraisal of projects

During 2022-23, the Section played a crucial role in processing a wide range of development schemes, including water supply, urban development, and infrastructure projects through various approval fora i.e. CDWP and ECNEC. Details are given in Table 23.1.

Table 23.1: CDWP processed projects during 2022-23

Sr. No.	CDWP Meeting	Number of projects approved by CDWP	Number of Projects recommended / approved by ECNEC
1.	28.10.2022	02	-
2.	22.12.2022	01	-
3.	04.01.2023	03	-
4.	27.01.2023	01	01
5.	06.02.2023	02	-
6.	02.03.2023	02	02
7.	05.05.2023	01	-
8.	23.06.23	01	-
9.	24.06.23	01	
Total		14	03

Other Activities

In addition to the core activities, the Section engaged in various other significant tasks and initiatives during 2022-23. The following details highlight these activities:

- i. In 2022-23, the Section actively collaborated in the preparation of the PSDP and the Development Budget for 2023-24.
- ii. Actively participated in review meetings of the PSDP held on quarterly basis.
- iii. Remained engaged in attending and preparing briefs for all the National Assembly and Senate Standing Committees.
- iv. Submitted draft replies to be submitted before Honorable Courts and Ombudsman on behalf of the Ministry.
- v. Provided platform to resolve Urban and Regional Development Issues and recommended better solutions.

- vi. The Section demonstrated its commitment by actively participating in various DDWP meetings involving all line ministries. Moreover, the team extended its engagement to include autonomous bodies such as; the CDA, Evacuee Trust, Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation and Authority (FGEHA), Federal Employees Benevolent and Group Insurance Funds (FEB&GIF), and the Worker Welfare Fund. This extensive involvement allowed for a comprehensive ministry-wise assessment of projects within the DDWPs, fostering effective project appraisal and coordination. Detail of Ministry-wise appraisal of projects in DDWPs is given in Table 23.2.

Table 23.2: Ministry-Wise appraisal of projects in DDWP

Ministry	No. of DDWP Meeting(s)	Number of Projects Securitized / recommended
Aviation	01	01
Defence	01	03
Establishment	01	01
Federal Education & Professional Training	02	04
Federal Board of Revenue	01	05
National Health Regulations & Coordination	04	04
Human Rights	02	02
Interior	01	06
Interprovincial Coordination	01	01
Housing & Works	12	71 Schemes under SDGs Achievement Program (SAP)
Law & Justice	01	02
Maritime Affairs	01	04
Narcotics Control	01	01

DEVOLUTION AND AREA DEVELOPMENT

Section's Overview:

Devolution and Area Development (D&AD) Section deals with the development activities of less developed special areas i.e. Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Gilgit Baltistan and newly merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (erstwhile FATA). The focus of these development activities is to improve the socio-economic conditions of the people living in these areas and to utilize local potential/resources for sustainable development. The Section deals with multi-sectoral development projects funded through PSDP and/or foreign-funded projects via facilitating line ministries/departments to accelerate development in less developed special areas.

Major Activities:

To achieve the envisaged objective of balanced development, various schemes under multiple sectors, have been initiated/implemented in the less developed special areas. The federal government, in collaboration with the local administration, made efforts, to fully utilize the development potential of these areas. Major activities performed by the Section during 2022-23 are as follows:

- i. A project titled “Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rural Investment & Institutional Support Project (RIISP)” was examined/processed and presented to CDWP and ECNEC. The processing of the project involved three pre and two post-CDWP meetings.
- ii. Four PC-Is/financing agreements in respect of less-developed areas were examined and input was provided to the concerned Sections.
- iii. Prepared Annual Plan 2023-24 chapter on “Balanced Development, Focus on Less Developed Regions”.
- iv. Meetings conducted with P&D Departments of Special Areas for preparation of Annual Plan and coordination of material/information for PSDP 2023-24 in respect of special areas
- v. Prepared brief/reply on behalf of the Ministry for 09 queries of National Assembly/Senate Standing Committees and attended meetings.

- vi. Prepared briefs and attended the Board of Directorates meetings of National Rural Support Program (NRSP).
- vii. Prepared material for an annual report on the observance and implementation of principles of policy 2021-22.
- viii. Conducted four quarterly review meetings on PSDP with P&D Departments of Special Areas.
- ix. Prepared briefs for submission to the National Assembly Special Committee on Affected Employees related to closed DERA-II programme and attended meetings on the same. Evaluated/appraised different projects related to Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and attended 03 Islamabad Development Working Party (IDWP) meetings
- x. Coordinated/dealt with four cases in different courts.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Section's Overview:

The Social Welfare Section performs the functions to process projects, programmes, and PC-I of Human Rights, Social Welfare and poverty alleviation etc. to mitigate the miseries of needy people and empower vulnerable segments of society through social protection, social safety nets and human rights protection initiatives and various other programmes. The intervention envisages providing equal opportunities for development of the marginalized segments of society by foreseeing the realization of the development plans. The objectives of the Section's work are pursued through development projects and programmes that are evaluated to make interventions and projects more meaningful. Key functions of the Section include:

- i. Preparation of plans for Social Welfare, Special Education, Gender & Women Development, Human Rights, Staff Welfare and Religious Diversity and Interfaith Harmony Sector.
- ii. Examination of schemes/projects/proposals/papers/documents pertaining to Social Welfare, Gender & Women Development, Human Rights & Religious Diversity & Interfaith Harmony Sector.
- iii. Preparation of briefs, summaries, working papers, talking points and processing of schemes for approval by ECNEC / CDWP / DDWP/PDWP wherever required.
- iv. Preparation of PSDPs and other documents for review meetings.
- v. Proposals for equitable socio-economic development of the vulnerable segments of the society.
- vi. Evaluation, scrutiny and appraisal of the sectoral projects.
- vii. Monitor uniformity concerning social welfare among the provinces

Major Activities

PSDP Projects

The Section proceeded and supported in enhancement and implementation of the programs of social welfare services during 2022-23 particularly through the projects of Human Rights, covering the key areas of strengthening institutional structure, information management system, action plan for human rights, human rights awareness program, national mechanism

for reporting & follow-up, transgender protection, special education services, and services for children including person with disabilities. There were 11 projects in PSDP 2022-23, covering interventions for strengthening the institutional structure of human rights and special education.

Projects Appraisal

The following activities are performed by the Section in respect of projects appraisal:

- i. A consultative and Pre-CDWP meetings for ECNEC level project titled, “Poverty Graduation of Extremely Poor Districts” were arranged, wherein the project was appraised with respect to execution technicalities as well as funding issues.
- ii. A provincial project (Government of Sindh) involving foreign funding was processed and approved through ECNEC. The project contains development of a social welfare system and mother & child health care.
- iii. Pre-CDWP meetings for four different projects were arranged and technical issues were sorted out before recommendation for CDWP. The projects are enlisted as under:
 - Provision of Academic & Allied Facilities at the Institute of Inclusive Education, Islamabad
 - Establishment of Rehabilitation/Life Skills Development Centers for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) to Enhance Life Skills in 10 Districts in Gilgit Baltistan
 - Prime Minister’s Initiative for Women’s Mobility
 - Prime Minister’s Initiative for Women Empowerment
- iv. CDWP meetings for two projects were attended and recommendations of the forum were implemented through revision of the PC-Is in collaboration with concerned sponsoring agency.
- v. A consultative meeting for the women's mobility project was organized wherein recommendations from multiple stakeholders, including Women Development Departments in provinces, Pakistan Telecom Authority, National Bank, SMEDA and Private Sector Partners etc. The recommendations of the consultative meetings were finalized and incorporated in the finalized PC-I, which was approved by the CDWP.

- vi. 05 DDWP meetings were attended regarding the project appraisals in the Ministry of Human Rights and one in the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety.
- vii. Technical comments for Employee Old Age Benefits Institution (EOBI) project pertaining to the complaint mechanism were presented in EOBI, Karachi.
- viii. Technical views/comments for 02 thematic areas/foreign-funded projects were presented, which are as under:
 - Adaptive Social Protection
 - Promoting Employment by Empowering Women in Pakistan
- ix. Technical comments for social welfare components in following three projects were presented.
 - Punjab Human Capital Investment Project
 - Construction of Model Prison at H-16, Islamabad
 - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rural Investment & Institutional Support Project
- x. Technical comments/talking points for international forums including CPEC, SCO etc. were furnished to the quarter concerned after approval from the concerned authority.
- xi. Talking points for the Minister and other higher authorities were furnished to the quarter concerned for presentation in seminars/conferences etc.
- xii. Responses to two gender questions/resolutions were submitted to the quarter concerned.

Work in Progress

Currently, the Section is in the process of appraising different social welfare sector related projects including; Poverty Graduation of Extremely Poor Districts, Provision of Academic & Allied Facilities at Institute of Inclusive Education, Islamabad, Provision of Scooties to the Employed Females and other Prime Minister's initiatives for women's empowerment .

GOVERNANCE

Section's Overview

Governance plays a pivotal role in achieving strategic goals, policies, and programs, acting as a prerequisite for economic growth and development. The Governance Section is responsible to formulate and process development plans, policies, programmes and projects pertaining to knowledge management, organizational restructuring, institutional reforms, judicial reforms and capacity development of institutions for effective service delivery. Key initiatives of the governance framework envisage socioeconomic development of less developed regions, provision of equal opportunities, fairness, justice and strengthening institutions while adhering to democratic principles and rule of law in the society. With a comprehensive reform agenda, the governance indicators are expected to improve in the upcoming years. The development activities/ programmes / projects of the Governance Sector revolve around tax reforms, public financial management reforms, process re-engineering, organizational restructuring, judicial reforms and institutional capacity development for effective service delivery.

Major Activities

- i. During 2022-23, a number of activities were carried out by the Section to improve the country's governance indicators and make government open, transparent, accountable, and responsive to citizens. The following are the key achievements of the Section:
- ii. During the period, thirty six projects were examined and processed/presented in DDWP, CDWP, and ECNEC. The working papers and minutes of the Pre-CDWPs, and CDWP meeting were prepared. The details of some key initiatives of the Section are as under:
- iii. PC-I of the Project titled "Innovation Support Project" was prepared and launched at a cost of Rs.9.7 billion with the aim to prepare first ever country innovation framework, provide financial support for designing and implement new innovative projects/ products/ ideas in all sectors of economy which can lead to value addition, new product development and productivity enhancement.

The first-round award of innovation has been completed under thirty-five innovation projects that were granted financial support.

- iv. Implementation of an Online Billing Solution (Sehal) was examined and approved at a total cost of Rs. 1742.12 million with the aim to advance core Public Financial Management (PFM) capabilities and online billing system to improve service delivery.
- v. The Financial Inclusion and Infrastructure Project (Revised) was examined and approved at the cost of Rs. 22282.41 million envisaging to contribute and support government's approved National Financial Inclusion and Infrastructure Strategy (NFIS) aiming to improve access and usage of digital payments and financial services at the individual and firm level through investments.
- vi. Project titled "Establishment of One Stop Service Center for Special Economic Zones" was examined and approved at a total cost Rs. 698.437 million with aims to facilitate investors in getting time-bound approvals and permits by creating a better regulatory regime.
- vii. Strengthening Institute for Afghan Refugees (SIRA) project was examined and approved at a total cost of Rs. 2,043 million with an aim to facilitate the Afghan refugee registration, visa regime and introduction of digital management information systems
- viii. Rehabilitation/Up-gradation of the existing fire-fighting system of KMC (Revised) sponsored by Government of Sindh was examined and approved at a total cost of Rs.1831.603 million to improve/upgrade the existing firefighting capabilities of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation which covers more than 70 percent of the Karachi city.
- ix. Project titled "Change of Base of National Accounts From 2015-16 to 2024-25" was examined and approved at a total cost of Rs. 607.911 million aims to change the base of national accounts and price statistics from 2015-16 to 2024-25, improve the estimates of GDP and GFCF, expenditure on GDP by enlarging its coverage, filling the data gaps and determine contribution of all economic sectors/sub-sectors towards national economy.
- x. Establishment of the Federal SDGs Support Unit was examined and approved at a total cost of Rs. 500.00 million with the aim to

explore financing modes for SDGs implementation, expanding existing network, accelerate implementation of SDGs; and create a knowledge hub to improve the national performance on SDGs.

- xi. Prepared PC-I of the project titled “Construction of Plan House at F-5, Islamabad” and got it approved by the relevant forum. A feasibility study of Plan House was awarded and groundbreaking was arranged.
- xii. 1st revision of Competitive Grants Program for Policy-Oriented Research was examined and approved at the total cost of Rs. 1,756 million with aim to provide independent relevant studies to support the development objectives and strategies articulated by the Planning Commission.
- xiii. National Development Internship Policy project approved by ECNEC was launched after the approval for engaging more than 20,000 interns under development projects. A software was developed for seeking online applications of eligible candidates which were forwarded to the Project Directors concerned for appointment of interns under the policy.
- xiv. Revised project titled “Computer Based Testing for various Test/Exams conducted by FPSC, Islamabad” costing to Rs.50.720 million was examined /approved with the aim to upgrade the existing software and CBT design study.
- xv. Third revision in the project titled “Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening of Ministry Planning” costing Rs. 2,021.19 billion was examined/ approved with the aim to strengthen the Planning Commission in dispensation of its assigned tasks.
- xvi. 2nd revised project titled “Up-gradation Rural Area Frame of Census/ Survey, PBS-Islamabad” costing Rs. 361.736 million was examined/ approved with the objective of updating rural area frame, capture rapid expansions in towns close to rural areas, increase in commercial activities in rural areas, measure change in rural-urban migration and changes in district boundaries.
- xvii. Revised project titled “Strengthening of Planning and Monitoring Unit in Ministry of Law and Justice” was examined/approved at a cost of Rs.119 million with the aim to enhance institutional capacity of the Ministry.

- xviii. Revised PC-I titled “China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Support Project” at a cost of Rs. 1.4 billion was examined/ approved to support CPEC.
- xix. Concept Clearance Proposal on Policy Loan titled “Building Resilience with Active Counter-Cyclically Expenditure (BRACE)” was examined/ approved at a total cost of US\$ 2.0 billion.
- xx. Establishment of first-ever Governance Innovation Labs to deliberate emerging national issues and to propose an implementable solution for resolving these issues through consultative process. Number of consultative labs have been conducted.
- xxi. Prepared performance measuring criteria for award of best officers/ officials in the Ministry.
- xxii. Prepared proposal for capacity enhancement of Planning Commission officers in leadership and management.
- xxiii. Submitted summary on Governance Reforms for seeking approval of the Prime Minister after conducting stakeholders’ consultation.
- xxiv. Champions of Reforms initiative was launched.
- xxv. Flood Loss Assessment to Governance infrastructure during Flood 2022 and formulation of Resilient Recovery Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Framework (4RF) for Governance infrastructure.
- xxvi. Round Table on “Innovation Support Project” conducted and report published.
- xxvii. Prepared chapter on “Governance and Institutional Reforms” for Annual Plan (2023-24) and Year Book (2021-22).
- xxviii. Prepared material on Governance for 5Es Development Framework
- xxix. Provision of hiring of 40 YDFs included in the Revised PC-I of the project titled “Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Enhancement of Ministry / Planning Commission”
- xxx. During the period, thirty-six projects were processed/presented in DDWP, CDWP/CCC and ECNEC (Table 26.1):

Table 26.1: Number of projects presented in DDWP, CDWP/CCC and ECNEC

Pre-CDWP	CDWP	DDWP	ECNEC
14	15	3	4

TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION

Section's overview:

The Transport & Communications (T&C) Section is responsible for appraisal, scrutiny and evaluation of development projects in the transport infrastructure sector. It advises the relevant line ministries and departments to ensure the provision of a safe, reliable, robust, and efficient transport system. The Section appraises and evaluates PC-Is and PC-IIs for all subsectors of the transport sector, including roads and bridges, railways, ports and shipping, aviation, defense production and Research & Development. These appraisals and evaluations are conducted by the guidelines and standards of the Planning Commission Manual. In addition to the evaluation process, the Section also worked on formulating master plans for each subsector in 2022-23. This was done to implement the National Transport Policy 2018, which was prepared by the Section with the assistance of DFID/ ADB in coordination with the concerned federal and provincial departments. Core functions of the Section are as follows:

- i. Appraise and evaluate development projects in the transport infrastructure sector
- ii. Advise and facilitate relevant line ministries and departments to ensure the provision of a safe, reliable, robust, and efficient transport system
- iii. Formulate master plans for each subsector of the transport sector
- iv. Undertake research and studies on various aspects of the transport sector
- v. Work closely with other organizations to promote the development of the transport sector in Pakistan

The Section works closely with other organizations, both within and outside the government, to promote the development of the transport sector in Pakistan. These organizations include i). M/o Communications – National Highway Authority (NHA), National Transport Research Centre (NTRC), CTTI, National Highways & Motorway Police (NHMP), and Postal Service; ii) M/o Railways – Pakistan Railways; iii) M/o Maritime - Karachi Port Trust (KPT), Port Qasim Authority (PQA), Gwadar Port Authority (GPA), Korangi

Fisheries Harbor Authority (KOFHA), iv) Aviation Division - Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Airport Security Force (ASF), v) M/o Defense – PMSA, vi) M/o Defense Production - KS&EW, vii) M/o Housing & Works - Pak. PWD, viii) Provinces and Special Areas-Highway Departments, ix) MoPD&SI – Sindh Infrastructure Development Company (SIDCL), and x) Ministry of Interior – Capital Development Authority (CDA) & local Government.

Major Activities

In line with the functions of the T&C Section already envisioned in the Ministry's mandate, during the financial year 2022-23, the section examined and processed new as well as revised development projects of relevant Ministries/Departments. The Section performed the following major activities during 2022-23:

Appraisal of Projects

The Section processed number of schemes during 2022-23 through various fora of approval i.e. CDWP and ECNEC, detail is as given in Table 27.1:

Table 27.1: CDWP processed projects during 2022-23

Sr. No.	CDWP Meeting	No. of Projects considered by T&C	Approved (A)	Recommended for ECNEC
1.	02.09.2022	03	03	-
2.	14.09.2022	04	02	01
3.	19.10.2022	04	01	02
4.	25.10.2022	01	-	01
5.	28.10.2022	05	04	01
6.	08.11.2022	01	-	01
7.	22.12.2022	04	01	-
8.	27.01.2023	01	01	-
9.	06.02.2023	06	02	02
10.	02.03.2023	07	02	03
11.	24.03.2023	04	03	-
12.	11.04.2023	03	01	01
13.	20.04.2023	01	01	-
14.	05.05.2023	03	02	-
15.	23.05.2023	06	06	-
16.	01.06.2023	05	03	01
17.	14.06.2023	13	11	02
18.	23&24.06.2023	16	11	05
19.	26.06.2023	07	03	03
Total		94	57	23
Schemes returned after preliminary examination: 80				

In light of the above, total no. of schemes processed in the Section are 174, out of which 80 schemes were returned during the preliminary examination, 23 schemes were recommended for ECNEC, 57 schemes were approved by the CDWP and 14 schemes were deferred.

In ECNEC, out of the above-mentioned recommended schemes following major schemes were approved in its meetings held during 2022-23; including

- i. Improvement & Widening of Chitral Booni-Mastuj-Shandur Road (153 km) Revised

- ii. Lowari Road Tunnel & Access Roads Project (3rd Revised)
- iii. Dualization & Rehabilitation of Karachi Quetta Chaman Road (N-25) from Karachi Kararo (232 km) & Wadh- Khuzdar (41 km) total Length 273 Km
- iv. Dualization of Kararo Wadh Section (83 Km) & Kuchlak Chaman Section (104 Km) of National Highway (N-25) Length: 187 Km
- v. Up-gradation of Pakistan Railways Existing Main Line-1 (ML-1) and Establishment of Dry Port near Havelian
- vi. Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) Project
- vii. Construction of Two Tunnels at Kahori / Kamser (3.7 km) and Challpani (0.6 km) Section of Neelum Valley Road, AJK (Revised)

Comparison of Appraisal of Development Projects through CDWP/ ECNEC during 2021-22 and 2022-23 is given in Table 27.2.

Table 27.2: Appraisal of Development Projects through CDWP/ ECNEC

Sr. No.	Description/performance	2021-22	2022-23
1.	Projects processed and returned during preliminary examination	03	80
2.	Projects processed through CDWP	60	94
3.	Development Plans Processed through CDWP	02	02
4.	Projects approved by the CDWP	21	57
5.	Projects Deferred / Returned by the CDWP	10	14
6.	Projects recommended for ECNEC	19	23
7.	Projects approved by the ECNEC	-	14

Flood 2022 Projects / Activities

The following Post Flood Donor Funded projects were processed and evaluated by the Section on fast track basis:

- i. Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of N-5 from Moro to Ranipur km 318 – 404 (NBC/SBC) and 32 x damaged Bridges under ADB Flood Emergency Loan- costing US \$ 164.6 million
- ii. Sindh flood emergency reconstruction project (Emergency Flood Assistance Project EFAP – Sindh Works & Services Department Component) – ADB –Costing US\$220.0 million
- iii. Sind Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Program (SERP) (Infrastructure Livelihoods & Rescue 1122 components) - WB funded –Costing US \$ 300.0 million

Other Activities

Detail of miscellaneous activities performed by the Section during 2022-23 is given below:

- i. The section prepared/modified National Transport Master Plan in line with the government manifesto and objectives of National Transport Policy (NTP) 2018.
- ii. The Annual Plan 2023-24 was prepared in the last two quarters of 2022-23.
- iii. The Section actively participated in preparation of PSDP / Development Budget 2023-24 in the last quarter of 2022-23.
- iv. Various DDWP meetings of all the line ministries were attended. The projects at the DDWP level were scrutinized and recommended. Various DWP meetings of self-financed department such as CDA and CAA were also held during the 2022-23 and appraisal of the projects were carried out.
- v. The Section actively participated in review meetings of the PSDP held on a quarterly basis and input was provided wherever required.
- vi. The Section remains involved in preparing brief and comments for Cabinet and ECC meetings, and board meetings of the NLC, CAA, Railways and NHA.

- vii. The release and re-appropriation cases were dealt by the Section to the extent of providing comments to the PIP Section.
- viii. The Section remained busy in attending and preparing briefs for all the National Assembly and Senate Standing Committees and Public Accounts Committee.

Work in Progress

The Section is working on the betterment of existing performance indicators in the transport sector and also exploring new performance indicators for better future performance measurement. The Section is actively working on supporting/preparing proposals/projects on PPP mode.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Section's Overview

The Environment & Climate Change Section (E&CC) is entrusted with the role of appraisal, processing and approval of projects, formulation of PSDP of projects related to E&CC sectors, preparation and review of short- and long-term sectoral plans and furnish comments on Environmental policies. The Section appraises and evaluates development project's PC-Is and PC-IIs of the Ministry of Climate Change and Aviation Division, as per the guidelines and standards of the Planning Commission and furnish comments on Summaries for ECC, Concept Clearance of projects for CCI for E&CC related projects. Further, this Section also participates in the Technical Appraisal Committee of the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF), the Project Steering Committee of World Bank Projects and other Donor Agencies.

Major Activities:

Comprehensive quarter and full-year PSDP review and appraisal of development projects related to E&CC sector received from the Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Aviation Division and other provincial departments/ federating units was also conducted with sound technical grounds. Furthermore, the Section provided technical comments on working papers of all PC-Is received in the Ministry of PD&SI. Detail of the major activities performed during 2022-23 is as follows:

- i. Prepared chapter on E&CC for 5Es Framework and 4RF strategy providing pivotal strategic vision and priorities such as; climate-responsive public investment, climate finance, resilient cities, food security, water governance, climate impact technologies and innovation, strengthen community-based resilience and adaptation.
- ii. Drafted user handbook on climate risk screening for policy planning and climate proofing of Manual of Development Projects. Initial consultation with the technical sections was conducted and roadmap to finalize the said draft developed.
- iii. Conducted quarterly reviews of development projects of the Ministry of Climate Change and Aviation Division.

- iv. Finalized Indicative Budget Ceilings of PSDP projects of the Ministry of Climate Change and Aviation Division.
- v. Processed for the accreditation with GCF for Ministry of PD&SI, NHA, CDA, MoWR and MoNFSR initiated.
- vi. Approved the Climate Risk Profile of Pakistan by GIZ as a Prototype.
- vii. Prepared material for Economic Survey of Pakistan 2022-23.
- viii. Finalized key priorities for CARE South Asia project
- ix. Prepared Annual Plan chapter for 2023-24.

Projects appraised during 2022-23:

The following Reports/ Programmes were reviewed and comments were offered:

- i. Introduction of innovative Climate Risk Financing.
- ii. Nitrogen Policy report draft.
- iii. Technical comments on “Framework for Climate Vulnerable to Climate-Resilient Development: Road Map for Pakistan” submitted by ADPC.
- iv. Draft “Country Engagement Framework for Pakistan” from the Islamic Development Bank.
- v. Reviewed report submitted by GIZ titled “Climate-Smart Agriculture Investment Plan for Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- vi. Reviewed United Nations Habitat’s concept note for the project titled “Enhancing Resilience in Rehri Goth-fisherman coastal community of Karachi through climate-resilient infrastructure development”.
- vii. Reviewed Living Indus Basin Initiative and shared comments to MoCC.
- viii. Technical comments to the World Bank’s Country Climate and Development Report (CCDR).
- ix. Reviewed report on “Climate Smart National Policy Framework for Wheat and Cotton”.

- x. Reviewed report on “Policy Framework for Climate-Smart Agriculture and Livestock of Punjab”.
- xi. Reviewed report on “Review and Analysis of Existing Policies and Frameworks for Climatically-Smart and Competitive Agriculture Systems”.
- xii. Reviewed report on “Climate Smart Green Action Plan for Punjab, Pakistan”
- xiii. Reviewed report on “Policy Practices for Gender Inclusive Climate Resilient Agriculture: Pakistan 2022”
- xiv. Reviewed report on “Gaps and Needs Assessment of Water Sector in Pakistan”.
- xv. Reviewed report on “Evaluation of Geospatial Data for Climate-related Hazard Risk Assessment for Agriculture Sector Punjab Province, Pakistan”
- xvi. Furnished comments on Nationally Determined Contribution (Implementation Framework)
- xvii. Offered comments on review report titled “National and Provincial Water Sector Policies & Guidelines”
- xviii. Reviewed User Need Assessment reports submitted by RIMES under CARE project.
- xix. Concept Clearance Proposal of project titled “Sindh Coastal Resilience Project” approved from Concept Clearance Committee/CDWP.

Technical Review/ Appraisal of PC-Is/ Concept Notes:

- i. Conducted technical review of the PC-I titled “Modernization of Hydromet services of PMD in Pakistan” and PC-I titled “Restoration of Forest Ecosystems in Sindh for People, Nature and Climate”
- ii. Technically reviewed PC-I titled “Rural Development and Climate Resilience Project-Gilgit Baltistan”.
- iii. Pre-CDWP meeting was conducted on the PC-I titled “Extension of Community Based Disaster Risk Management for 15-Disaster Prone Districts of Sindh”.
- iv. Reviewed PC-I titled “Capacity Building and Strengthening Air Quality Monitoring in Pakistan and SDG 13 Reporting”.
- v. Reviewed project titled “Installation of Weather Surveillance Radar at Multan in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (Revised PC-I) which was approved by CDWP.
- vi. Approved project titled “Transforming the Indus Basin with Climate Resilient Agriculture and Water Management (Pc-I For Punjab Component)”.
- vii. Reviewed PC-I titled “Strengthening Technical Capacities of Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC)”.
- viii. Reviewed PC-I titled “Procurement of Oil Spill Equipment (OSE) For PMSA”.
- ix. Concept clearance proposal of the project titled “Drought Mitigation and Climate Resilience Project” was reviewed.
- x. Reviewed PC-I regarding “Development of Margalla Sanctuary Park, Islamabad”
- xi. Offered technical comments on “2nd restructuring of Punjab Green Development Program (PGDP)”.

Workshops, Conferences or other Events organized/attended:

Organized

Organized workshop for the officers of MoPDSI regarding Integrating Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) in PC-1 proforma and Accessing Green Climate Fund.

Meetings Attended

- i. Project Inception Workshop; Preparation of Pakistan's Third National Communication under UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ii. 5th Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board Pakistan Meeting.
- iii. Workshop on "Accelerating Low-carbon Circular Economy through Clean Technology Innovation towards Sustainable Development in Pakistan".
- iv. Regional Workshop under CARE for South Asia Project in Bangkok, Thailand
- v. Workshop on "Enhancing the capacity of Water Quality Management in Pakistan".
- vi. Workshop on "Reducing uses and releases of Chemicals of Concern (CoCs) including Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in the textile sector".
- vii. "Regional Dialogue: Success and Challenges in the implementation of Paris Commitments" at Novotel Bangkok on Siam Square, Bangkok, Thailand.
- viii. Project titled "Pakistan Hydromet and Climate Services Project (PHCSP)".
- ix. Workshop on Strengthening Climate Adaptation and Resilience (SAR) Launch Event.
- x. First meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) to validate the development of groundwater information system for Sindh and Balochistan.
- xi. First meeting of Technical Committee on Hazardous Waste.
- xii. Consultation workshop on Safeguard Policy Review and Update by ADB.

- xiii. Consultative workshop in collaboration with Agence Francaise de Development (AFD) on “Water and Sanitation Institutional Arrangements in Islamabad”.
- xiv. Meeting on “Pakistan Cooling Action Plan” arranged by MoCC.
- xv. Workshop on “Strengthening the Enabling Environment for Disaster Risk Financing (Phase 2)”.
- xvi. Workshop on “Impact of Climate Change: Pakistan’s Experience with Climate Induced Disasters” at National School of Public Policy, Lahore.
- xvii. Workshop on Nature-based Solution (NbS) for water sector resilience in South Asia.
- xviii. Project Steering Committee (PSC) on Living Indus Initiatives.
- xix. Environmental Supervisory Committee of Mohmand Dam Hydropower Project.
- xx. PSC of Upscaling of Green Pakistan/ TBTTP.
- xxi. 8th project steering committee meeting of project “Scaling-Up of Glacial Lake Outburst Flood Risk Reduction in Northern Pakistan” (GLOF-II).
- xxii. 165th meeting of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Upscaling of Green Pakistan/ TBTTP.
- xxiii. Steering Committee of Global Environmental Facility (GEF).
- xxiv. Detail on number of Pre-CDWP/ CDWP and DDWP Meetings attended is given in Table 28.1.

Table 28.1 Number of Pre-CDWP/ CDWP and DDWP Meetings attended

S. No.	Meetings	Nos.
1	Pre-CDWP	74
2	CDWP	03
3	DWP/DDWP	04

Work in Progress:

Climate proofing of project development manual and climate screening user handbook are in process of finalization. Furthermore, execution of the project titled “Sustainable Finance Bureau” is in process.

CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

Corridor's Overview

In July 2013, an MoU was signed between the Governments of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the People's Republic of China to jointly develop the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Ministry of PD&SI of Pakistan and the National Development and Reforms Commission (NDRC) of China are the lead agencies to formulate and coordinate CPEC-related activities. CPEC Secretariat was established within the Ministry of PD&SI to coordinate and implement CPEC projects/ activities in collaboration with line Ministries. CPEC encompasses a wide range of collaborative projects (Energy, Infrastructure Development, Gwadar, Industrial Cooperation, Agriculture, Science and Information Technology, Livelihood Improvement) aimed at socio-economic development and prosperity.

Major Activities:

Meetings of Joint Working Groups:

During 2022-23, substantial progress was made in the execution of various CPEC projects/ activities in coordination among line Ministries, Provinces and Special Regions. Multiple CPEC progress review meetings and specific agenda-based sessions were organized to ensure effective implementation of CPEC initiatives. These meetings facilitated the collaboration of key stakeholders particularly Chinese projects and companies, along with relevant government departments, to advance CPEC cooperation. Additionally, support was extended to oversight committees in the National Assembly Secretariat, including the Parliamentary Committee on CPEC and the Senate Special Committee on CPEC. Detail of the meetings of Joint Working Groups (JWGs) held during 2022-23 is given in Table 29.1.

Table 29.1: Joint Working Group Meetings

Sr#	Joint Working Group Meetings	Date of Meeting
1.	3 rd meeting of JWG on International Cooperation	21 st July, 2022
2.	1 st meeting of JWG on Information Technology	28 th July, 2022

3.	7 th meeting of JWG on Safety & Security	12 th September, 2022
4.	3 rd meeting of JWG on Agriculture	20 th September, 2022
5.	2 nd meeting of JWG on CPEC Long Term Plan	24 th October, 2022
6.	Special meeting of JWG on Socio-Economic Development	26 th October, 2022

11th Meeting of Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) of CPEC

The 11th meeting of the JCC of CPEC was held via video link on 27th October 2022. The meeting was co-chaired by Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for PD&SI of Pakistan and Mr. Lin Nianxiu, Vice Chairman of China's NDRC.

The two sides conducted a comprehensive review and assessment of their collaboration since the 10th JCC meeting. It was jointly acknowledged that CPEC had successfully achieved significant early harvest targets and had now transitioned into a new phase of development. The consensus was to fully leverage the role of JWGs, coordinators, and focal points from both sides to address emerging challenges and promptly report to the relevant authorities. The leaders emphasized the need for expeditious execution in alignment with agreed timelines and the formulation of pertinent policies to ensure the successful implementation of the 2nd Phase, guided by the principles of joint cooperation and friendship.

Both sides also agreed to initiate the Main Line-1 project which is considered to be the backbone of the Pak-economy and remained neglected in the past. Pakistani side proposed to include a new area of “Water Resource Management and Climate Change”, particularly in the wake of recent floods that significantly impacted the country. Furthermore, both sides have agreed to explore new avenues in the Mining sector and it was decided to set up a new joint working group to explore the opportunities in the mining sector.

The government of Pakistan has made several new proposals, on which agreements are expected to be completed shortly which include the following:

- a) Post-Disaster Reconstruction
- b) Joining of Global Development Initiatives of President Xi
- c) Strengthening of Digital Investment in the Economy
- d) 1+5 arrangements for the development of Special Economic Zones
- e) Agreement between Geological Survey Institutions of the two countries

Major Activities

Detail on major milestones achieved during 2022-23 is as follows (Table 29.2)

Table 29.2: Major Milestones achieved during 2022-23

JWG	Project Name		Milestones 2022-23
Energy	720MW Hydropower	Karot	Commissioned on 29 th June 2022
	330MW Limited	Thar Energy	Commissioned on 29 th June 2022
	1320MW Thar Block-I		Commissioned on 5 th February, 2023
	330MW ThalNova		Commissioned on 17 th February 2023
Infrastructure	Main Line-1 (ML-1)		In October 2022, ECNEC approved PC-1 with an estimated cost of approximately US\$ 9.8 billion, and discussions are ongoing with the Chinese side regarding project financing.
	Khuzdar - Basima Road		Completed and inaugurated in August, 2023
	Karachi Circular Railway (KCR)		PC-1 of the project was approved by ECNEC in October 2022, and feasibility study and framework agreement have been shared with the Chinese side for financing considerations.
	KKH Phase-II (Thakot-Raikot Section)		G2G Technical Working Group has been formed, to carried-out a feasibility study for re-alignment
Gwadar	Operationalization of 150-bed, Pak-China Friendship Hospital Gwadar		On January 2, 2022, an MoU was signed between the Indus Hospital, Karachi, and the Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) to facilitate the

		operationalization of the newly constructed 150-bed Pak-China Friendship Hospital in Gwadar. Per the terms of the MoU, the Indus Hospital will manage and conduct operational activities at the GDA's 150-bed hospital in Gwadar.
	Import 100MW Electricity from Iran to Gwadar City via Polan-Gabd electricity transmission line project	The installation of a 29km-long double circuit 132 kV transmission line, stretching from Kalatu in Pakistan to the Jiwani grid station near Gabd Ramdan on the Pakistan-Iran border, was completed and energized on May 17, 2023. This development enables the import of an extra 100MW of electricity from Iran to the city of Gwadar.
Industrial Cooperation	Prioritized SEZs (Rashakai, Allama Iqbal, Bostan and Dhabeji)	• Rashakai SEZ: Phase-I spread over 247 acres has been developed. 19 industrial plots have been allotted whereas an additional 7 plots have been booked by various enterprises. • AIIC SEZ: Development work is in progress. Numerous industrial plots have been allotted. 19 units are under construction whereas few units are in operation. • Bostan SEZ: Phase-1 (200 acres) has been developed and launched for investments. A few industrial units are under construction. • Dhabeji: The Development Agreement has been signed and development activities are in progress.
	Karachi Comprehensive Coastal Development Zone	MoU has been signed and stakeholder consultations were made to finalize the Investment Framework Agreement (IFA).
S&T	Establishment of the China-Pakistan Joint Research Center on Earth Sciences in Quaid-e-Azam University,	MOU was signed between the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) and the Economic Affairs Division of Pakistan in March 2022 to provide lab equipment for the China-Pakistan Joint Research Center on

	Islamabad	Earth Sciences. The PC-1 of the project was approved by the Planning Commission in September 2022.
	MoU on the China-South Asia Technology Transfer Center between the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) and the China-South Asia Technology Transfer Center	MoU was approved by the Cabinet
Information Technology	Establishment of JWG on Information Technology under CPEC	The 1 st meeting of the JWG on Information Technology Industry was held on July 28, 2022.
	MoU on Promoting Investment Cooperation in the Digital Economy The MoU on Strengthening Investment in the Digital Economy between the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of IT & Telecommunication of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan was signed during the Prime Minister's visit to China on November 2 nd , 2022.	The parties will strengthen cooperation on building digital economic infrastructure, digitization, the internet, and satellite navigation, the internet of things, computing infrastructure like data centers and cloud computing, and smart infrastructure including artificial intelligence and 5G Networks. The MoU was approved by the Cabinet and is ready for signing.
Agri cooperation	The signing of protocols for the promotion of Agri-exports to China	Protocol of phytosanitary requirements for the export of dried chilies, fresh Cherries from Pakistan to China Protocol on quarantine and Health Requirements for Buffalo Embryos to be exported from Pakistan to China

Socio-Economic Development

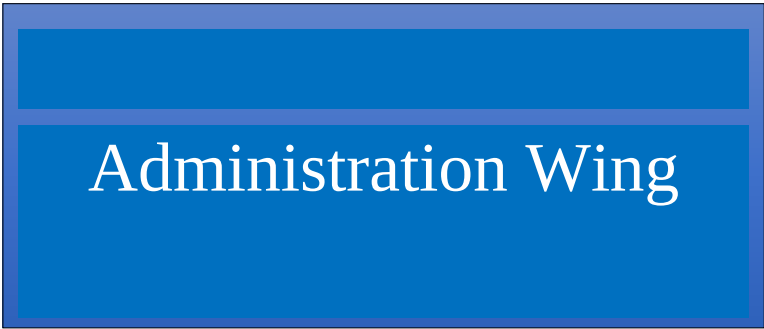
Various projects were completed and Letters of Exchange were finalized in the 2022-23. The third Batch of Projects were finalized and shared with the Chinese side. Moreover, a Special meeting of the Joint Working Group on Socio-Economic Development was held on 26th October 2022 wherein a new area “flood rehabilitation and reconstruction” was incorporated. The Chinese Government has pledged a generous grant of RMB 800 million to support the rehabilitation and reconstruction of public sector infrastructure damaged by floods.

The following five project proposals have been finalized with the Chinese side and their on-site feasibility studies were carried out by the Chinese firms:

- Construction of 6,415 Lady Health Workers (LHW) Houses
- Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of 626 completely Damaged Schools in Sindh
- Rehabilitation / Reconstruction of 35,953 houses in Balochistan
- Restoration & Rehabilitation of flood-affected water supply schemes in KPK
- Rehabilitation of flood-damaged fisheries structure in the public sector in Swat, KPK

Work in progress:

CPEC has entered into the second phase, where new areas of cooperation are being included under its auspices. Both China and Pakistan are determined not only to complete the existing projects but are also engaged in discussions to expand the CPEC's scope by introducing new initiatives in various sectors.



Administration Wing

ADMINISTRATION WING

Wing's Overview

The Administration (Admn) Wing is responsible for the general administration of the Ministry and the provision of necessary support in the following areas:

a. Protocol

- Arrangements of regular meetings in the committee rooms and auditorium of P-Block.
- Logistic arrangements of seminars/conferences/events/ within and outside the Ministry.
- Facilitation in issuance of VISA/Official Passport/Note Verbale.
- Receiving and seeing off domestic/ international delegations/dignitaries and senior management of the Ministry at Islamabad International Airport.
- Arrangement of gift items for official tours of ministers abroad and foreign delegations visiting this Ministry as per requirement.
- Facilitation in arranging air tickets and hotel/lodge reservations as per demand.

b. Transport

Maintenance, repair, and fuelling of official vehicles on the main pool of the Ministry.

- Maintenance of all relevant records of official vehicles.
- Provision of vehicles 24/7 as per demand and availability for official duties.
- Surrendering of official vehicles of defunct projects to the Cabinet Division.
- Auction of condemned official vehicles.

- Arrangement of official vehicles for visiting delegations from the Cabinet Division as and when required.

c. Security

- All security-related matters of the Ministry.
- Issuance of official identity cards and vehicle entry passes directly and through Ministry of Interior.
- Issuance of airport security passes through the Aviation Division.
- Arrangement of Police/Rangers escorts and Traffic Pilots for motorcades of visiting foreign delegations.
- Liaison/coordination with ICT Police, Special Branch, Prime Minister's Office, and President House during special events/visits.
- Coordination for Civil Defense training, war books, fire drills etc. with concerned entities.

d. General Administration

- Procurement, supply and repair of furniture/fixtures/appliances etc.
- Procurement of electric items/repair of electric items/gas appliances.
- Procurement of durable items/repair of durable items.
- Procurement and issuance of stationery.
- Maintenance of photocopiers/fax machines.
- Looking after utilities and billing i.e. telephone, electricity.
- Auction of dead stock of all items.
- Supervision and coordination with CDA for janitorial/environmental / repair/maintenance services of the building.
- Allocation of office accommodations.

e. Record Room

- Keeping a record of weeded files of prescribed categories as per the laid down procedure.
- Issuance and retrieval of old recorded files/papers upon requisition as and when required by any section of the Ministry.
- Preservation of records in computer through scanning.
- Maintenance of Stock register i.e. purchase register/repair and dead stock register.

f. Printing and Publications

- Printing of official documents i.e. Annual Plan, PSDP, Progress Reports and Summaries regularly every year and Five-Year Plans/Reports/Brochures as per requirement through Printing Corporation of Pakistan (PCP).
- Printing of visiting cards of officers.

g. Inter and Intra Ministerial Coordination

- Coordination for administrative matters within the Ministry among Wings/Sections and Attached Departments/Subordinate Offices/Companies and with other Ministries/Divisions etc.
- Collection, consolidation and correction of data for preparation of replies in connection with information sought from other Ministries/Divisions.
- Coordination of Parliamentary business pertaining to the Ministry including Standing Committees and Public Accounts Committee.

h. Hiring of Residential Accommodation

Hiring of private residential accommodation on behalf of officers/officials of the Ministry.

i. Financial Management

- Dealing with Budget and account matters of the Ministry.

- Effective liaison with Finance Division for new budget proposal (IBCs/approval of NISs/BOs/finalization of voted budget).
- Dealing with scrutiny of all types of supplementary grants and appropriations. An overview of budget 2022-23 is given in Table 30.1.

Table 30.1: Budget 2022-23: An Overview

Budget Allocation for 2022-23		Budget Expenditure for 2022-23	
Employee Related Expenses (ERE)	996.753	Employee Related Expenses (ERE)	994.750
Non-ERE	323.852	Non-ERE	318.679

- Review of the current budget of the Ministry through monthly reconciliation statements.
- Effective internal control as per existing rules/policy.
- Successful closing of the previous year's budget (without lapse).
- Tendering advice/vetting in budget/finance-related fields, if called upon.

Pension Section

Disbursement of retirement benefits to retired personnel of the Ministry.

Major Activities

Renovation of Day-care Centre at the Ministry of PD&SI

The Wing played a vital role in the revamp of Day-care Centre at the Ministry with updated facilities for children. It provided the necessary insight as well as the administrative support required for the successful accomplishment of the project as envisioned by the worthy Minister, PD&SI

and in line with the policy of making the Ministry a more gender-inclusive work place.

Retirement Benefits Disbursed.

Table 30.2: Retirement benefits disbursed during 2022-23

Indicator	No. of cases during 2022-23
Normal Pension/Commutation	40
During Service Death/Family Pension	03
After Retirement Death/Family Pension	23
Assistance Package/Lump Sum Grant	04
Assistance Package/Plot	04
Assistance Package/Education	02
Assistance Package/Marriage Grant	01
GP Fund Final Payment	35
Benevolent Fund/Family Pension	10
Farewell Grant	45
Gratuity	03
Total	170

Cases related to Protocol/Transport processed

Information regarding cases related to Protocol/Transport processed by Admn Wing are given in Table 30.3.

Table 30.3: An Overview: Protocol/Transport cases for 2022-23

Indicator	No. of Cases received/processed during 2022-23
Reservation of auditorium/committee rooms and other necessary arrangements for meetings	2385
Payment of POL bills	180
Repair/maintenance of official vehicles	455
Processing of official passport/note verbale	15
Provision of transport	1730
Payment of token tax/E-Tag	08

Cases of Hiring processed by Admn Wing

Overall 570 cases of hiring of private residential accommodation on behalf of officers/officials of this Ministry were disposed-off during 2022-23.

Employee of the Month Scheme

Under the visionary guidance of the Minister, PD&SI, Admn Wing acted as a coordinating point for the “Employee of the Month Scheme” for the officials and officers of the Ministry during 2022-23. This acted as an added incentive for employees to perform well leading to enhanced efficiency of the workplace. The scope of the Admn Wing involved coordinating the meetings of the Award Committee and conducting the Award ceremonies for distribution of Employee of the Month certificates.

DEVELOPMENT WING

Wing's Overview

The responsibilities and various tasks assigned to the Development Wing of the Ministry of PD&SI are distributed amongst 02 Sections of the Wing i.e. Development-I & Development-II. Development-I Section deals with the administrative matters relating to PSDP projects of Ministry of PD&SI whereas the Development-II Section deals with financial matters relating to PSDP projects of the Ministry. The detail is given in Table 31.1.

Table 31.1: PSDP projects of the Ministry of PD&SI

(Rs. Million)

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost as per PSDP 2022-23	
		Rupee	Foreign Aid
1	Cadastral Mapping	500.000	-
2	Capacity Building & Institutional Strengthening of M/o Planning, Development & Special Initiatives	500.000	-
3	Centre of Excellence for China - Pakistan Economic Corridor (CoE CPEC)	275.000	-
4	China – Pakistan Economic Corridor Support Project (3 rd Revised)	250.000	-
5	Competitive Grants Program for Policy Oriented Research	214.944	-
6	Development Communication Project	332.600	-
7	Integrated Energy Planning	100.000	-
8	National Initiatives for SDGs/ Nutrition	500.000	-
9	Reform and Innovation in Government for High Performance	100.000	-
10	Strengthening of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System (CRVS)	100.000	-
11	Strengthening of Ministry of PDR in IT	150.000	-

12	Strengthening of Ministry of PDR in Monitoring and Evaluation of PSDP Projects	225.000	-
13	Updation Rural Area Frame of Census/ Surveys, PBS, Islamabad	155.000	-
14	Feasibility and Construction of Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Campus at H-11/2, Islamabad	1,500.000	-
15	Feasibility & Construction of Plan House in Administrative Sector, F-5/2, Islamabad	1,000.000	-
16	Policy, Investment & Statistics Support Project (PISSP)	-	200.000
17	Social Sector Accelerator (SSA) for Health, Nutrition, Education, Youth, & Gender (HNEYG) National Priority Initiatives	200.000	-
18	Judicial Reform Project (IHC)	100.000	-
19	Innovation Support Project	9,000.000	-
20	Special Development Initiatives for Backward / Poor Districts in the Country (50:50)	20,000.000	-
Total		35,202.544	200.000

Major Activities

The following activities and achievements have been made in respect of the Development Wing during 2022-23:

Development-I Section

- i. Appointment of Project Directors and Accounts Officers / DDO on a regular basis/deputation basis/ additional charge basis/ look after basis were processed.
- ii. Administrative approvals of Ministry's Development projects and Revised PC-Is.
- iii. Personal cases of employees of development projects of the Ministry
- iv. Recruitment of Project Staff for PPS-I to PPS-12
- v. Litigation matters pertaining to PSDP projects.

Development-II Section

- i. Appropriation of Funds (NIS).
- ii. Quarterly Releases.
- iii. Re-appropriation of Funds.
- iv. Surrenders / Savings of Funds.
- v. Audit Matters.
- vi. Review of Projects (Quarterly & Annual).
- vii. Other Financial matters of the projects including procurement, payment of bills of different activities, TA/DA etc.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES WING

Wing's Overview

The Special Initiatives (SI) Wing of the Ministry of PD&SI has 03 Sections i.e. SI-I, SI-II and PBS. SI-I Section acts as a Rehabilitation Reconstruction Unit for flood-related activities, SI-II Section coordinates administrative and financial matters of the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) and Sindh Infrastructure Development Company Limited (SIDCL) and PBS exclusively look after Bureau's matters.

Major Activities

The 2022-23 has been the busiest year for the Wing in terms of meeting urgent timelines with regard to the following KPI's:

- i. Daily meetings of National Flood Response Coordination Center (NFRCC)
- ii. Flash Appeal for Flood Victims
- iii. Post Disaster Need Assessment on floods
- iv. Resilient Recovery Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Framework (4RF)
- v. SDG's achievement programme.
- vi. Preparation for the Climate Resilient Conference (Donors Conference held in January 2023)
- vii. Notification of Committees under 4RF and holding of subsequent meetings
- viii. Matters pertaining to SIDCL, NDRMF and PBS

National Flood Response Coordination Centre (NFRCC)

NFRCC was immediately established by the Prime Minister to flinch immediate rescue and relief to the population affected by the floods mostly in Balochistan and Sindh. The NFRCC held meetings on daily basis to apprise the real-time information to the Prime Minister. The Centre held more than 45 meetings and provided the following support:

- i. Over 20,000 army troops were deployed in relief operations, with helicopters and C1-30 aircraft sorties. Hundreds of motorboats were mobilized to undertake search and rescue operations in affected areas throughout the country and to distribute relief supplies to displaced population.
- ii. Disrupted communication infrastructure of roads in all provinces was quickly restored by using plant/machinery effort and temporary structures.
- iii. Rs. 68 billion were distributed as cash grants to 2.7 million households through BISP.
- iv. The distribution of nearly 6 lac tents, 4 lac tarpaulins, 3.5 million mosquito nets and nearly 18 lac food packs were carried out. This effort was carried out through NDMA, PDMA's, Foreign Assistance, Humanitarian Organization Assistance and Armed Forces.
- v. A comprehensive Health Plan was prepared and Medical camps were established.
- vi. A series of meetings were held with the Ministry of NFSR&C to ensure availability of sufficient wheat and seeds in the country.

Flash Appeal for Flood Victims

- i. UN Secretary-General noted that he had never seen climate carnage on this scale, and urged massive and urgent financial support for Pakistan.
- ii. An initial US \$160 million flash appeal was made to address immediate needs based on initial estimates. However, the results of subsequent needs assessments led to up-scaling of the Flash Appeal to US\$ 816 million, which revealed that much more was needed to save those struggling to survive the aftermath of the floods.
- iii. The focus of the appeal was to provide urgent and lifesaving humanitarian assistance and protection to 33 million people, with an emphasis on the 34 most affected districts in Balochistan, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab.

Post Disaster Need Assessment (PDNA) on floods

SI Wing led the PDNA exercise with the challenging timelines as given below achieving the milestone on 28th October 2022:



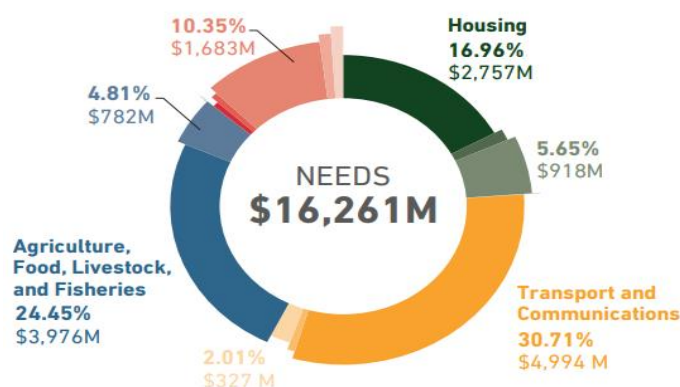
In response to the 2022 floods, Pakistan with technical assistance from various development partners / bilateral organizations such as; World Bank, ADB, EU, and the United Nations (with UNDP as the technical lead), undertook a PDNA to assess the impact of the floods. The SI Wing led the PDNA which is the basic document to assess the extent of damages and need requirements. This document was launched on 28th October with the permission of the Prime Minister.

Resilient Recovery Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Framework (4RF) (November-December)

The Wing embarked upon another challenging assignment and successfully achieved the KPIs and milestone on 2nd January 2023 as follows:



Need Requirements as per 4RF:



The 4RF is the strategic response to the devastating 2022 floods that serves as a comprehensive policy and prioritization document that will guide the country's recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction efforts. The 4RFs is a living policy document that provided significant support in planning the implementation and setting priority areas to achieve Strategic Recovery Objectives (SROs) that adopt an outcome-based approach and organize the recovery needs.

Institutional Arrangements

The 4RF policy document visualizes the SI Wing of the Ministry of PD&SI in an overarching role that leads in planning, coordination, and resource mobilization through advocacy, communications, and knowledge creation. Further, it places a strong emphasis on utilizing existing government institutions as the "first choice" when planning a rescue and relief response and implementation arrangements for reconstruction in a post-disaster environment. At the Federal level, the following arrangement is in place:

Policy & Strategy Committee / Oversight Board (PSC/OB)

The PSC/OB has been clubbed together to provide the highest level of policy and strategic guidance to the federal and province/special regions. The PSC/OB chaired by the Minister for PD&SI ensure the equitable allocation of reconstruction resources among the provinces and the regions and resolves inter-provincial issues related to reconstruction policy and implementation.

Federal Steering Committee

Federal Steering Committee headed by the Secretary, Ministry of PD&SI notified by SI Wing in January 2023 with representation from all the affected provinces/special regions (at the Chief Secretary of P&D-level) and relevant federal ministries (at the Secretary-level). The FSC mandate is to review the progress made in the 4RF resolve issues faced by the provinces in mobilizing funding and facilitate in mobilizing additional external resources, if needed. The FSC have held two meetings so far.

Rehabilitation Reconstruction Unit (RRU)

The RRU in the Ministry of PD&SI coordinates national policies, planning, on- and off-budget financing, and implementation and monitoring of the recovery programme. The RRU is the first point of contact for all the external on- and off-budget partners and act as the Secretariat for the Government-Donor Coordination Group. The RRU monitor overall reconstruction implementation (on- and off-budget) and provide regular progress overview reports to PSC/OB, reconstruction partners and the public. So far, RRU has held four meetings and the major initiatives taken are as under:

- i. Inventory of more than 80 project proposals have been obtained from the Provinces.
- ii. Exclusive Dash Board for 4 RF projects have been constructed
- iii. M&E system strengthening concept note has been prepared with the assistance of UNDP.
- iv. Coordinated with EAD and development partners on realization of Geneva pledges.
- v. Coordinated with all provinces to establish their respective RRUs.

Preparation for the Climate Resilient Conference (Donors Conference)

SI Wing organized several Donors pre-conference meetings with the diplomatic community and multilateral donors in order to pave way for the success of the Conference which was held on 9th January 2023. SI Wing in collaboration with UNDP and Ministry of Information prepared booklets and

flyers for the participants of the conference. The conference was successfully held with pledges amounting to US \$ 10.9 billion.

Sindh Infrastructure Company Limited (SIDCL)

SIDCL was established under the Companies Act, 2017. It is based in Karachi to carry on the Business of Infrastructure Development, Expansion and Improvement, in line with Government Policy for Planning, Designing, Implementing, Constructing and Executing Infrastructure Development Projects in Karachi and Adjoining Areas. SIDCL has completed 7 infrastructure projects out of 10 worth Rs. 47.2 billion. Currently, 3 projects amounting to Rs. 38.7 billion are ongoing. Major achievement of SIDCL during 2022-23 are as follows:

- i. In 2022-23, SIDCL successfully commenced the operations of First BRT Line i.e. Green Line with 80 state of the art articulated buses and modern Intelligent Transport System (automated ticketing and vehicle location system, CCTV cameras).
- ii. In September 2022, SIDCL also commenced second BRT line i.e. Orange line bus service, with a total length of 3.9 kilometers, with same ITS functionalities as of Green line BRT system.
- iii. Successfully launched mobile app in Feb 2023, which provides online tracking for Green and Orange line (first mobile app by Government in the sector of Transport in Sindh).

National Disaster and Risk Management Fund (NDRMF)

- i. NDRMF was established under Section 42 of Companies Ordinance, 1984 which aims to provide grants for subprojects that will enhance Pakistan's resilience to climate and other natural hazards, and strengthen the government's ability to make a disaster-resilient country, including pandemics, epidemics & health emergencies. The total portfolio of NDRMF is \$551.2 million. NDRMF has completed 16 projects out of 30 and number of ongoing projects is 14.
- ii. NDRMF engaged in reconstruction and rehabilitation (R&R) projects from Sindh and Balochistan provinces with an estimated amount of Rs.5.1 billion during the reporting quarter. In addition, projects were also received from Aga Khan Foundation, Islamic Relief Pakistan, Muslim Aid Pakistan and KnK International.

- iii. In floods of 2022, there was an urgent requirement from the Government of Pakistan to re-purpose funds on an immediate basis. Keeping in view the directions, NDRMFs Board of Directors (BoD) approved the re-allocation of US\$ 150 Million (PKR 35.37 Billion) from Components 1 & 2 to Component 3 of Pakistan Hydromet and Climate Services Project (PHSCP) to compensate for the flood damages. In order to meet the funding requirement, NDRMF signed a Grant Implementation Agreement (GIA) with BISP for disbursement of cash grants through an existing biometric based payment mechanism via partner banks. The project stands completed whereby providing cash assistance to more than 1.42 million affected households in the declared affected areas.

Attached Departments

- i. Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
- ii. Pakistan Planning and Management Institute
- iii. National Logistics Cell
- iv. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
- v. Public Private Partnership Authority

PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

Institute's Overview

The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) is devoted to advancing theoretical and empirical research in the field of Development Economics, with a specific focus on economic issues relevant to Pakistan. In addition to its core mission of providing a robust academic foundation for effective economic policymaking, PIDE's research efforts offer a unique lens through which the global community can gain insights into the state and trajectory of economic research in Pakistan. Recognizing the increasing intersection of economic policy and development with other social sciences like demography and anthropology, PIDE acknowledges the broader spectrum of research required to underpin sound economic policy and development initiatives. With a history spanning 62 years, PIDE has earned international acclaim and recognition for its research endeavors, boasting a distinguished faculty and an advisory committee featuring esteemed economists, including Nobel Laureate Robert A. Mundell. As an institution granting degrees, PIDE's topmost priority is to deliver affordable, world-class education in the region, fostering a truly stimulating learning environment that promotes academic excellence and innovation.

Major Activities

Academic Programmes

PIDE offers a range of degree programmes including a PhD in Economics and Econometrics, as well as M.Phil. Economics, Econometrics, Development Studies, Environmental Economics, Business Economics, Public Policy and MS Management Sciences. 132 students enrolled during the year and 168 graduated.

PIDE Research activities

PIDE's primary research output during 2022-23 encompasses Research Reports, Working Papers, Knowledge Briefs, Policy viewpoints, Policy and Research (P&R) Magazine, and the Pakistan Development Review (PDR) while the other activities include seminars, webinars, book launches and Conferences. The details are given in Table 33.1 and Table 33.2 respectively:

Table 33.1: PIDE activities during 2022-23

S. No.	Nature of Research Output	Quantity
1.	Research Reports	11
2.	Seminars /Webinars	73
3.	Events	29
4.	Blogs	01
5.	Working Papers	15
6.	Book	08
7.	Knowledge Briefs	27
8.	Infographics	01
9.	Policy and Research (P&R) Magazine	136
10.	Webinar Briefs	24
11.	Policy View Points	01
12.	The Pakistan Development Review (PDR)	70
13.	Monograph Series	03
14.	Sludge Series	01
15.	Conferences/Convocation/Events	29

Table 33.2: Links to PIDE's Key Research Products

S No.	Reports/Events	Website address
1.	Research Reports	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/research-report/
2.	Seminars /Webinars	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/webinar/
3.	Blogs	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/blog/
4.	Working Papers	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/working-paper/
5.	Books	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/books/
6.	Knowledge Briefs	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/knowledge-brief/
7.	Infographics	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/infographics/
8.	Policy and Research (P&R) Magazine	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/policy-and-research/
9.	Webinar Briefs	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/webinars-brief/
10.	Policy View Points	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/policy-viewpoint/
11.	The Pakistan Development Review (PDR)	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/pdr/
12.	Monograph Series	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/monograph-series/
13.	Sludge Series	https://pide.org.pk/research-category/sludge-series/
14.	Conferences/Convocation/Events	https://pide.org.pk/research-sub-category/events/

PAKISTAN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Institute's Overview:

Pakistan Planning & Management Institute (PPMI) core objectives encompassed raising awareness among government officials and planners about the complexities of economic and social planning at various administrative levels, spanning from the national to the district level. Additionally, the Institute aimed to enhance expertise in project planning and management across all stages, from identification and formulation to appraisal, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. PPMI sought to identify training needs in management techniques, especially in the context of project management, and improve the competence of project managers through specialized courses in general management, financial management, and project management. To meet the growing demand for in-service training among government and semi-government agencies, the Institute played a crucial role in ensuring the continuous professional development of project planners and managers. Furthermore, the Institute provided training in macro-level economic and social planning to planning staff and delivered post-entry training to recruits in the Economists Group and Technical Sections of the Planning Commission. Complementing these efforts, the Institute was responsible for developing comprehensive course materials, guidelines, and manuals.

Major Activities

PPMI organized 42 training courses during 2022-23 out of which 32 regular and 10 were customized. The details of training courses conducted during 2022-23, the distribution of Course participants at PPMI by Province/Area (five-year comparison) and comparison of ten-year training courses organized are given in Table 34.1, Figure-34.1 and Figure-34.2 respectively:

Table 34.1: Training courses conducted during 2022-23

S #	Name of the Course	Dates	No. of Participants
1	Human Resource Management in Public Sector	18-20 Jul, 2022	65
2	Project Cycle Management (Module-II) Batch-II for the officers of P&D KP, Govt. of KP (Customised)	18-22 Jul, 2022	15
3	Tendering and Contract Management	26-29 Jul, 2022	65
4	Public Procurement Policies and Rules	1-4 Aug, 2022	75
5	Project Cycle Management (Module-II) Batch-III for the officers of P&D KP, Govt. of KP (Customised)	1-5 Aug, 2022	19
6	Monitoring and Evaluation Techniques	10-12 Aug, 2022	65
7	Project Appraisal and Risk Management	29-31 Aug, 2022	63
8	Governance	1-2 Sep, 2022	58
9	34 th Domain Specific MCMC (Customised)	5-30 Sep, 2022	19
10	Project Life Cycle Management	12-16 Sep, 2022	71
11	Primavera (Customised)	21-23 Sep, 2022	75
12	SCRUM & AGILE Project Management	28-30 Sep, 2022	56
13	Macro-Economic Planning in context of Pakistan	3-5 Oct, 2022	22
14	Projects on Result Based Management	12-14 Oct, 2022	35
15	PRIMAVERA (Project Management Software)	19-21 Oct, 2022	27
16	Project Life Cycle Management	24-28 Oct, 2022	65
17	Public Procurement Policies and Rules	1-4 Nov, 2022	72
18	Orientation Plan for Young Development Fellows (YDFs)	3-4 Nov, 2022	32

19	PC-I Preparation	7-9 Nov, 2022	74
20	Project Contract and Procurement Management	15-18 Nov, 2022	64
21	Time Management	28-30 Nov, 2022	78
22	PRIMAVERA (Project Management Software)	7-9 Dec, 2022	26
23	Manual for Development Project	12-16 Dec, 2022	66
24	35 th Domain Specific MCMC (Customised)	Dec 26, 2022 to Jan 20, 2023	27
25	Highway Development and Management Model (HDM-4)	9-10 Jan, 2023	18
26	Microsoft Project	17-19 Jan, 2023	55
27	Public Financial Management System	23-25 Jan, 2023	54
28	Appraisal and Risk Management	7-9 Feb, 2023	46
29	Balance Scorecard in Public Sector (Customised)	13 Feb, 2023	7
30	Monitoring and Evaluation Techniques	15-17 Feb, 2023	71
31	Project Contract and Procurement Management	21-24 Feb, 2023	75
32	Development of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	1-3 Mar, 2023	51
33	Balance Scorecard in Public Sector (Customised)	2 Mar, 2023	6
34	PC-I Preparation	7-10 Mar, 2023	66
35	Manual for Development Project	13-17 Mar, 2023	62
36	36 th Domain Specific MCMC (Customised)	April 17 to May 12, 2023	24
37	Leadership in Public Sector	2-4 May, 2023	73
38	Project Life Cycle Management	22-26 May, 2023	64

39	Significance of Leadership for Good Governance in the Public Sector (Customised)	May 29 to June 1 st 2023	65
40	Projects on Result Based Management	6-8 Jun, 2023	46
41	Gender Mainstreaming	15-16 Jun, 2023	48
42	New Project Management Tools SCRUM/AGILE	19-23 Jun, 2023	64
Total			2129

Figure 34.1: Distribution of Course Participants at PPMI by Province/ Area (Five Year Comparison)

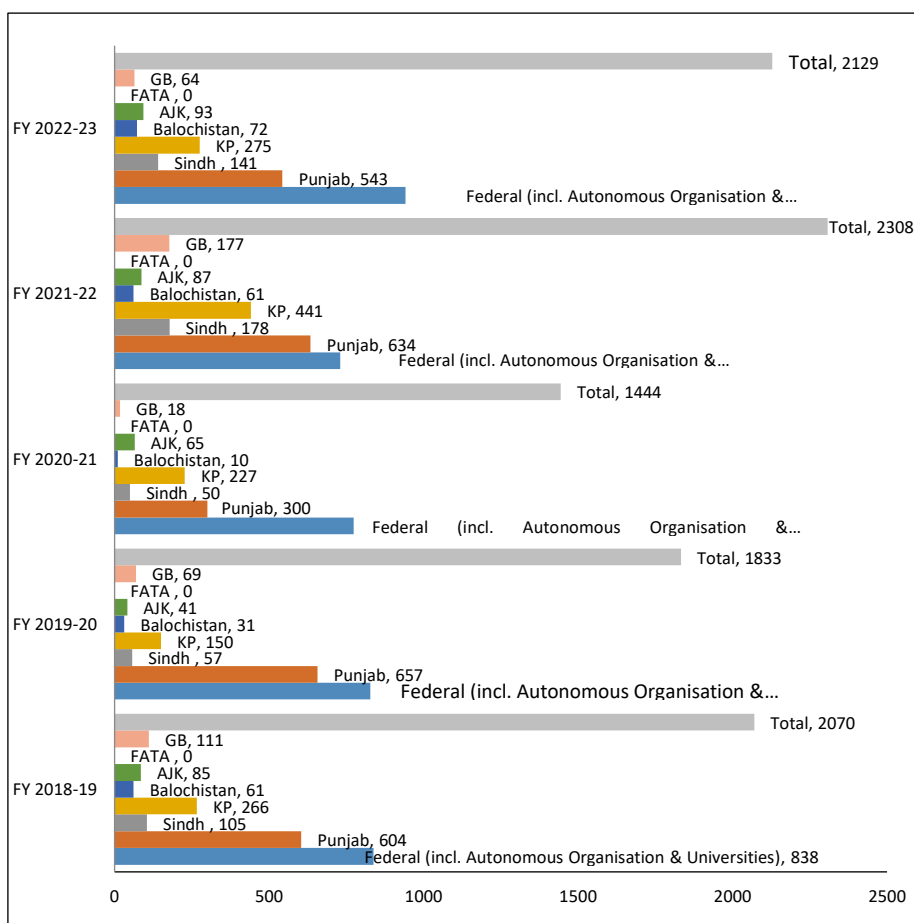
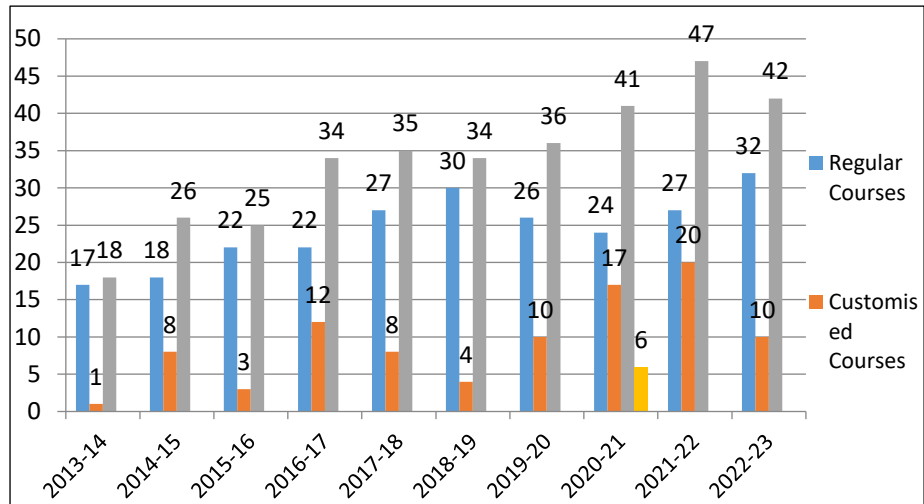


Figure 34.2: Comparison of Ten-Year Training Courses organized

PROJECTS' WING

Wing's overview:

PSDP is the main instrument or driving force for developing infrastructure, connectivity and ensuring social sector development. The PSDP is aligned with the objectives of development plan and government priorities to develop less developed regions and target pro-poor growth by providing employment and leveraging opportunities in rural and urban areas.

The Wing is responsible for Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) of the PSDP project across the country as indicated under Schedule-II of Rules of Business 1973. The main objective of M&E is to keep the projects on track, mitigate risks of time and cost overrun, provide support to the executing agencies in the resolution of issues/bottlenecks of the project and to ensure that the benefits of the project should be timely available to the society/ economy. The monitoring of PSDP projects is carried out on the basis of the trio of cost, scope and time analysis.

Major Activities

Strengthening of Ministry of PD&SI in M&E of PSDP financed projects

A project titled “Strengthening of Ministry of PD&SI in M&E of PSDP financed projects” has been launched which not only provides support to the Ministry to monitor the progress of the development projects but also provides a yardstick to measure whether the total PSDP financed projects are on track as per their approved time schedule, budget line and scope. In this regard, for Balochistan, a dedicated team was hired under the said project for M&E of projects being executed in Balochistan under PSDP or through the Balochistan special package.

M&E analytical dashboard

The Projects Wing has developed an in-house Analytic Dashboard using state-of-the-art technology to facilitate data-driven decision-making for project monitoring. This powerful tool provides real-time and visualized insights of overall PSDP progress, project's progress their releases, and actual

expenditure etc. In the past, various efforts were made to develop a dashboard, but the Wing has developed the dashboard free of cost by integrating data from the AGPR (Accountant General Pakistan Revenues) App & PMES (Project Monitoring & Evaluation System), enhancing transparency and accuracy in financial reporting. The visually appealing and accessible format empowers decision-makers to make informed and timely choices, thereby improving project outcomes and resource allocation.

Monitoring of Projects:

The Planning Commission maintains an oversight on the implementation of major development projects being implemented by the sponsoring Ministries/Divisions/ Provincial Governments under PSDP. During 2022-23, the Projects Wing monitored 180 projects. Based on the Results Based Management (RBM) parameters, feedback and recommendations of the monitoring reports were shared with the executing agencies to remove the bottlenecks and improve the project implementation of their development projects.

Evaluation of completed PSDP financed projects:

Projects Wing undertakes evaluation of the development projects. It includes the systematic and objective assessment of an ongoing or completed project, its design, implementation and results. The aim is to determine the development efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability against RBM matrix planned in PC-Is. A total 25 projects were evaluated during 2022-23. The recommendations made in the evaluation reports were beneficial to the stakeholders, as they provided guidelines and a concrete roadmap for improvement in policy and plan formulation, implementation, operation of maintenance and future development direction.

Management Information System (MIS):

Projects Wing manages web-based PMES. This encompassing system manages various aspects such as project profiles, work plans, cash plans for specific projects, progress data tracking, reporting, security protocols, online data availability, and user management. The PMES database houses an extensive repository of information pertaining to PSDP M&Eas well as other

essential data including project's current statuses, project details and Project Directors appointments, project monitoring activities, issues and observations on specific projects, cost and time overruns.

Mobile App

Recently launched M&E Mobile App enables on-site project monitoring and is integrated with the PMES system for synchronizing financial and physical progress reported by the Project Director. During monitoring, the M&E team updates the Financial and Physical reports, along with the reasons for project delays, supplemented by Geo-Tagged pictures taken at the location. The App allows real-time uploading of monitoring reports and Geo-Tagged pictures.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WING

Wing's Overview

Information Technology (IT) is indispensable in digitally-driven world, serving as the linchpin of communication, efficiency, and innovation across organizations. The IT Wing of the Ministry provides IT services and equipment and these services include E-Office implementation, provision of computer hardware/ software, internet, Local Area Network support, in-house troubleshooting of computer hardware, arranging online meetings through Zoom/Skype, preparation and designing of presentations/ documents; internet/ email issues, software development; development and maintenance of the website of the Ministry of PD&SI and provision of IT training to the officers and staff of the Ministry.

Major Activities

The following major activities were carried out by IT Wing during 2022-23:

- i. Provided computer hardware and IT. requirements, computer stationery consumable needs including toners of laser printers, computer paper, data traveller and other IT requirements.
- ii. Provided operations and maintenance support services of SMD Video Wall and audio-visual Conference equipment installed at three conference rooms and P-Block Auditorium in official meetings including online meetings.
- iii. Ensured uninterrupted internet facility to users of the Ministry through 07 CIR internet connections of varied bandwidths from National Telecom Corporation (NTC). Coordinated and liaise with NTC for smooth operations.
- iv. Ensured uninterrupted email services to all Sections/ Offices of the Ministry.
- v. Provided support services (software and hardware) to automate workflow of the Ministry from physical file movement to e-Office implementation in coordination with NITB team.

- vi. Attended user complaints related to e-Office application and handholding of officers and staff of the Ministry.
- vii. Implementation of Summary Tracking System, Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) and Litigation Tracking System in the Ministry.
- viii. Attended user complaints related to computer hardware at different locations approximately 350+ PCs, 150+ printers, 75 scanners and maintenance of multimedia projectors, audio-visual conference systems and other devices.
- ix. Composing, designing and formatting of Annual Plan 2023-24, Year Book 2021-22, presentations for National Assembly and Senate Standing Committees, ECNEC, NEC and other high official forums.
- x. Provided I.T. support in all official meetings at P-Block Auditorium and three Committee/Conference Rooms of Ministry of PD&SI.
- xi. IT support in conducting CDWP, ECNEC, APCC, National Assembly and Senate Standing Committees and meetings of Federal Minister and Secretary on a daily basis.

Work in progress

The Wing ensures the provision of computer hardware/software/ IT equipment, uninterrupted IT services 24/7 and Implementation of E-Office.

NATIONAL LOGISTICS CORPORATION

Corporation's Overview

National Logistics Cell (NLC) has been reconstituted as National Logistics Corporation (NLC) on 8th August 2023 through an Act of Parliament. It is a government-owned premier logistics organization that acts as a crisis management arm of the government. NLC works under the overall umbrella of the National Logistics Board (NLB) headed by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The Quartermaster General (QMG) of the Pakistan Army acts as the Officer In-charge of the organization while the Director General, NLC serves as the Chief Executive Officer. NLC operates as a self-sustaining public sector entity and plays a significant role in shaping various aspects of Pakistan's logistics landscape including; promotion of regional trade under Transports Internationaux Routiers (TIR) convention, management of border terminals, provision of comprehensive logistics services, execution of critical infrastructure projects, facilitation of technical training and skill development for the youth, as well as collection of toll taxes, among other essential functions.

Major Activities

Despite numerous challenges during 2022-23, NLC has not only achieved significant business growth but also delivered invaluable services to the Government. Notably, NLC ensured a seamless supply of essential commodities, including wheat, from ports to hinterland, thereby playing a pivotal role in sustaining nation's vital supply chains. Furthermore, NLC made substantial contributions to the Government's strategic objectives, especially in improving land-based connectivity with regional countries, with a specific focus on the Central Asian Republics (CARs). Following is a brief overview of the performance of NLC in the preceding fiscal year:

1. Regional Connectivity

NLC stands as a trailblazer in shaping regional connectivity and transferring trade dynamics. It consistently contributes to enhancing economic activities by optimizing the cost and time-efficient movement of goods from their origins to

their designated destinations. During 2022-23, NLC marked several noteworthy milestones, including:

- i. Pilot Route Operations (Uzbekistan - Kazakhstan through Afghanistan). Building on the success of TIR operations to Turkiye and to further expand regional trade by using different and shorter routes to CARs, NLC has opened land routes to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan through Afghanistan. Eight NLC TIR trucks made a round trip to Uzbekistan & and Kazakhstan (through Afghanistan) in the last quarter of 2022-23.
- ii. Pilot Route Operation (Pakistan – China): NLC successfully executed the inaugural transportation between Pakistan and China along the CPEC route, employing three trucks. Responding to the needs of Pakistan’s business community, NLC has now started regular transportation operations to China.
- iii. TIR Operation Planning (Pakistan–Kabul): NLC has finalized its first-ever TIR Operation from Kashgar to Kabul transiting through Pakistan.. All modalities have been finalized for this operation. This route shows substantial reduction in logistic cost and will boost transit trade along the China – Pakistan – Afghanistan corridor.
- iv. TIR Operation Planning (Pakistan – China): NLC finalized its first ever operation from Kasghar to Pakistan under TIR mandate in collaboration with CEVA logistics. This move represents a pivotal advancement not only by activating CPEC route but transit trade connectivity to Middle East slashing the travel time to 70 percent.
- v. Turkiye Earthquake Relief Operation To provide relief to the earthquake victims of Turkiye, NLC dispatched a convoy of 21 trucks to the disaster-hit areas of the brotherly country in February 2023. These trucks carried 275 tons of relief assistance goods donated by the Government of Pakistan. The relief goods included winterized tents, blankets and other essential supplies. The trucks reached the Turkish city of Malaty via Iran. This was the first-ever land route relief operation to any regional country.
- vi. Multimodal Readiness by NLC: To better serve the needs of our international clientele, NLC has expanded its TIR operations to CARs, employing a multimodal approach that encompasses both sea and road transportation. NLC has engaged key stakeholders and established a multimodal TIR system, seamlessly integrated with a cross-docking solution. NLC anticipates a consistent monthly throughput of over 100

containers at Karachi Port, intended for onward transportation to CARs via TIR cross-dock module.

2. Operationalization of Gwadar Port

Besides transportation of essential commodities across Pakistan, NLC handled transportation of 545,000 MT of imported wheat that arrived in different vessels at Gwadar Port. The initiative was a major step towards operationalization of Gwadar Port. The wheat was transported through 10,000 trucks. A maximum number of trucks belonging to the locals were involved in the transportation.

3. Logistics Park

In view of its importance in modern-day logistics and trade, NLC is in the process of establishing a state-of-the-art logistics park on Karachi Northern Bypass. Spread over an area of 40 acres, the logistics park will be equipped with the latest facilities including multipurpose warehouses, container yards, LNG terminals, utilities, commercial petrol pumps and office accommodations. The logistics park will connect businesses with National Highways, ports and airports and will prove to be a major catalyst in ensuring ease of doing business.

4. NLC Marine & Air Services (MAS)

MAS is the resilient outfit of NLC which is fully capable of providing end-to-end logistics solutions as per business requirements under the overall umbrella of NLC Logistics Services. MAS handles all types & sizes of cargo movements within Pakistan and to any international destinations by Sea & Air. The services offered by MAS include Sea Freight & Associated Services, Air Freight & Associated Services, Multimodal Services (Outbound & Inbound) through its international agent's network, Air & Sea Chartering (Full & Part), Custom Clearance & associated Services, Cargo Handling & Haulage, Stevedoring.

5. Dry Ports

State-of-the-art infrastructure has been made available to facilitate speedy handling of inbound and outbound cargo. Cargo inspection scanners have been

installed to expedite custom clearances. The DPs managed by NLC are located at Sost (near Khunjerab on KKH), Thokar Niaz Baig (Lahore), Quetta and Hyderabad.

6. NLC Express Freight Train (NEFT)

NLC purchased 10 refurbished GMU-30 Locomotives from the Korean Rail (KORAIL) that are now being used by Pakistan Railways under Wet Lease Contract Agreement for twelve years. NEFT has initiated a comprehensive program to build indigenous capacity in coordination with Pakistan Railways and has trained 50 assistant locomotive drivers at PR Walton Academy Lahore. The trained human resource has resulted in running of operations of NLC locomotives at full capacity. The locomotives have completed 3603 trips and traveled more than 7,000,000 Km on PR network. NEFT has contributed over Rs.11 billion in revenue for Railways in last 7 years.

7. NLC Polymers

NLC Polymer has diversified its services at competitive rates to Government Organizations (i.e. Pakistan Railways, Heavy Industries Taxila, Pakistan Army and Sindh Police Department etc.) and Private sector (Sigma Motors, Power Motorcycles, Nawab Tyres Corporation, Z&H Enterprises and Waste Management Companies etc). During 2022-23, around 4000 track vehicles were re-rubberized besides registering marked growth in sales of other products.

8. NLC Engineers

NLC Engineers has achieved great all-around success in execution of mega projects thus becoming a major contributor in nation building efforts. NLC Engineers have completed scores of projects including construction of roads, flyovers/ underpasses, educational institutes, hospitals, bridges, sports facilities, border terminals, rehabilitation works in disaster-hit areas and projects in remote and inaccessible areas of Pakistan. Following are some of the mega projects completed by NLC Engineers during 2022-23 (Table 37.1):

Table 37.1: Mega Projects completed by NLC Engineers

Sr No	Project	Start Date	Completion Date
1.	Hayatabad Sport Complex, Peshawar	Dec 20	Dec 22
2.	7 th Avenue Interchange, Islamabad	Oct 21	Dec 22
3.	Widening of Karnal Sher Khan Road, Rawalpindi	Oct 22	Apr 23
4.	Sewerage Treatment Plant, Gilgit	Feb 18	Feb 22
5.	Construction of Underpass along Shabir Sharif Road at Avenue-3 Phase VI, DHA Lahore	Aug 22	Feb 23
6.	Construction of Flyover at Shahkam Chowk, Lahore	May 21	Feb 23
7.	U/G Electric Works (Sec-B), DHA Bahawalpur	Mar 20	Dec 22
8.	U/G Electric Works (Sec-A), DHA Bahawalpur	Mar 21	Jun 22
9.	Remodeling of Kalma Chowk CBD Square, Lahore	Nov 22	Jun 23
10.	Construction of Road along Saem Nullah at AIIC 004	Mar 22	Mar 23
11.	Infrastructure Works at DHA Multan Package- I	Aug 21	Jun 23
12.	Infrastructure Development Works at DHA Phase IX Lahore	Nov 16	Mar 23
13.	U/G Electric Works Section-A DHA Bahawalpur	Mar 21	Jul 22
14.	U/G Electric Works Section-B DHA Bahawalpur	Mar 20	Jul 22
15.	UET Narowal Phase- II	Dec 16	Oct 23
16.	Construction of Underpass Phase-IX DHA, Lahore	Oct-21	Apr-22
17.	Hirok Railway Bridge, Balochistan	Oct 22	May 23

18	Electrical Work DHA Karachi Section-A	Jun-16	Aug-22
19	Construction of SIUT Multi Organic Transplant Centre & Bio Technology (Phase-1) at Kathore, Karachi	Jun-21	Nov 22

9. Border Terminals

To ensure effective border management for regional trade, NLC established border terminals at Wagha, Torkham, Jamrud, Chaman, Ghulam Khan Kalay, Kharlachi and Taftan. These border terminals are now fully functional with 24/7 capability and acting as major trade conduits with neighbouring countries and beyond. Out of these, two major terminals of Chaman and Torkham are being upgraded under Integrated Transit Trade Management Systems (ITTMS) as state-of-the-art projects, and are likely to be completed by next year. With the growing demand to open more trade routes, NLC has operationalized Taftan Extension terminal as part of Taftan Border Terminal. Six existing border terminals have been selected for upgradation on modern lines to enhance cargo handling capacity as per future demands. Brief performance appraisal of Border Terminals in 2022-23 is given in Table 37.2.

Table 37.2: Appraisal of Border Terminals in 2022-23

Sr. No.	Border Terminal	No of Containers/ Vehicles Handled
1	Torkham Border Terminal including Khyber Border Terminal Jamrud	277,712
2.	Kharlachi Border Terminal	58,344
3.	Ghulam Khan Kalay Terminal	111,674
4.	Chaman Border Terminal	220,057
5.	Taftan Border Terminal	128,808
6.	Taftan Border Terminal (Extension)	1,368
7.	Wagha Border Terminal	7,011
Total		804,974

10. Applied Technologies Institutes of NLC (ATINs)

ATINs established by NLC at Mandra, Dina, Amangarh and Khairpur provide technical and vocational training to the underprivileged youth of Pakistan.

Many Government departments/ International organizations like NAVTTC, Punjab Skills Development Authority, Balochistan Rural Support Program, Benazir Bhutto Shaheed HR and Development Board, Project Management Unit of KPK, provincial TEVTAs and UNHCR etc. are sponsoring individuals to get trained in ATINs. During 2022-23, ATINs have trained over 4,000 students in different trades at its campuses. Other achievements in 2022-23 are as under:

- a. In collaboration with Chinese Institutes, three three-year split Diploma Programme in two market-driven fields is being organized w.e.f. 2nd Oct 2023 at ATIN Mandra. It entails two years of study in Pakistan and fully funded 3rd year in China in the fields of Mechanical Manufacturing and Automation Technology (MMAT) at Jiujiang Vocational and Technical College and Internet of Things Application Technology (IoTAT) at Jilin Vocational College of Industry and Technology. Main objective of this collaboration is to provide international exposure to Pakistani students and enhance the standard of own institutions.
- b. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has established a Takamol Holding Company under the Ministry of Labour. Its aim is to transform the labour market by encouraging only the skilled workers. The majority of expats are now seeking technical/ skilled certification which is now mandatory. NAVTTC and Takamol have approved ATIN Mandra as Test Bench for conducting tests for awarding required certifications. Approximately, 100-150 tests are conducted each day.
- c. Efforts are in hand for export of skilled manpower to different countries. In this regard, ATINs signed MoUs with Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC), Govt. of Pakistan, Fauji Foundation (FF), Aruj Enterprises and Vision Group. These organizations/ groups will share the overseas employees demand with HQ ATINs and ATINs facilities will be utilized as Test Bench for overseas employment and imparting of Soft Skills training to the selected individuals. Furthermore, HQ ATINs has also approached top Overseas Employment Promoters (OEPs) for overseas employment of ATINs passed out trainees in demand driven trades.

11. NLC Tolling

NLC Tolling has demonstrated exceptional performance in 2022-23 despite lower traffic density on N-5 and recurring disruptions in commuters' movement owing to various factors. NLC collected Rs. 15.5 Bn and deposited Rs 14.2 Bn in the NHA account. Tolling provided job opportunities to over 1500 individuals. NLC tolling actively supports all government awareness campaigns through display of steamers, boards and standees etc.

PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Bureau's Overview

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) is an attached Department of the Ministry of PD&SI. PBS is the National Statistical Office (NSO) committed to provide accurate, reliable, timely, comprehensive and user-friendly information to both public and private sector organizations at national and international levels. PBS formulates principles for collection, compilation and dissemination of official statistics in Pakistan. PBS provides standard concepts, definitions, and classifications pertaining to official statistics. The Bureau executes all national censuses and surveys and co-operates with international bodies and committees in all statistical matters.

Besides these major surveys and initiatives, PBS routinely publishes Price Indicators/Indices, QIM, and Trade statistics on a monthly basis. PBS also provides internships and exposure visits to university students, faculty, and civil servants. Moreover, it provides technical services to various national and international organizations of the development and economic sectors.

PBS regularly conducts Pakistan Social & Living Standards Measurement (PSLM), Labor Force Survey (LFS), Pakistan Demographic Survey (PDS), and Agriculture & Related Census and Surveys. Recently, PBS has completed Mouza Census to provide the basis for the first Integrated Agriculture Census. PSLM is a flagship survey of PBS and under this, District and Provincial level surveys are conducted on alternate years to provide Social and economic indicators. PSLM is the major source of data for tracking Pakistan's progress on SDGs.

Major Activities

The year 2022-23 remained quite eventful for PBS, as PBS embarked on extensive planning and implementation for the conduct of the 7th Housing and Planning Census (the Digital Census). Detail on this census and other major achievements/ activities by PBS during 2022-23 are given as under:

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7th Housing & Population Census-2023 (the Digital Census)

Council of Common Interests (CCI) in its 45th Meeting held on 12th April, 2021 approved the final results of the 6th Population and Housing Census 2017 and also directed that *“The process of next Census should start as early as possible according to international best practices by using latest technology.”* Accordingly, Census Advisory Committee (CAC) of renowned demographers and experts was constituted under the chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission with comprehensive TORs to devise recommendations for the adoption of International best practices by using the latest technology for the conduct of 7th Population and Housing Census. The Committee held several meetings and after comparative studies of different countries and detailed deliberations on the issues identified in the previous censuses and international best practices, finalized the recommendations to carry out the census 'digitally' with real-time monitoring for broader acceptability. The CCI in its 49th meeting held on 13th January 2022 approved the recommendations of the Census Advisory Committee, along with the constitution of the Census Monitoring Committee to oversee the census activities to ensure an expeditious and credible census operation for the 7th Population and Housing Census.

One of the main recommendations of the Census Advisory Committee approved by CCI in its 49th meeting was *“Stakeholders must be involved from start to end.”* For this purpose, PBS conducted multiple rounds of engagement with provincial administrations, civil society, and academia to inform them about the core objective of the census, the digital system, the transparency of data collection and their access to GIS-enabled monitoring of census progress. The consultative process continued during the field operation of the census.

For successful conduct of 1st ever Digital Census, PBS engaged stakeholders and relevant agencies including NADRA, NTC and SUPARCO. The major milestones achieved prior to the launch of field operation of the census includes:

- i. Establishment of 495 Census Support Centers at the District level.
- ii. Training of 300 Master Trainers at Islamabad (5th – 15th December 2022), training of 3,460 Trainers at the Divisional level (19th – 23rd December

2022), and training of 120,000 Enumerators at Census District level (7th – 21st January, 2023).

- iii. A pilot census was conducted in 33 districts from 20th July to 4th August 2022 to assess the preparedness of the digital system.
- iv. Establishment of 24/7 Call Center, UAN 080057544 for Complaint Management and quality assurance through CATI, and SMS gateway (9727) for complaints and mass messaging.
- v. Acquisition of 126,000 tablets, their hardening and dispatch to Census Support Centers.
- vi. Development of Enterprise Recourse Planning (ERP) system (Census software system) comprising of 16 modules.
- vii. Acquisition of latest imagery of Pakistan from SUPARCO.
- viii. Accesses to the real-time monitoring dashboards were provided to Chief Secretaries and 495 ACs/DCs to ensure transparency, credibility and broader involvement of stakeholders.

The Digital Census of Pakistan consisted of some unique features such as self-enumeration through a web Portal which has been implemented first time in the region. Even at the world level, so far, only a handful of countries have attempted and succeeded in providing this opportunity to their citizens, which is a great achievement and success for Pakistan.

The field enumeration of the Digital Census was commenced on 12th March 2023 with the initial completion date of 4th April 2023. However, the completion date was extended pursuant to the CMC decisions and on the requests of provincial governments, till 22th May 2023 for complete enumeration of the leftover structure. Post Enumeration Survey of the Census 2023, as per the CCI decision made in its 49th meeting, was conducted between 8th to 19th July 2023. The methodology for conducting the PES and factoring in PES findings for finalizing the Census 2023 results was approved by CMC in its 16th meeting held on 27th June 2023.

The final summary results of 7th Population and Housing Census-2023 by factoring in the findings of PES were compiled and submitted for the approval of CCI, which is the competent forum in this case. The CCI

considered the final summary and unanimously approved the results of the 7th Population and Housing Census-2023.

Labour Force Survey 2022-23

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) plays an important role in collecting a set of comprehensive statistics on the various dimensions of a country's labour force i.e. Employed, Unemployed and Out of Labour Force. After completion of first-ever district level LFS Survey in 2020-21, it is being planned to make this survey quarterly representative and for this purpose necessary measures including an updated LFS questionnaire are under process. Therefore, in 2022-23 consultative meetings were held with National Accounts Section as National Accounts estimation to finalize modalities.

LFS is done in line with ILO's recommendations and requirements of National Accounts along with other stakeholders from time to time; therefore, some changes were recommended to improve the survey questionnaire. For this purpose, meetings of ILO experts with Chief Statistician and Member (C&S) were held during 2022-23. Work is underway to update the questionnaire in the light of recommendations so that next survey can be made more meaningful and useful for planners, policymakers and researchers.

Quantum Index of Manufacturing (QIM)

The Quantum index is designed to measure changes in physical output for Large-Scale Manufacturing Industries. A significant change in the sources of data, coverage and weighting system of QIM was observed after CMI 2015-16. The index has been computed by utilizing the data provided by the Ministry of Industries and Production, Provincial Bureaus of Statistics, Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC), Ministry of Commerce, and Internal Source of PBS. The weights for the index were derived on the basis of the Census of Manufacturing Industries (CMI) 2015-16 value added at factor cost (gross value of production less industrial cost less indirect taxes plus subsidies) including the results of the non-response CMI survey. The index series which was previously based on 70.3 percent weights with base year 2005-06 now expanded to 78.37 percent of weights on the basis of CMI 2015-16. The newly rebased QIM covers all subsectors of LSMI except for the printing Sector. It now covers 2865 units and 123 items with base year 2015-16 as compared to 1648 units and 112 items in QIM with the base year 2005-06.

Social Statistics

The PBS compiled three publications regularly namely, Compendium on Gender Statistics of Pakistan, Compendium on Environment Statistics of Pakistan and Social Indicators of Pakistan on a quinquennial basis. Recently, a new initiative has been undertaken by the Social Statistics Section of PBS and released the Social Economics Indicator of Punjab at the District Level which covered thematic areas like population, Housing, Agricultural, Education, Health, and other indicators. The report is available on the PBS website.

National Accounts of Pakistan

In May 2023, PBS convened annual meeting of the National Accounts Committee (NAC) to estimate GDP/GNI (at Current and Constant Prices) by Industrial Origin for the years 2020-21 (Final), 2021-22 (Revised) and 2022-23 (Provisional) on 2015-16 base year. The expenditure on GDP (at Current and Constant Market Prices) for the years 2020-21 (Final), 2021-22 (Revised) and 2022-23 (Provisional) were approved along with estimates of Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) by Industrial Origin at Current and Constant Market

Prices in respect of Private & Public Sectors and General Government for the years 2020-21 (Final), 2021-22 (Revised) and 2022-23 (Provisional).

In June 2023, PBS compiled and released a revised series of national accounts from 1999-2000 to 2014-15 on 2015-16 base year to meet the consistent and growing demand for a longer time series on a common base year for policymakers, planners, academicians, researchers and other data users, while incorporating the concepts of the 2008 SNA. This series will help organizations and individuals to comprehend the causes of trends over time. This will help researchers and policymakers to draw valid inferences and better forecasts of macroeconomic aggregates.

After the successful completion of 2015-16 rebasing of national accounts and in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council, PBS took the initiative to compile Quarterly National Accounts (QNA) to meet the demand of policymakers, international organizations as well as private sector organizations. The national accounts experts of the World Bank conducted an industry-wise assessment of sources and methods through online sessions.. Further, a single-member mission from the World Bank visited PBS headquarters in June 2023. The mission reviewed the industry-wise sources, indicators and methodology for compilation of QNA) at current and constant prices along with revision and dissemination policies of QNA. PBS is planning to disseminate QNA for 2023-24.

During 2022-23 , PBS took a new initiative for the compilation of Natural Capital Accounts (NCA), which refers to all types of environmental assets existing in the environment. Natural capital is essential for economic growth, employment, and ultimate prosperity. PBS has established a designated section for the compilation of NCA, which will cover all natural resources available in Pakistan.

PBS has initiated a new project to change the base year of the economy from 2015-16 to 2024-25. In this regard and on the recommendation of the Governing Council, a proposal in the form of PC-1 was submitted to Ministry of PD&SI for obtaining approval. The PC-1 was approved and the allocation of funds amounting to Rs.100 million was made in PSDP-2023-24.

Sample Design

The major activities performed by the Sample Design Section of PBS during 2022-23 are given below:

- i. Sample Designing of Integrated Agriculture Census (IAC) Pakistan 2022-23 is in progress.
- ii. PBS conducted the first-ever Post-Enumeration Survey (PES) in order to evaluate the accuracy of the Population Census data by providing quantitative information on coverage and content errors at specified domains of estimation. The survey was conducted in selected districts of four provinces and Islamabad with the appropriate level of precision.
- iii. The Section provided technical support in terms of sample designing, estimation of sample size, preparation of allocation/stratification plan, sample list, and write-up of several ad-hoc surveys to various national/international agencies/provincial bureaus/government departments. The surveys include Provincial Child Labor Surveys and Provincial Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS). Besides, the Section provided technical assistance in the Education Survey, Philanthropy Survey and Food Security & Livelihood Assessment Survey (FSLA).

External Trade Statistics

External Trade Statistics demonstrate information and give analytical comparisons about export, import, balance of trade and trade indices using HS/PCT coding by country and area on a monthly quarterly, and yearly basis. These reports include a monthly summary of Merchandized Trade and Advance Release on Merchandised Trade by 46 groups showing the value and quantity of commodities as well as Quarterly and Annual Analytical reports. After the recent rebasing of Trade Statistics, PBS has not only updated the basket of goods but also changed the import groups from 9 SITC groups to 21 HS sections as per the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) manual. UNSD has expressed appreciation for the work done by PBS and reviewed the report on Pakistan's classification of imports using the Classification of Broad Economic Categories (BEC Rev.5). The BEC aims to classify goods and

services, based on the end use, to facilitate international trade analyses, including on relative integration of economies in global value chains, and other statistical applications, such as commodity flow approaches to estimating GDP. PBS has undertaken the process of updating the classification of imports by broad economic categories from BEC-Rev-4 to BEC-Rev-5, which is more comprehensive and better serves user needs.

Price Statistics

PBS is responsible for the collection, compilation, and dissemination of retail as well as wholesale price indices. The reports of price statistics are disseminated regularly with the various stakeholders at the province, national, and international levels for their oversight of the inflationary trends. These reports are used to gauge inflationary trends for taking various policy and administrative decisions to cope with inflation. The following main indices are being computed and disseminated regularly.

i. Consumer Price Index (CPI):

It is the main measure of price changes at the retail level. The main theme of CPI is to gauge the inflationary trend at the monthly frequency at national level.

ii. Consumer Price Index (CPI) Urban:

The Urban CPI for the base year 2015-16 covers 356 items in the basket of goods and services from 68 markets of 35 cities, which represent the tastes, habits, and customs of households living in urban areas of Pakistan.

iii. Consumer Price Index (CPI) Rural:

The Rural CPI covers 244 items in the basket of goods and services from 27 rural centers, which represent the taste, habits and customs of the people in the sampled rural areas of Pakistan.

iv. Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI):

SPI is computed on a weekly basis to assess the price movement of essential kitchen items at shorter intervals of time so as to review the price situation in the country. The SPI for the base year 2015-16 covers 51 items in the basket of goods and services, which represent the sensitive items. The SPI basket is

the sub-set of CPI basket. SPI covers 17 urban centres in Pakistan. The number of markets covered in 17 cities is 51.

v. Wholesale Price Index (WPI):

The WPI is computed to measure the directional movements of prices for a set of selected items in the primary market. WPI sketches the overall trading trend. Items covered in the series are those which are offered in lots to the wholesale markets by producers and manufacturers. The prices of 419 items are collected from 19 wholesale markets in the country.

vi. Sasta Bazar/Sahulat Bazar/Ramadan Bazar/Utility Store Comparison etc.:

The comparison of prices of 19 items from *Sasta Bazar/Sahulat Bazar* with open market is computed every Monday and is presented and discussed in the National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) meeting. The comparison of SPI prices with Utility Store prices is computed on a weekly basis.

vii. Implementation of International Comparison Programme (ICP) in Pakistan:

The ICP is the largest global statistical initiative established for providing comparable price and volume measures of national accounts aggregates across economies of the world. The ICP entails estimating purchasing power parities (PPPs) and related macroeconomic aggregates of economies for comparison. The World Bank coordinates global-level ICP, while ADB covers the programme's Asia-Pacific component. Since 1975 PBS has been participating in the ICP.

Other Activities

PBS published comprehensive reports on all the aforementioned areas as well as on Electricity Generation, Mining, and various other socio-economic indicators etc. All the reports published by PBS are available on the website i.e. www.pbs.gov.pk.

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AUTHORITY

Authority's Overview

Public Private Partnership Authority (P3A) draws its functional mandate from the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Authority Act, 2017 (as amended up to 2022). The key functions of P3A, briefly, are to ensure that the qualified projects are consistent with the national and sectoral strategies, ensure value for money, conduct and appraisal of project risks, assess and approve funding requirements from project development fund, assess and recommend Viability Gap Funding (VGF), advising and facilitating the implementing agencies, recommending approval of project concept proposal and project qualification proposal to PPP Working Party (P3WP) and recommending project proposal to the Board for final approval of the project.

Major Activities

P3A projects

During 2022-23, P3A undertook the following infrastructure projects under P3 modality, the cost and current status of each infrastructure project are given in Table 39.1.

Table 39.1: Infrastructure projects under P3 modality

S#	Project	Implementing Agency	Project Cost	Status
1	Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway Project (M-6)	National Highway Authority	Rs. 307 billion approx.	Project Financial Close is being achieved by the Private Party Concessionaire.
2	Sialkot-Kharan Motorway Project	As above	Rs. 27 billion approx.	Financial Close is to be achieved
Total			Rs. 334 billion approximately	

During 2022-23, P3A successfully completed the project (USD 135.34 million) of Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for ‘Outsourcing of Islamabad International Airport’. The project Qualification Proposal was duly approved by P3WP in its 4th Meeting held on 24th July 2023 and project proposal was duly approved by the P3A Board. Procurement process is underway for private party concessionaire and CAA which shall receive an upfront payment of USD 100.00 million from the successful bidder/concessionaire.

VGF by Federal Government

The Federal Government committed Rs. 123.16 billion against the total project cost of four following projects worth Rs. 637 billion. The VGF aims to make a financially unviable project viable. It reflects that the Federal Government is procuring projects worth Rs. 637 billion only by spending Rs. 123.16 billion. All these projects shall revert back to the Federal Government after the completion of the Concession Period in a condition as agreed by the private party concessionaire and the Implementing Agency.

Regulatory Meetings

P3A held 19 Board meetings, 30 Executive Committee meetings and 1 P3WP meeting where several important decisions were taken with respect to the approval of projects, policies, Rules and Regulations of P3A and other operational issues concerning P3A were discussed and way forward was decided.

Work under process:

Establishment of Venture Capital Fund:

CDWP tasked P3A to set-up and operationalize a venture capital fund at a total cost of Rs.2,000.00 million by incorporating Special Purpose Vehicle Company to act as one window facility to attract foreign Venture Capital funds in Pakistan and to co-invest in eligible infrastructure projects with a special emphasis on development of new technologies like; Artificial Intelligence, Fintech, E-commerce, intelligent transportation, and software development.

Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC)

SIFC is an initiative of the Federal Government to attract foreign investment through providing seamless services and facilitation to the investors so as to cut red tape and simplify the processes and procedures. P3A has submitted an advisory agreement proposal to the SIFC to provide advisory services for different activities under the SIFC umbrella so that operationalization of investment activities could be expedited. Once the advisory agreement is signed, P3A will be fully engaged with SIFC to play its role in this national cause of stimulating economic growth in the country.

Legislative and Regulatory Initiatives

- i. P3A is currently engaged in drafting regulations for undertaking unsolicited project proposals, which will be approved by P3A Board by the end 2023-24.
- ii. P3A has completed and prepared the draft P3A (Qualified Projects Qualification Criteria) Regulations, 2023 which will be presented to the Board for approval.

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