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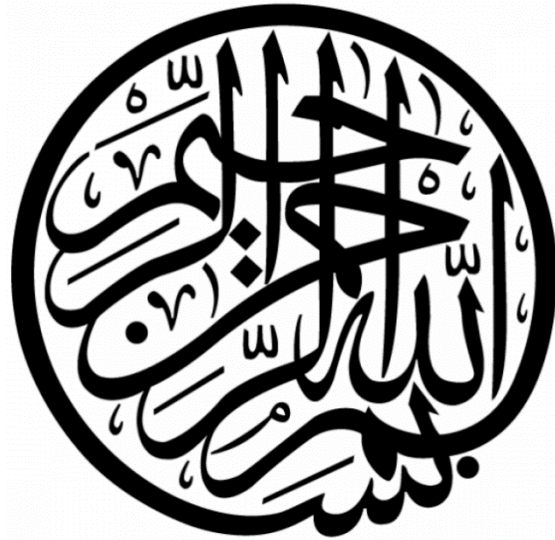




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The Most Merciful**



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## VISION

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***A national knowledge driven organization  
dedicated towards promoting balanced and  
equitable socio-economic development of the  
country, for the welfare of its people***

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## MISSION

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***Formulate, coordinate and assess  
development plans and programmes through  
evidence based participatory approach for an  
equitable, balanced and socio-economically  
prosperous country***

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## FOREWORD

In pursuance of Sub-rule 2 of Rule 25 of the Rules of Business 1973, each Division is required to prepare a Year Book covering its activities, progress and achievements and during the preceding financial year, for information of the Cabinet Division and general public. The Year Book is also uploaded on website of respective Divisions.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives is pleased to upload its Year Book for the financial year 2019-20. The Book highlights the performance, major activities and milestones achieved by the Ministry during this period.

Due to worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the previous FY was critical and impacted the global economy in many ways. The second half of FY squeezed the overall development activities of the world. Pakistan being no exception also faced an uphill task to cope up with triggered unemployment, downsizing, closed businesses and slow manufacturing activity. Nonetheless, the challenge was met with proactive policies and better guided actions which not only effectively addressed the meltdown borne by other stronger economies in the wake of pandemic but also saved lives and livelihood of millions of fellow citizens.

Under the able-guidance of political leadership, the M/o PD&SI prepared and effectively implemented COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21 featuring containment measures to counter the slow growth impacts on the economy.

This book will provide a window to the readers to appreciate the hard task and determination with which the team at M/o PD&SI worked and braved through the continuing pandemic for betterment of the country and its citizens. Comments and suggestions for this publication are encouraged.

**Mathar Niaz Rana**

Secretary

Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives  
Islamabad

## ACRONYMS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADP	Annual Development Programme
AFIRM	Armed Forces Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine
AGPR	Accountant General of Pakistan Revenue
AIIB	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
AJ&K	Azad Jammu & Kashmir
ANF	Anti-Narcotics Force
AO	Account Officer
APCC	Annual Plan Coordination Committee
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APUG	All Pakistan Unified Grades
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASF	Airports Security Force
ATH	Ayub Teaching Hospital
BCURE	Building Capacity to Use Research Evidence
BECS	Basic Education Community Schools
BISP	Benazir Income Support Programme
BOT	Built-Operate-Transfer
BOT	Build-Operate-Transfer
BR	Business Register
BRI	Belt & Road Initiative
BRT	Bus Rapid Transport
C&W	Communication & Works
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CARE	Climate Adaptation and Resilience for South Asia

CAREC	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation
CBN	Cost of Basic Needs
CCI	Council of Common Interests
CCOI	Cabinet Committee on Investment
CCOP	Cabinet Committee on Privatization
CDA	Capital Development Authority
CDWP	Central Development Working Party
CIT	Computer Information Technology
CMI	Census of Manufacturing Industries
COMSATS	Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South
CPEC	China Pakistan Economic Corridor
CPHGC	China Power Generation Company
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CRVS	Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
DAE	Diploma of Associate Engineer
DCPC	Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
DDO	Drawing & Disbursing Officer
DDWP	Departmental Development Working Party
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
EPC	Engineering, Procurement and Construction
EPRC	Energy Planning and Resource Center
ERRA	Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority
FATA	Federal Areas Tribal Areas
FBR	Federal Board of Revenue
FCT	Food Composition Table
FDE	Federal Directorate of Education
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FG	Flare Gas
FHBWs	Female Home Based Workers
FIA	Federal Investigation Authority
FIES	Food Insecurity & Experience Scale
FP&RH	Family Planning & Reproductive Health
FPAP	Family Planning Association of Pakistan
FPSC	Federal Public Service Commission
FS&CC	Food Security & Climate Change
GB	Gilgit Baltistan
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GFCF	Gross Fixed Capital Formation
GIDC	Gas Infrastructure Development Cess
GIS	geographic information system
GNI	Gross National Income
GPA	Grade Point Average

GRE	Graduate Record Examination
GSM	Greenstar Social Marketing
GSP	Generalised Scheme of Preferences
GYM	Green Youth Movement
HDIP	Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan
HEC	Higher Education Commission
HEDP	Higher Education Development in Pakistan
HIES	Household Integrated Economic Survey
HIICS	Household Integrated Income Consumption Survey
HR	Human Resource
HRD	Human Resource Development
HRM	Human Resource Management
I&M	Implementation & Monitoring
I&RC	Infrastructure & Regional Connectivity
ICT	Islamabad Capital Territory
IDWP	Islamabad Development Working Party
IEP	Integrated Energy Planning
IEP	Institution of Engineers, Pakistan
IHN	Indus Health Network
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMTS	International Merchandise Trade Statistics
IPC	Inter-Provincial Coordination
IRD	Interactive Research & Development
ISP	Internet Service Provider
IST	Institute of Space Technology

IWRM	Integrated Water Resources Management
JACC	Jawaid Azfar Computer Centre
JCC	Joint Coordination Committee
JCC	Joint Cooperation Committee
JEC	Joint Economic Commission
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
JP&VCCs	Job Placement and Vocational Counselling Centers
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
LDA	Lahore Development Authority
LFS	Labour Force Survey
LPG	Liquified Petroleum Gas
LSM	Large Scale Manufacturing
MAF	Million acre-foot
MCMC	Mid Career Management Course
MCPS	Member Country Partnership Strategy
MEAL	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning
MGD	Millions of Gallons per Day
MGD	Million Gallons per Day
MIS	Management Information System



ML-1	Main Line-1
MoFE&PT	Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, Islamabad
MPCL	Mari Petroleum Company Limited
MSS	Marie Stopes Society of Pakistan
MW	Mega Watt
NADRA	National Database & Registration Authority
NAVTTTC	National Vocational and Technical Training Commission
NCOC	National Command and Control Centre
NCPI	National Consumer Price Index
NDA	Net Domestic Assets
NDMA	National Disaster Management Authority
NDRC	National Development Reforms Commission
NDRC	National Development and Reform Commission
NDU	National Defence University
NEC	National Economic Council
NEFT	NLC Express Freight Train
NEPRA	National Electric Power Regulatory Authority
NER	Net Enrolment Rate
NESCOM	National Engineering and Scientific Commission
NFA	Net Foreign Assets
NFDC	National Fertilizer Development Centre
NH&MP	National Highways & Motorways Police
NHA	National Highways Authority
NHP	Net Hydel Profit
NITB	National Information Technology Board

NLB	National Logistic Board
NLC	National Logistic Cell
NLP	National Library of Pakistan
NLTA	Non-Lending Technical Assistance
NMC	National Management Course
NMIS	Nutrition Management Information System
NSDS	National Strategy for the Development of Statistics
NSO	National Statistical Organization
NSPAIT	National Strategic Programme for Acquisition of Industrial Technology
NSPP	National School of Public Policy
NTB	National Training Bureau
NTP	National Transport Policy
NTRC	National Transport Research Centre
NUMS	National University of Management Sciences
NUST	National University of Science & Technology
NUST	National University of Sciences & Technology
NUTECH	National University of Technology
NVQF	National Vocational Qualification Framework
NYDF	National Youth Development Framework
OGDCL	Oil & Gas Development Company Limited
OGRA	Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority
OIC	Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
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
PDF	Project Development Fund
PDGN	Pakistan Dietary Guidelines for Better Nutrition
PDR	Pakistan Development Review
PDS	Product Data Sheet
PEPAC	Pakistan Environmental Planning and Architectural Consultant
PHersp	Pakistan Hydro-met & Ecosystem Restoration Services Project
PID	Press Information Department
PIDE	Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
PMD	Pakistan Meteorological Department
PMES	Project Monitoring and Evaluation System
PMIS	Price Management Information System
PMNS	Pakistan Multi-sectoral Nutrition Strategy
PMSA	Pakistan Maritime Security Agency
PNCA	Pakistan National Council of Arts
PNRA	Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority
POF	Pakistan Ordinance Factory
POL	Petroleum Oil & Lubricants
PPL	Pakistan Petroleum Limited
PPMI	Pakistan Planning and Management Institute
PPP	Public Private Partnership
PPRA	Public Procurement Regulatory Authority
PQA	Port Qasim Authority
PR	Pakistan Railways

PRAL	Pakistan Revenue Automation Limited
PRC	Population Resource Center
PRF	Project Readiness Financing
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
PVMA	Pakistan Vanaspati Manufacturing Association
PWD	Public Works Department
PWS	Population Welfare Statistics
PWWB	Punjab Workers Welfare Board
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency
QIM	Quantum Index of Manufacturing
QMG	Quarter Master General
RBM	Result Based Monitoring
RBOD	Right Bank Out-fall Drainage System
RCPI	Rural Consumer Price Index
RMU	Risk Management Unit
RPC	Regional Planning Council
RPL	Recognition of Prior Learning
S&T	Science & Technology
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

SAFRON	States and Frontier Regions
SBU	Strategic Business Unit
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SECP	Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan
SEforAll	Sustainable Energy for All
SEZ	Special Economic Zone
SHMI	Small and Household Manufacturing Industries
SIDCL	Sindh Infrastructure Development Co. Ltd.
SMC	Senior Management Course
SPD	Strategic Plans Division
SPI	Sensitive Price Index
SPRING	Stunting Prevention Rehabilitation Integrated Nutrition Gain
SS&D	Social Sector & Devolution
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
STEP	Special Talent Exchange Program
STH	Soil-Transmitted Helminths
SUN	Scaling Up Nutrition
SUPARCO	Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission
TA	Transaction Advisor
TAPI	Turkmenistan–Afghanistan–Pakistan–India Pipeline
THQ	Tehsil Headquarter
TPCS	Tablet Based Price Data Collection System
TVC	Textile Value Chain
UCG	Underground Coal Gasification
UCPI	Urban Consumer Price Index

UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USC	Utility Stores Corporation
USEFP	United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan
USP	Un-Solicited Proposals
VGf	Viability Gap Fund
WAN	Wide Area Network
WAPDA	Water & Power Development Authority
WPI	Wholesale Price Index
WTO	World Trade Organization
YES	Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme
ZTBL	Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited

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## INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives is designated as Secretariat of Planning Commission; to provide administrative and logistic support enabling the assignments in efficient and effective manner. The Planning Commission works as a think tank for policy formulation input in respect to the socio-economic development in the country. It formulates/carries out economic policies, evaluates economic situation, prepare National Development Plans and evaluate 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 Secretary Planning Division who works as Member Coordination. Organizational Chart is at **Annex-A**. The Ministry comprises of Administration, Economic & Technical Wings and attached departments. Complete list is at **Annex-B**.

The Planning Commission is responsible to perform functions as indicated in the Schedule II of the Rules of Business 1973 which inter-alia include:

- Preparing the National Plan and review and evaluating its implementation
- Formulating Annual Plan and Annual Development Plan
- Monitoring and evaluating implementation of major development projects and programmes
- Stimulating preparation of sound projects in regions and sectors lacking adequate portfolio
- Continuously evaluating the economic situation and coordinate economic policies
- Organising research and analytical studies for economic decision making

The Planning Commission also discharges the following functions:

- Assisting in defining the national vision and under taking strategic planning
- Assessing the material, capital and human resources of the country and formulating proposals for augmenting such resources
- Assisting the government in providing a conducive macroeconomic and regulatory framework, improved resource mobilisation, an institutional framework and efficient public investment
- 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 institutionalised effective consultative process
- Promoting and coordinating Special Initiatives and innovation in the government in partnership with the relevant ministries, divisions and organisations
- Promoting and developing social capital for development with the stakeholders (SDGs, poverty alleviation, social harmony)
- Promoting, coordinating economic and infrastructure initiatives towards developing regional economic integration
- Monitoring Pakistan's economic competitiveness and development strategies for its enhancement with the relevant ministries, divisions and organisations
- Promoting development discourse towards participatory and collaborative planning and development
- Study trends and evaluate impact of globalisation and develop appropriate national responses in coordination with the relevant ministries, divisions and organisations

- Study and evaluate impact of new technologies on development and develop appropriate national responses in coordination with the relevant ministries, divisions and organisations
- Facilitating capacity building of agencies involved in development
- Any other function assigned by the Prime Minister



## **Economic Wing & its Sections**

There are nine 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

### Performance of the Economy

Economic performance during the first three quarters of 2019-20 was on track to achieve 3 percent growth rate despite risks posed by higher inflation and interest rates, negative LSM growth, weak export growth, sluggish resource mobilization, and tough IMF conditionalities. External account improved significantly due to demand management measures, transition to a market-based exchange rate system, regulatory efforts to curb non-essential imports and increased inflow of workers' remittances through formal channels. COVID-19, resulting lockdowns and global economic slowdown dealt a severe blow to the economy and it contracted by 0.4 percent against the target of 4 percent. Agriculture grew by 2.7 percent, industry contracted by 2.6 percent and services by 0.6 percent against the growth targets of 3.5, 2.3 and 4.8 percent, respectively. Per capita income also contracted by 0.4 percent in real terms whereas it increased by 8.3 percent in nominal terms to Rs214,539.

Investment climate improved and Pakistan improved its ranking by 28 notches in previous two World Bank's doing business reports but high policy rates resulted in a slight decline in investment to GDP ratio despite improvement in national savings. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) increased by 88% during the year. However, momentum of the private investment was interrupted by COVID19 and ensuing global slowdown. The investment-to-GDP ratio declined from 15.6 percent in 2018-19 to 15.4 percent in 2019-20.

### Major activities

Macroeconomic indicators for 2019-20 were closely monitored in order to assess macroeconomic performance and assist policy decisions. A comprehensive review of 2019-20 was given in chapter 'Growth Investment and Savings' and provided outlook for the coming year for COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21. Sectoral analysis (agriculture, industry, services) of economy was carried out and developed Macroeconomic Framework that projected growth targets for next year, central to the annual and five-year plans.

A COVID-19 impact assessment report was produced. Working paper for Annual Plan Coordination Committee (APCC) and Summary for National Economic Council (NEC) were prepared whereby the Macroeconomic Framework was approved by the NEC.

Weekly position of macroeconomic indicators along with monthly review and outlook report of the economy was prepared and provided replies to National Assembly/Senate Questions pertaining to growth, development and frequently provided views/comments/reviews to other Ministries/ Divisions and international organizations (World Bank, IMF, Asian Development Bank etc.) on macroeconomic issues. Prepared bimonthly working paper for Fiscal and Monetary Policies Coordination Board on issues relating to Growth, Investment & Savings.

Worked closely with Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in finalization of National Income Accounts, Labour Force Survey 2017-18 and updating of base-year for CPI from 2005-06 to 2015-16.

Economic landscape in 2020-21 predominantly depends upon how the pandemic unfolds. Although the lockdown has been lifted, the second wave of COVID-19 may still affect the growth performance. However, monetary easing and debt relief will also improve fiscal position and external account will improve due to resumption of remittance inflows and better exports performance. Macroeconomic stability, prudent fiscal and current account management, improvements in productivity and governance, lower inflation and positive investment climate, supported by 625 bps reduction in policy rate and reduced oil prices, will put the economy back on the growth trajectory and improve investment to GDP ratio. Overall economic growth in 2020-21 is targeted to be 2.1 percent contributed by agriculture, industry and services sector which are targeted to grow by 2.8, 0.1 and 2.6 percent, respectively.



## **MONEY, PRICES AND FISCAL POLICY**

Money, Prices and Fiscal Policy Section is a part of Economic Wing of the Ministry and broadly deals with matters pertaining to fiscal and monetary policy issues including inflation, and developments of capital market.

### **Major activities**

The Section performed following major activities during 2019-20:

- Prepared monthly review report on inflation showing trends of Consumer Price Index (CPI), Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI)
- Prepared weekly review report (i.e. March 2020 onward) on changes in SPI including analysis of weekly price variation of 51 essential commodities
- Prepared monthly report by analysing monetary developments outlining 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
- Prepared monthly and bi-monthly review reports on capital market developments reflecting trends of Pakistan Stock Exchange indices, comparison of major stock indices in the world, foreign portfolio investment, foreign direct investment, repatriation of profit / dividend on foreign investment and market capitalization
- Prepared quarterly review report on consolidated fiscal operations covering government revenue collection (tax / non-tax), expenditure (current / development), fiscal deficit and public debt

- Prepared chapter on 'Fiscal, Monetary and Capital Market Developments' for COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21
- Provided views on Summaries considered in Federal Cabinet, Council of Common Interests (CCI) and Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) meetings relevant to sector
- Completed tasks related to formulation of Growth and Equity Strategy. Participated in meetings of Monetary and Fiscal Policies Coordination Board and provided inputs

## EMPLOYMENT AND RESEARCH

Vision of the Employment & Research (E&R) Section is to assist in provision of decent employment opportunities for all. As a part of its core functions, the Section prepares chapter on “Labour, Employment and Skill Development” for Annual Plan, Five Year Plan and Growth Strategy etc. The Section keeps a track record of performance against labour, employment and skill development parameters and use the information for Annual and MediumTerm Planning. The Section coordinates and keeps a liaison with Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, International Labour Organization and other relevant organizations and stakeholders in context of employments, skill development and manpower export issues. The Section also offers comments/views on policy issues relating to employment, human resource development and overseas employment.

The Section analyses PC-Is in detail specifically with reference to employment generation perspective and provides comments to relevant technical section to include in the working paper for consideration of CDWP. Likewise, the Section coordinates with Pakistan Bureau of Statistics pertaining to Labour Force Survey. The Section also consolidates material on labour, employment and skill development and provides to Finance Division for Pakistan Economic Survey. The Section prepares replies to National Assembly/Senate/Standing Committees of Parliament questions related to labour & employment. In addition to this, the Section is mandated with Coordination/ Preparation/ execution of Research Programme of this Ministry. As a part of the research programme, the Section evaluates the Research Papers/Reports/ Studies and disseminates the findings to relevant departments.

### Major activities

During 2019-20, the Section performed the following major activities:

- Prepared a chapter on Labour, Employment and Skill Development for COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21

- Carried out the estimation of labour force supply, demand and future manpower requirements in context of preparation of Plan
- Prepared material for Economic Survey 2019-20
- Prepared material for the Year Book 2018-19
- Coordination and follow-up with ILO, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development, NAVTTC and others in context with employment/skills/export of manpower issues
- Coordination with PBS and attended meetings pertaining to Labour Force Survey
- Being member of CDWP, Chief (E&R) attended all the meetings of CDWP
- Coordinated the meetings of Sub-committee of the National Coordination Committee for COVID-19 on Economic Analysis. Since March, 2020, five meetings of the Sub-Committee have been held under the chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. E&R Section was the focal Section to coordinate meetings, keep liaison with all the members of the Sub-Committee, collection of necessary information/data from the relevant ministries/organizations, taking record of meetings' proceedings and disseminate the minutes to the relevant ministries/organizations. After detailed deliberation/meetings the Sub-Committee prepared its first report in April, 2020 and its updated version in May, 2020
- Chief (E&R) contributed as Member of committee on three years' Growth Strategy
- Chief (E&R) contributed as Member of committee on Five-year Sustainable Development Plan for Socio-economic Development of GB

- Analysed/ Examined PC-Is in general and specifically from employment point of view and furnished comments to the concerned sections
- Prepared briefs, summaries, reports and country papers in respect of employment and Human Resource Development
- Collected Data related to employment from different organizations, compiled and analysed
- Prepared replies to the National Assembly/ Senate Business Questions
- Attended Assembly Sessions, as and when requested by the Council Section
- Prepared comments/views on policy issues relating to employment and Human Resource Development
- Prepared the Umbrella PC-I of 'COVID-19 Responsive and other Natural Calamities Control Programme' with the federal share of Rs70 billion in consultation with stakeholders, and presented to the CDWP for consideration. The programme got cleared by CDWP on 08-06-2020 for further consideration of ECNEC. The Section coordinated a meeting with all provinces, AJ&K, GB and ICT to discuss modalities of the programme
- Disseminated the report of Sub-committee of the National Coordination Committee for COVID-19 on Economic Analysis to the Cabinet Division in compliance of the decision of the Cabinet
- The E&R Section organized a seminar on "Creating Gainful Employment Opportunities" on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 with the collaboration of PIDE. Renowned economists, demographers and policy makers were invited as panelists. Representatives of various federal ministries, provincial governments, private sector as well as researchers attended the seminar

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE & FINANCE

International Trade & Finance (ITF) Section is responsible to analyze performance of the External Sector of Pakistan's economy, in particular, from Balance of Payments point of view. This Section provides consolidated input to the senior management on external sector performance. Issues and activities relating to bilateral and multilateral economic co-operation and Joint Ministerial/ Economic Commissions also falls within the domain of this Section. The stakeholders include; ECO, SAARC, ASEAN, APEC, CAREC, D-8, World Bank, IMF, OIC, ADB, AIIB, WTO and the U.N. matters relating 'Aid for Trade', trade facilitation, trade related SDGs and Trade Policy Review.

### Major activities

- Analyzed the data on exports, imports, remittances and foreign exchange reserves on monthly, quarterly, biannual and annual basis and prepared briefs for the senior management in Planning Commission
- Provided material for working paper for the three meetings of the Monetary and Fiscal Policy Coordination Board
- Prepared and provided briefs on summaries of the ECC and other Cabinet Committees related to external sector of the economy
- Provided input/ comments on various policy documents pertaining to bilateral, multilateral and regional economic and political cooperation
- Prepared briefs/talking points regarding bilateral, multilateral and regional economic cooperation for the Minister, Deputy Chairman, and Secretary
- A couple of brain storming joint sessions were organized with regard to preparation of Economic Growth and Equity Strategy

for the economists of M/o PD&SI and PIDE. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission chaired these sessions

- Organized consultative meetings on thematic areas for preparation of Economic Growth and Equity Strategy. These meetings were chaired separately by the Minister PD&SI, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission as well as Secretary
- Arranged presentations of VC, PIDE to DCPC on preparation of Economic Growth and Equity Strategy
- Provided necessary inputs/proposals on Pakistan-UK Bilateral Assistance related to Industries, Energy, Food & Agriculture and Education sectors of economy to EAD

## **POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND SDGs**

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is centered on eliminating extreme poverty and “leaving no one behind”. The main function of the SDGs Section is poverty estimation and coordination for mainstreaming and achieving the Agenda 2030 in Pakistan. The mission of the Section is to strive for a society where vulnerable and marginalized segments would be protected and encouraged by revamping and expanding social protection systems and social safety nets.

### **Major activities**

#### **NEC Sub-Committee on SDGs**

A Sub-Committee of NEC on SDGs has been constituted and notified for ensuring national oversight and guidance for implementation of SDGs and for better cross-sectoral and inter provincial coordination. Secretarial support to the Sub-Committee was provided by the SDGs Section.

#### **Poverty Estimation**

According to Cost of Basic Needs (CBN) Approach, based on HIES 2015-16, 24.3 percent of the population is estimated living below the poverty line. The income worked out to this line is Rs3,250.28 per adult equivalent per month. A committee to calculate new poverty number, using the HIES 2018-19 is finalizing its recommendations, which would be helpful to formulate policies and programmes for the poor accordingly.

#### **Implementation of *Ehsaas* Programme Initiatives**

To strengthen social safety nets for the vulnerable segment of society and minimize the potential impacts of unanticipated shocks, the government launched *Ehsaas* programme in March, 2019. This umbrella initiative aims to reduce poverty & inequality, invest in human capital, lift lagging districts, counter elite capture and leverage 21<sup>st</sup> century tools of data and technology. Under *Ehsaas* Initiatives,



following 03 initiatives have been assigned to SDGs Section, to facilitate/ finance poverty reduction programmes:

- Initiative #5, Pro-poor goals and measurable indicators for every ministry: This policy intervention requires action on the part of each ministry/division. In order to implement this policy statement, each ministry is being directed to make pro-poor goals/ key performance indicators which is under implementation
- Initiative #10, A Committee on Innovative Financing and deployment of innovative financing mechanisms to mobilize additional resources and create fiscal space for pro-poor investments, and save government money earmarked for pro-poor projects and programmes was constituted. Under the committee, 09 sub-committees were constituted. These nine thematic areas include: Social Sector, Infrastructure Development, Water and Sanitation, Tourism, Skill Development, Private Sector and Entrepreneurship, Climate Change and Disaster Management, Microenterprise Financing and Regulations. Most of the committees have submitted their draft reports. Final Report would be prepared within the proposed timeline
- Initiative #12 Mandatory Section in the PC-I Proforma to screen impact of PSDP projects on poverty & equality and on other SDG achievements". A checklist has been drafted which will enable to track the flow of development funds of various development projects on SDGs. It would also help goal wise monitoring of provincial and district SDGs progress with identification of gaps within a SDG, which is under implementation

### **University Engagement on SDGs**

A consensus on University Engagement Plan was developed to engage universities through the platform of HEC for doing research related to SDGs. The final draft of the concept note has been shared

with HEC and provincial government officials. An MOU has been drafted to be signed between HEC and M/OPD&SI (SDGs Section).

### **Baseline & Target Setting**

- In continuation of the baseline and targets setting exercise held at the provincial level, the federal unit thoroughly reviewed the documents submitted by provincial and regional units. Detailed comments were shared with provinces and a series of meetings and consultations were initiated to finalize the baseline and targets in consultation with provinces and regions
- A series of meetings were held with Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on PSLM/HIES and LFS. Survey methodologies and coverage in the context of SDGs was discussed
- A virtual meeting with Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC) was held to discuss goals and targets related to SDG 06 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and about the measurement of relevant indicators which comes under the domain of MoCC. A few more meetings are planned to discuss other indicators within the ambit of MoCC
- Another meeting was held with Ministry of Human Rights (MoHR) to discuss relevant indicators. It was decided that MoHR will constitute Working Groups with the mandate to localize the SDGs indicators of Human Rights and identify relevant agencies for timely reporting
- In the spirit of “leaving no one behind” the Federal SDGs unit with the support of Sight Savers translated SDGs goals into Braille and Sign language for persons with disabilities. The Braille document was shared with different organization working for PWDs to disseminate it in visually impaired persons while videos of sign language were also distributed widely among person with hearing disability. The Sign language video was also uploaded on website and social media channels of SDGs Pakistan

- Radio Talk Show on SDGs by Federal Unit over FM 103 broadcasted in major big cities of Pakistan
- During this global pandemic situation, Federal SDG Unit conducted a special SDG Awareness Show on Nationwide Radio MAST FM 103. As estimated figures an audience of 01 hundred and 17 thousand tuned into the show. The show was also broadcasted live on SDG's Facebook and Twitter Pages. There was a basic discussion on understating of SDGs from Goal 01 to Goal 17. The Goal 03 was given a special attention and its relation to COVID 19 in the current situation of lockdown. Some precautionary measures to be taken were insisted by the host

### **Technical Backstopping and support to COVID-19 Secretariat**

COVID-19 related technical policy support is continuously being provided to COVID-19 secretariat by the SDGs Section and Federal SDGs Support unit.

### **Capacity Building of Federal and Provincial Stakeholders**

Poverty estimation is one of the core responsibilities of SDGs section and World Bank having extensive experience and expertise in the field of poverty estimation have been extending technical support to this section over the past few years. A training on Small Area Estimation with the assistance of the World Bank was held in 2019.

### **Finalization of Data Rules**

An essential task for setting the baseline, targets and indicators was to establish Data Rules for the SDGs. The month of April 2020 had several online meetings for the finalization of data rules. A comprehensive methodology for data rules was finalized.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation of SDGs (M&E Policy Development)**

Achieving SDGs require consistent monitoring and evaluation (M & E) over the years. For this purpose, drafting of an M&E policy is in

progress. It has detailed chapters for M & E to focus on the Frameworks in depth. Research policy Framework for SDGs for development, non-development and other projects is a part of this as well. Evaluation Guidebook/Handbook for Public Sector Organizations in Pakistan is in the process of completion under this initiative.

## **PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROGRAMMING**

Public Investment Programming (PIP) Section is responsible to formulate Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) in line with sectoral plans/policies and government priorities to reduce regional disparities. It also manages release authorization, readjustment of funds through re-appropriations to complete fast track projects; processing of additional funds requirements; undertaking quarterly reviews of PSDP portfolio and coordinate with Economic Affairs Division(EAD) on external resources.

### **Major activities**

PSDP is instrumental in leveraging the limited public sector investment to achieve socio economic development objectives. Under Rules of Business 1973, one of the functions of M/o PD&SI is to formulate PSDP in coordination with all stakeholders and monitor / review its implementation to maximize the benefits for the general public.

### **Public Sector Development Programme 2019-20**

National Economic Council (NEC)approved the Federal PSDP at Rs701 billion including foreign aid component of Rs128 billion. While formulating the PSDP, funding to ongoing projects was made on priority for timely completion. New approved projects supporting the sectoral strategies were budgeted in PSDP. Foreign funded projects and those under CPEC were given due consideration. To bring the less developed areas at par with developed areas like Balochistan, Merged District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, AJ&K and GB, substantial allocations were made to their respective projects / programmes, as per available fiscal space.

### **Project-wise PSDP 2019-20 Release**

To mobilize resources for efficient utilization, the procedure for quarterly releases was streamlined with the approval of ECNEC to make the availability of funds un-interrupted with the project authorities. The releases were made upfront without waiting for

demand from concerned Ministries / Divisions in the light of release strategy notified by the Finance Division @ 20% in each in 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and 30% each in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. In built flexibility was ensured in the release system to meet actual financial requirement of fast track near completion projects. To ensure transparency and timely availability of data, the Ministry / Project-wise release position was regularly updated on the website of Planning Commission on weekly basis.

Furthermore, the Ministries/ Divisions were empowered with enhanced sanctioning powers of DDWP from Rs60 million to Rs2,000 million to fast track the approval process of the unapproved projects. Similarly, powers of CDWP were enhanced from Rs3,000 million to Rs10,000 million.

### **Quarterly reviews of PSDP 2019-20**

The Ministry undertook exhaustive three quarterly reviews of PSDP 2019-20 chaired by Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission with a focus to assess physical and financial progress of each project vis-à-vis authorized funds. The performance of all Ministries / Divisions was also critically assessed in terms of utilization of funds, number of completion of projects, in-house review of their respective portfolio and removal of outstanding bottlenecks for smooth implementation of budgeted projects.

### **Re-appropriation / adjustment in PSDP 2019-20**

During the said quarterly reviews, the additional demands for fast track/ important projects vis-à-vis indicated savings were considered and allowed re-appropriation and adjustment for an amount of Rs136 billion for 148 projects during the year. The important projects included Diameer Basha Dam (construction and land acquisition), Kartarpur Corridor Project, SDGs Achievement Programme, Construction of Blacktop Road Yakmach-Kharan, Construction of Motorway from Burhan - Hakla to D.I.Khan, Jaglot to Sakardu Road, Dualization of Indus Highway (N-55) Sarai Gambila to Kohat Section, Zhob-Kuchlak Road (LA) etc. Resultantly, 132 projects costing Rs148 billion were completed during 2019-20.

The sectoral position of PSDP 2019-20 is given as under:

(Rs. million)		
Sector / sub-sector	Allocation	Expenditure
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>394,514</b>	<b>361,794</b>
Energy	72,193	47,745
Transport & Communications	183,681	179,704
Water	103,593	100,225
Physical Planning & Housing	35,047	34,121
<b>Social</b>	<b>87,817</b>	<b>72,194</b>
Health & Population	15,283	10,654
Education & Training	4,707	2,989
Higher Education	28,498	28,690
Environment	8,029	7,732
PM's Global SDGs Achievement Programme	30,000	21,556
<b>Others</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>575</b>
Special Areas (AJ&K, GB)	39,500	37,025
Science & IT	13,915	8,476
Governance	2,436	1,251
Production	9,831	7,075
Food & Agriculture	8,408	6,484
Industries	1,424	591
ERRA	5,000	3,548
Total (Managed by PD&SI):	553,013	491,363
Blocks Managed by Finance Division	147,987	99,958
<b>Total:</b>	<b>701,000</b>	<b>591,321</b>

List of Ministry's projects completed / substantially completed during 2019-20 is given at **Annex-I**.

### PSDP+ Initiative

The basic premise of the PSDP+ is to create space for the Private Sector as the public sector resources face constraints and enormous pressure. Regular PSDP is over burdened with a portfolio of 1063 projects costing Rs 8 trillion having a throw-forward of Rs5 trillion. It is imperative to explore the alternative sources of financing through

involving Private Sector to participate in development activities by providing investor/business friendly regulations and tax regime. PSDP+ initiative is broadly characterized in the following manner:

- Projects which needs facilitation
- Projects need supportive Policy
- Green Field project with Viability Gap Fund(VGF) and without VGF
- Brown field Projects with existing facility

The salient features of Prime Minister's initiatives are as under:

- Consultations with the stakeholders to identify potential areas
- Additional investment proposals along-with implementation plan
- Establishment of Special Cells / PMUs
- To review PPP regulatory regimes
- To approach the donors for provision / technical assistance for PPP initiatives
- On-going PSDP funded projects along with new proposals may be examined to be taken up on innovative basis i.e PPP, BOT etc.

Progress review meetings on PSDP+ were conducted with the participation of federal ministries, provincial and area governments. After thorough discussions, the following broader decisions were taken:

- To convey the projects not doable with full justification



- Feasibility studies, commercial viability of the proposed projects may be undertaken by the relevant authorities to identify the doable projects
- Sectoral thematic Seminars / Workshops may be arranged for attracting the private sector investment
- The relevant policies / rules / PPP Acts in the Provinces and Federal Government may be revisited / reviewed to make them investor friendly with the objective to crowd in the private sector investment
- Deliberate the progress in terms of the formal/proper feasibilities of the projects discussed during the meetings

Board of Directors of Public Private Partnership Authority (P3A) is primarily focusing on simplifying the project approval and the flow process to ease pouring private sector investment into public sector infrastructure. The following amendments in Public Private Partnership Act 2017 have been approved by Federal Cabinet:

- Scope of the P3A restricted to 'Qualified Projects' (highly complex or requiring a sovereign guarantee or a subsidy)
- Legal cover for Ministries/Agencies to pursue their projects without involving the Authority
- Provision for 'Unsolicited' proposals
- New Working Party (i.e. P3WP) organized to fast-track approvals

P3A is processing following four projects with a tentative cost of Rs300 billion (with NHA, Pakistan Railways, NUST and Foreign Office):

- Sukkur – Hyderabad Motorway
- KPT to Pipri Marshalling Yard Rail Double Line
- NUST Hospital, Islamabad
- Hotel and Convention Centre on Mall Road, Lahore

**Annex-I****M/o PD&SI Projects Completed / Substantially Completed During  
2019-20**

(Rs. million)

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Approved Cost</b>
96	Cluster Development Based Agriculture Transformation Plan – V2025 (PC-II)	96
97	Office of the Inspector General Development projects Baluchistan	82
98	Monitoring of PSDP financed project	700
99	Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad - Land Acquisition & Site Development	3,519
100	Up-gradation of Jawaid Azfar Computer Centre	357
101	Research/ Feasibility Studies and Workshops	249
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,003</b>

## **PUBLIC INVESTMENT AUTHORIZATION**

The PIA Section is the main gateway for development projects in Planning Commission and provides secretariat services for the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) meetings. The Section processes the PC-Is/PC-IIs of development schemes submitted in the Planning Commission (PC) for approval of the CDWP / ECNEC. Coordination with all members for CDWP meetings, circulation of minutes / decisions of the CDWP, follow up for submission of summaries to the Cabinet Division for the ECNEC are carried out by this Section. The Section also coordinates with the Cabinet Division for holding meetings of the ECNEC. Authorization in respect of the approved projects of CDWP and ECNEC are issued by this Section.

In addition, the Section processes the concept proposals for Concept Clearance Committee received from different sponsoring agencies including Federal as well as Provincial Governments seeking foreign assistance through Economic Affairs Division to engage the development partners for project financing.

Moreover, the Section looks after policy and procedural matters pertaining to processing of development projects, sanctioning powers of various development fora and providing advices to the Ministries/ Divisions and Provincial Governments for development procedures.

Following two annual documents are being compiled on yearly basis for consideration of the National Economic Council (NEC) chaired by the Prime Minister:

- Progress report of the CDWP
- Schemes approved by the ECNEC and CDWP

### **Major activities**

During the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020, 16 meetings of CDWP were held wherein 184 projects were considered. Out of which 109 projects were approved and 69 projects being in the competency of ECNEC were recommended for consideration/

approval. The total cost of the approved projects was Rs.221.306 billion.

During the period, 7 meetings of the ECNEC were held which considered 58 projects and approved 52 projects with the total financial outlay of Rs1,567.70 billion. The sector-wise break up of approved projects by the CDWP and ECNEC is at **Annex-I**.

Moreover, 47 concept clearance proposals were considered and 43 were accorded approval by the Concept Clearance Committee during 2019-20. The proposals were received from different sponsoring agencies including Federal as well as Provincial Governments seeking foreign assistance through Economic Affairs Division to engage the development partners for project financing.

## Annex-I

### Sector-wise Break-up of Total Cost of Schemes April, 2019 – March, 2020

(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	5	22,925.69	8,696.01	7	80,944.96	81,009.52
2	Culture Sport & Tourism	-	-	-	1	17,000.00	17,000.00
3	Devolution & Area Dev.	4	12,512.60	12,512.60	1	15,524.58	15,524.58
4	Education	6	14,262.83	14,262.50	2	17,733.22	17,733.22
5	Energy	19	64,180.65	64,923.66	15	557,173.82	586,445.68
6	Environment	1	118.22	112.00	1	125,184.00	125,184.00
7	Governance	4	37,898.65	8,425.70	2	46,080.00	46,080.00
8	Health	11	16,114.49	16,326.89	2	35,821.57	36,205.59
9	Information Technology	6	5,428.58	5,411.42	1	34,667.87	39,739.74
10	Industries & Commerce	7	10,509.98	7,003.55	-	-	-
11	Manpower	3	12,041.09	11,021.86	-	-	-
12	Mass Media	1	110.47	109.62	-	-	-
13	Nutrition	1	2,217.85	2,217.85	-	-	-
14	Physical Planning & Housing	12	22,543.86	15,209.30	5	81,750.93	87,537.65
15	Science & Technology	14	35,358.80	18,881.01	2	30,280.64	28,170.61
16	Population Planning	2	628.36	418.60	-	-	-
17	Transport & Communications	9	28,792.81	28,756.381	6	221,547.34	221,483.18
18	Water Resources	4	7,303.39	7,017.47	7	268,183.05	265,588.10
<b>Total</b>		<b>109*</b>	<b>292,948.32</b>	<b>221,306.42</b>	<b>52**</b>	<b>1,531,891.98</b>	<b>1,567,701.87</b>

\*includes new as well as revised projects.

\*\*all ECNEC projects were approved on the recommendation of CDWP.

## **ECONOMIC APPRAISAL**

Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, as per the Rules of Business 1973, is responsible for the development of appropriate cost and physical standards and effective technical and economic appraisal of projects. The technical appraisal is undertaken by the concerned Technical Sections which covers engineering, commercial, organizational, environmental and managerial aspects whereas the financial and economic analyses (cost benefit analysis) of the projects are carried out by this Section. The appraisal of the development projects facilitates informed decision-making in selection/ approval of viable projects for socio-economic development of the country.

### **Major activities**

During 2019-20, the Section performed following main activities:

- Cost-Benefit Analyses of around 200 development projects in various sectors of the economy were undertaken and requisite input was provided/ considered in the relevant forum such as the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) and Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC). During the corresponding period 2018-19, 250 projects were appraised
- After enhancement of sanctioning powers of Departmental Development Working Party (DDWP) of Ministries/Divisions from Rs60 million to upto Rs2000 million in September, 2019 Cost-Benefit Analyses of 650 development projects of various sectors pertaining to Ministries/Divisions were undertaken. 120 DDWP meetings were attended
- In addition, projects pertaining to AJ&K DDWP were also examined and requisite input provided in the relevant forums
- The Section participated as a member in 20 CDWP meetings and 50 pre/post CDWP meetings

## PLAN COORDINATION

The Section coordinates for preparation of short term to medium and long term plans i.e. Annual Plans, Five Year Plans and Year Book of the Ministry. It coordinates and supplies Working Papers/ material for forums of Annual Plan Coordination Committee (APCC) and National Economic Council (NEC) meetings. It follows-up Directives of the President / Prime Minister and decisions of Council of Common Interests (CCI), NEC, Cabinet and its different Committees i.e. Economic Coordination Committee (ECC), Cabinet Committee on Privatization (CCOP), Cabinet Committee on Investment (CCOI), Cabinet Committee on CPEC (CCOCPEC), etc. and Secretaries Committee. It coordinates for obtaining views / comments on summaries for the CCI, Cabinet and its Committees (ECC, CCOP, CCOI, CCOCPEC, etc.) and Secretaries Committee. The Section coordinates to get information/ material for periodic performance reports of the Ministry including the quarterly and annual performance reports, Budget Speech, Annual Report on Performance of NEC etc. Moreover, it organizes high level meetings such as, Advisory Committee of Planning Commission, Meetings of Members of Planning Commission etc.

### Major activities

During 2019-20, the Section performed following major activities:

#### Formulation of COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21

Overall coordination for preparation of COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21 was undertaken by PC Section. Different Economic and Technical Sections of the Ministry prepared their respective chapters on different sectors/areas of the economy for COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21. The chapters were reviewed by the Review Committee and edited by the Section. The draft Plan was later presented to NEC for approval on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. After its approval by NEC, the Plan got published from Printing Press and it was circulated to all Federal Ministries / Divisions, Provincial Governments, Embassies of Pakistan, HEC etc. implementing organizations in the public sector.

### **Annual Plan Coordination Committee (APCC)**

The Section acts as a Secretariat of APCC forum. APCC meeting was organized on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Part-I of the meeting covered review of the State of Economy during the year 2019-20. While Part-II covered the PSDP allocations made to complete development agenda of Ministries/Divisions along with the progress review of the PSDP 2019-20. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission and was attended by Provincial Finance and Planning Ministers, Federal Secretaries and other Provincial representatives and Heads of different Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs), like; NHA, PAEC, SUPARCO, PNRA, HEC, NHA and WAPDA. APCC build consensus on COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21 and PSDP 2020-21 documents prior to sending it NEC for approval.

### **National Economic Council (NEC)**

The Section forwarded agenda of the NEC meeting to the Cabinet Division for meeting of the NEC scheduled on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Subsequently, Summaries relating to the agenda items were forwarded to Cabinet Division for further consideration/approval. Implementation report on the decisions is being prepared.

### **Year Book 2018-19**

The Year Book 2018-19 was prepared in compliance of Rule 25 of the Rules of Business 1973 and guidelines of Cabinet Division which should ideally contain the details of activities, achievements and progress during the preceding financial year giving only the unclassified information which may be used for reference purposes. The Section coordinated for collection of chapters from 36 different Sections/Wings/Attached Departments of the Ministry for Year Book 2018-19. The chapters were allocated to the Reviewers for review. The reviewed chapters were subsequently presented before the Review Committee. After its approval from competent authority, the Book was published online on the Ministry's website in line with the new instructions of Cabinet Division.



### **Advisory Committee**

For better policy making in wake of the emerging development challenges of the country a forum of Advisory Committee was constituted by the Government. The Section acts as a Secretariat of Advisory Committee. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Advisory Committee held under the chairmanship of Deputy Chairman Planning Commission was organized by PC Section on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019.

### **Other activities**

- Material for Finance Minister's Budget Speech from Sections/Wings concerned of the Ministry was collected, consolidated and forwarded to Ministry of Finance
- Follow-up action on decisions of the CCI, NEC, Cabinet and Cabinet Committees on Privatization (CCOP), Investment (CCOI), CPEC (CCOCPEC), etc. and ECC was taken up and progress on implementation was reported to the Cabinet Division
- Briefs for the Minister PD&SI and Secretary PD&SI were arranged for all the meetings of Cabinet, CCI, Committees of Cabinet and ECC
- Coordination for Development of Five Year Plan for Socio-Economic Development of Gilgit Baltistan
- Act as a Secretariat for Oversight Committee on Federally Funded PSDP Projects in Balochistan
- Arranged meetings of the Planning Commission

The Section is undertaking the following activities of the Ministry during 2020-21:

- Coordination for preparation of Year Book for 2019-20

- Preparation of Report on two Years performance of the Government (August 2018-August 2020)
- Coordination for preparation of Annual Report of NEC for 2019-20
- Preparation of Quarterly Performance Reports of the Ministry for the Prime Minister's Office
- Follow-up Directives of the President / Prime Minister and decisions of CCI, NEC etc. and furnishing of the implementation status
- Initiated work related to Development of Five Year Plan for Socio-Economic Development of Gilgit Baltistan
- Inaugural meeting of the Advisory Committee was held in July 2020. Work related to notification of Sub-Groups under Advisory Committee of Planning Commission is underway

## **Technical Wing & its Sections**

There are sixteen 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, AGRICULTURE & CLIMATE CHANGE**

Food, Agriculture and Climate Change (FA&CC) Section is responsible for planning related to food security, agriculture and climate change along with allied sub-sectors including livestock, fisheries and environment for economic development of the country. It plays an active role in formulation of strategic framework and perspective plans along with identification of key investment areas.

Major functions include, budgetary progression, processing, appraisal and review of PSDP and donors funded projects. Provision of inputs for Priorities Committee, Annual Plan Coordination Committee, National Economic Council, Standing Committees, Parliament, etc. Representation of Ministry in various forums engaged in development process including Islamabad Development Working Party, Department Development Working Party, Provincial Development Working Party, Pre-CDWP, CDWP and ECNEC. The relevant chapters are drafted for perspective plans including Annual Plan, Five-Year Plan and Year Book. The Section prepare periodic performance reports, examine summaries, prepare briefs on summaries for the ECC, the Cabinet and the CCI.

The Section keeps a watch on impacts of climate change and food security situation including availability, accessibility, consumption, safety, quality and trade of food items along with supply demand situation of inputs for farming and food production both at national and international levels. It plays an active role in coordination with public sector, private sector, line ministries, organizations, provincial governments NGOs and other development partners. The Section provide inputs for various bilateral visits of signatories and delegations.

### **Major activities**

- During 2019-20 under “Prime Minister’s Agriculture Emergency” 16 projects in the agriculture sector and 01 project of “Ten Billion Trees Tsunami Programme (Phase-I)” were presented and got approved. This programme involves allocation of Rs434.7 billion for the next 5 years including shares from

respective province and beneficiaries. This programme was designed to improve the climatic situation and agricultural economy envisage crops, livestock and fisheries sub-sectors. The above projects are underway to achieve objectives of enhancement of productivity, ensure food security, alleviate poverty in rural areas, arrest import bill of food items and attain overall economic development. The Section provided input for relief package announced by the federal government for Rs56.6 billion to provide subsidy on fertilizers, cotton seed, pesticides and sales tax on locally manufactured tractors amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, four projects included in “Knowledge Economy” were scrutinised, however, they were later allocated to other sections. The Section worked with the Ministry of Climate Change, Aviation Division (Pakistan Meteorological Department) and Provincial environmental departments for policy formulation and working towards a Clean & Green Pakistan.

- 25 projects of agriculture and 05 projects of climate change were appraised during 2019-20. List of the projects is given below:
  - Cage Culture Cluster Development Project
  - Calf Feedlot Fattening in Pakistan. All Over Pakistan including ICT, AJK & Gilgit-Baltistan
  - National Programme for Enhancing Command Area in Barani Areas of Pakistan
  - Pilot Shrimp Farming Cluster Development Project
  - Prime Minister’s Initiative for Save the Calf. All Over Pakistan including ICT, AJK & Gilgit-Baltistan
  - Prime Minister’s Initiative for Backyard Poultry
  - Productivity Enhancement of Rice. All Pakistan
  - Productivity Enhancement of Sugarcane
  - Productivity Enhancement of Wheat

- Promoting Research for Productivity Enhancement of Pulses
- Promotion of Trout Farming in Northern Areas of Pakistan. KP, AJK and Gilgit-Baltistan
- Water Conservation in Barani Areas of KPK
- Ten Billion Trees Tsunami Programme - Phase-I Upscaling of Green Pakistan Programme (Revised)
- Pakistan Hydro-met& Ecosystem Restoration Services Project (PHERSP)
- Installation of Weather Surveillance Radar at Sukkur in The Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Capacity Building on Water Quality Monitoring and SDG 6 (6.1) Reporting
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience for South Asia (CARE) Project (P171054)
- 13 Pre-CDWP, 02 Post CDWP and 08 DDWP meetings related to agriculture projects were attended while, 06 Pre-CDWP, 02 Post CDWP and 02 DDWP meetings related to climate change projects were attended
- A meeting of “Agri-Forum” was organised in November, 2019 held under the chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. It included stakeholders from federal and provincial governments, academia, private sector, development partners, etc.
- Some of the new projects are under process, especially to mitigate menace of locust. Formulation of a “Think Tank” as a forum to address national issues is underway.
- Cluster Development Based Agriculture Transformation Plan 2025

## NUTRITION

Nutrition is one of the important drivers of human development leading to economic growth. It has been appreciated as an integral part of solution to many societal, environmental and economic challenges facing the world. Adequate nutrition is also a key to ensure a strong immune system and proper physical and intellectual development specifically in children. The contributing factors in child malnutrition are inadequate breastfeeding practices, inappropriate complementary feeding, lack or inadequate maternal education, lack of proper knowledge of nutrition, insufficient micronutrient intake, less birth spacing, household socioeconomic status, food insecurity, poor sanitation, vaccination, and infectious diseases.

Malnutrition is a multifaceted issue therefore, entails multi-sectoral approaches encompassing nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions to improve the nutrition status of the population. The global evidence shows that malnutrition is responsible for more ill health than any other cause. It is universal issue holding back development with unacceptable human and economic consequences.

Nutrition security is the major device to overcome hunger and malnutrition. Government is committed to ensure nutritional security at all levels and geographical areas. The main focus is maintaining self sufficiency in domestic food production and to improve food distribution system in order to ensure access to the vulnerable segments of population. Nutritional interventions are being devised with the consultation of relevant stakeholders for implementation across all provinces and federal areas. The nutrition policy would be to address very specific nutrition causes on immediate to medium term with efficient coordination among implementers and by avoiding replication of programmes and activities.

### **Major activities**

#### **Food Availability**

The trend on the food availability of essential food items are assessed by using food balance sheet. The availability of calories per capita per



day through major food commodities is 2325 in 2019-20 as compared to 2319 in 2018-19.

### **Cost of Food Basket**

The cost of a minimum food basket providing 2100 calories and 60 gm protein/day has been calculated on monthly basis, using food prices data from Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. The average monthly cost of food basket during 2019-20 has been estimated Rs2,780 (July 2019 - June 2020), having fluctuating trends across the year. Comparison with average monthly cost of previous year i.e. Rs2,406 showed an increase of 15.5 percent.

The progress wise distribution of other activities is as follows:

- Multi-Sectoral National Nutrition Action Plan has been formulated to translate Pakistan Multi-sectoral Nutrition Strategy (PMNS 2018-25) with the consultation of provinces
- A high level Nutrition Coordination Forum constituted in Planning Commission, chaired by Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, for policy formulation, coordination, collaboration and improved implementation of nutrition programmes
- Pakistan Dietary Guidelines for Better Nutrition (PDGN) revision and E-learning course launched for guiding masses on adopting healthy dietary behaviors and lifestyles
- Training Workshop on Financial Tracking for Nutrition at Federal and Provincial Level were conducted to train public and private officials
- Early Childhood Development (ECD) policy framework has been formulated and mapping exercise & situation analysis on Early Childhood Development (ECD) has been completed in order to develop National Policy Framework with the consultation of provinces

- Under Scaling Up Nutrition Movement (SUN) National advocacy strategy for scaling up nutrition has been developed to gain political buy-in and policy support to enhance nutrition investments
- A website for up-scaling nutrition has been developed to give digital presence and provide hub for nutrition information for mass awareness
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Stunting Prevention Rehabilitation Integrated Nutrition Gain (KP SPRING) project costing Rs2217 million is under implementation
- Food Composition Table (FCT) for Pakistan has been worked out for revision of data based on 12 agro-ecological zones of the country. Samples have been collected and analysis is substantially completed on the basis of which findings will be drawn about the nutrient composition of different foods and report will be prepared
- Development of Urdu version of the “Pakistan Dietary Guidelines for Better Nutrition” is under process
- Establishment of Nutrition Management Information System (NMIS) to mitigate data gaps
- Development of Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) system

## HEALTH

Health Section provides assistance in defining national vision and undertaking strategic planning in health sector. It identifies areas lacking adequate portfolio and stimulates formulation of sound projects. It technically examines all the health sector development projects

(PC-I/PC-II) within the competency of CDWP and provides technical facilitation to Projects Wing in monitoring and evaluation of mega development projects.

Health remained a primary focus of the development agenda during the second half of the financial year 2019-20 due to serious challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. Governments ubiquitous efforts with effective smart lockdown policy and smooth coordination with provincial governments kept the figures on the lower side with COVID-19 related mortality less than 2% as against the 7-8 % even in some of the developed nations of the world. Federal Government was able to secure sufficient funding to the tune of approx. 600 million USD from the local and international agencies to fight against the potential havoc.

### Major activities

A total of 46 (27 for CDWP/ ECNEC and 19 for DDWP) projects in health sector were received in Health Section during 2019-20. These were examined/ scrutinized and processed for the competent forums (DDWP/CDWP/ ECNEC).

### COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan

The response of the government to contain COVID-19 pandemic proved prompt and coordinated action by the federal and provincial government kept the rate of infection on the lower side as compared to high rate of infection and mortality in other parts of the world. A number of emergency measures were undertaken through National Command and Control Centre (NCOC) including smart lockdowns and effective response strategy. The National Institute of Health acquired the requisite capability for COVID-19 diagnostics on 1st February

2020, 26 days before appearance of the first case in the country. A number of concept clearance proposals were approved by the Planning Commission during the last quarter of 2019-20 to secure financial funding.

### **Annual Development Plan (2020-21)**

A chapter on Health for COVID-19 responsive Annual Plan (2020-21) was written. Various COVID-19 specific key interventions which included strengthening of hospital care by establishing fully equipped high dependency/ critical management units and Infectious disease units at DHQ/THQs hospitals all over the country. A health upgradation plan in this regard was under the planning phase which is expected to be rolled over during the 2020-21. A concept proposal has also been envisaged under this plan for setting up Quarantine Centers at the 19 Points of Entry and establishment of Integrated National Laboratory Network.

### **Civil Registration and Vital Statistics**

For estimation of health indicators and generation of vital statistics, Federal Government is fully committed for acceleration and enhancement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Pakistan which is the reporting and monitoring tool for measuring health related indicators of SDGs. The new PC-I of Technical Support Unit of CRVS under M/o Planning, Development & Special Initiatives has been approved. Procurement of I.T. hardware to establish the birth and death notification counters and strengthening of union councils would be carried out in Islamabad Capital Territory. Following milestones were achieved regarding Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) during 2019-20:

- Advocacy/Awareness seminars for CRVS were organized in provinces and regions
- Provincial steering committee meetings were organized in all provinces and regions

- Provincial CRVS Symposiums were organized in all provinces and regions
- One National Workshops on CRVS

**Deworm Pakistan Initiative**

Based on the first nationwide Soil-Transmitted Helminthes (STH) survey in Pakistan conducted in 2018-19 by the Interactive Research & Development (IRD), Indus Health Network (IHN) and Evidence Action. The programme has been planned to be extended 40 districts all over the country after its piloting in the ICT targeting approximately 253,000 school-age children in January 2019. A mop-up was conducted in May 2019.

## **POPULATION & SOCIAL PLANNING**

Population is one of the core ingredients towards country's development. Greater population means more requirements of natural resources and a challenge for economic management. The federal government has developed an Action Plan on Population having tangible deliverables and defined roles and responsibilities. The demographic targets have been setup in this Action Plan for the next decade. Moreover, the service delivery centers are opening up after being subjected to be made available for patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The provincial governments have fully restored the existing population welfare facilities and service delivery is coming to normalcy. Several initiatives had been taken during 2019-20. These are given as follows:

### **Major activities**

#### **Consultative meeting on population and development**

The population section organized two Consultative meetings on Population and Development with Provincial Governments and Development Partners. The agenda was Functional integration of Health & Population Departments, Procurement and supplies of contraceptives, Awareness campaign and targeted marketing for Family Planning & Reproductive Health(FP&RH) services and Provision of resources to the private sector and voluntary organizations. The provinces were given direction to make advances in these areas.

#### **COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21**

A chapter on Population for COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21 was written during 2019-20. The plan contains major interventions for reforming the population sector especially in wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Population Situation Analysis (PSA)**

- The Population Situation Analysis (PSA) was envisioned by the Planning Commission in collaboration with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) with an aim to document the current population situation, finalize PSA methodology, outlining PSA contents and its roadmap.
- The Technical Report of PSA is in progress and will be published in 2nd quarter of 2020-21.

### **Population Resource Center (PRC)**

The draft PC-I was prepared during 2019-20 and will be updated in light of latest directions i.e. establishing PRC with the support of donor agencies and development partners.

### **PSDP projects**

The Section conducted quarterly review meetings of PSDP along with monthly reviews of these projects. These projects have also been extended for year with allocation reserved for the year 2020-21. The Population Welfare Programme AJ&K has been allocated Rs20 million and Population Welfare Programme GB has been allocated Rs165.748 million.

## EDUCATION

Quality Education plays pivotal role for socio-economic development of the country. After eighteenth constitutional amendment and under the prevailing development framework, basic education is a devolved subject. At present, Pakistan is spending about 2 percent of GDP on education. Sustainable Development Goals programme under Goal 4 is focusing on the quality of education. To improve education, Federal government has prioritized the areas like capacity building of education managers, construction / renovation / physical up-gradation of schools and colleges, non-formal education / literacy, assessment of quality of education, curriculum development, mainstreaming of religious education and Knowledge Economy Initiatives.

A major challenge is to alleviate the disruptions to education structure due to closure of delivery of educational services as a result of outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. With the confirmation of the first COVID-19 case, the government took an immediate measure to close educational institutions and postpone examinations across the country. In order to compensate the learning losses of students due to COVID-19, the government launched Tele-School in association with PTV.

### PSDP allocation

In Federal PSDP 2019-20, an amount of Rs 3580.121 million was allocated for Basic and College Education. Area / category wise detail is as follows:

(Rs. million)

Areas of Development Schemes	No. of Projects	Estimated Cost	Allocation
Curriculum / Capacity Building of Teachers and Principals	03	1,291.17	220.1
Establishment / Reconstruction / Construction / Renovation / Physical up-gradation of schools and colleges	18	8,603.276	1,915.695
Non-formal Education / Literacy	02	8,500.582	1,000
Education Assessment through TIMS Project	01	49.750	8.926
Knowledge Economy Initiatives	02	275.789	335.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18,720.567</b>	<b>3,480.121</b>



*Source: Federal PSDP 2019-20*

## **Major activities**

The detail of major sectoral activities is as under:

- Two projects of Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, Islamabad (MoFEPT) were recommended by Prime Minister's Task Force on Knowledge Economy, approved and subsequently went into implementation. These include project titled, "Pilot Project for STEM teaching Grades 9-12" and "Pilot Project for Blended E-learning in 200 x classrooms of Federal Capital (Grade 1-10)".
- An important initiatives started in 2019-20 was aimed to mainstream 32,000 deeni madaris in a bid to promote harmony, reduce hate speech against other masaliks, and modernize deeni education through 32000 deeni madaris across the country.
- MoFE&PT is trying to enhance child and adult literacy through its projects for Improving Human Development Indicators in Pakistan with Focus on SDGs and Basic Education Community Schools (BECS) initiatives.
- In 2019-20, Seven (07) new schemes for establishment of institutions for boys and girls pertaining to basic and college education were approved. Similarly, three (03) schemes regarding construction, up gradation and provision of infrastructure for basic and college education were approved during 2019-20.
- A draft minimum standard regarding development side of education sector was prepared in consultation with the stakeholders to develop manual in light of task assigned by the Prime Minister's Office through Task Management System and was shared with the MoFEPT. MoFEPT launched "Tele-School" in collaboration with the PTV in a record duration as part of mitigation measures to compensate the losses to learners due

to shutdown of schools and colleges in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak.

In addition to above sectoral progress, the Education Section performed the following activities during 2019-20:

- Projects appraised and presented for consideration of DDWP: 14
- Projects appraised and presented for consideration of CDWP: 06
- Projects appraised and presented for consideration of ECNEC: 01
- Conducted Pre-CDWP of the projects: 09
- Conducted Post-CDWP meetings on the projects: 01
- Organized consultative meetings on the projects: 08

There were 26 ongoing projects in PSDP 2019-20 and out of these so far 2 have been completed while remaining 24 are still in different stages of implementation.

## **SOCIAL WELFARE**

Social Welfare Section emphasizes on institutional care and rehabilitation of poor, vulnerable, marginalized and excluded segments of population to enhance their capabilities to mitigate vulnerability and manage risk.

### **Major activities**

Three Chapters of COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan – 2020-21 of social welfare sector prepared i.e. i) Social Welfare, ii) Gender & Women Empowerment and iii) Religious Pluralism & Interfaith Harmony backed with vast consultation, discussions and meetings. The complaints on Pakistan Citizen Portal pertaining to the Social Welfare Section dealt and processed with concerned authorities for solutions. Quarterly Review of PSDP 2019-20 conducted for progress review of the Projects of Ministry of Human Rights and Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety Division. Pre and Post Quarterly Reviews meetings with concerned ministries / divisions conducted to resolve and mainstream the issues in implementation of the project.

Disability Friendly PC-I Checklist have been prepared to give greater salience to disability through ensuring PC-Is caters to the needs of Persons with Disabilities and inclusive for all. Further Final consultation of Advisory Group is being convened on the subject. The Government has taken legislative measures to ensure women's rights as a basic human rights and provision of opportunities for accomplishment of the commitments envisaged in the International Conventions/ Commitments. Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, 2020, Zainab Alert, Response & Recovery Act, 2020 has been promulgated for the protection of the rights of women.

## DEVOLUTION AND AREA DEVELOPMENT

Devolution & Area Development Section is dealing with development activities in less developed Special Areas i.e. Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJ&K), Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) and Merged Areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (erstwhile FATA). These areas are blessed with abundant natural economic potentials that can be utilized to accelerate development in these areas. Federal government is collaborating with local administration of these areas to fully utilize potentials of these areas and bring less developed areas at par with other parts of the country.

During 2019-20, projects have been implemented through respective ADPs of special areas. Through Gilgit Baltistan ADP-2019-20, a total number of 1,392 development projects have been implemented. Out of these, 809 were on-going, 583 were new and 289 have been completed by June 2020. Through AJK ADP-2019-20, a total number of 701 schemes have been implemented. Out of these, 374 are on-going, 208 are new and 119 have been completed by June 2020 in various sectors. These schemes are aimed at improving the living standard in less developed special areas.

During 2019-20, an amount of Rs111.5billion was allocated for Less Developed Special Areas. Out of total allocation, an amount of Rs63.5 billion was earmarked as block allocation for development activities in three Special Areas, whereas an amount of Rs48.0 billion was set aside for 10 year development plan for merged areas of KP. Details of allocation & utilization for various agencies is given below:

(Rs. billion)

Areas	Allocation	Amount Utilized	Percentage Utilized
Azad Jammu & Kashmir (Block Allocation)	24.5	24.5	100
Gilgit Baltistan (Block Allocation)	15.0	15.0	100
Merged Areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Block Allocation)	24.0	24.0	100
Merged Districts 10-year development plan	48.0	23.0	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>111.5</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>78</b>

*\*Allocation & releases for rupee component*

**Source:** Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) 2019-20

## Major activities

- During 2019-20, six Pre-CDWP meetings were organized to discuss development projects before presenting at CDWP forum
- Material/presentation for four meetings of Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was prepared and presented
- Four development projects in respect of less developed special areas were presented in CDWP meeting for consideration
- Coordinated for preparation of reply of the Ministry to Commerce Division regarding “PM Direction on Action Plan for Economic Development of Border Areas”
- Furnished reply of three queries of National assembly regarding development process in less developed areas
- Prepared chapter of COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21 on “Balanced Development, Focus on Less Developed Regions”
- The material for PSDP 2020-21 in respect of less developed areas was coordinated with relevant ministries / division and administration of Special Areas
- Responded to twenty-five queries on PM Citizen Portal related to less developed special areas
- Prepared material for Annual report on observance and Implementation of principal of policy regarding Special areas development
- Evaluated six projects of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) schemes for Islamabad Development Working Party (IDWP) meeting and attended two IDWP meetings

## MASS MEDIA & MANPOWER

The Section is responsible for looking after the development work and formulation of plans, policies and programmes for public sector media, preservation, conservation and restoration of cultural heritage, construction of new and strengthening existing sports facilities, promotion of tourism and youth development through capacity building, entrepreneurship and skill development.

In addition, the Section deals with all budgetary matters, policy guidelines, and technical appraisal of Skill Development schemes / programmes including Prime Minister's special Initiatives for Youth-Kamyab Jawan Programme. The Section contributes towards producing highly skilled Youth; to achieve high level of excellence and to meet the requirements of international competitiveness in line with 8<sup>th</sup> SDG's goal i.e. Decent work and Economic Development. In addition, the Section coordinates with provinces and donor agencies to support technical training, facilitate TVET Reforms and provide policy recommendations.

### Major activities

During 2019-20, the Section performed the following activities:

- Appraised and processed a number of new and revised PC-Is / PC-IIs of Information & Broadcasting Division, National Heritage & Culture Division, Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC) and their attached departments i.e. Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC), Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC), Pakistan Sports Board (PSB), Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA), Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL), National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage / Lok Virsa, Quaid-e-Azam Mazar Management Board, Department of Archeology & Museum (DOAM), National Library of Pakistan, Pakistan Tourism Development Cooperation (PTDC)
- Development projects costing about Rs.12,000 million were processed for consideration of the competent fora. The revised allocation for the development portfolio of Mass Media and

CSTY sectors was Rs.1,234.10 million against which an amount of Rs.800 million was released and utilized. Similarly, an amount of Rs.575 million was allocated to fund the ongoing and new skill development schemes. The government is making all efforts to produce competent skilled workforce at par with international standards of job market in various sectors of economy including; construction, hospitality, services and energy sectors. More than 200,000 youth have been trained under targeted training programmes so far

- Prepared chapter of COVID-19 Responsible Annual Plan 2020-21 on Mass Media and National Heritage & Culture
- Selected Advertising Agencies on the panel of Ministry with consultation of Press Information Department (PID). Three (03) Advertising Agencies were selected by the Section on the panel of the Ministry out of a total of Twenty Two Agencies
- The Section is the Secretariat of Finance and Accounts Committee of this Ministry for evaluation of Advertisement Printing and Production Works Bills. Accordingly, the Section evaluated, processed and got cleared more than twenty (20) advertisement bills from the Committee
- The Section carried out the appraisal and prepared working papers of 05 CDWP and 25 DDWP level PC-Is / PC-IIs
- The Section prepared PSDP 2020-21 in consultation with Sponsoring ministries and executing agencies
- The Section quarterly reviewed the physical and financial status of all projects
- The Section played its role in creating awareness in general public about symptoms, preventive and precautionary measures to control spread of the COVID-19 virus through the use of public and private sector media which included extended media coverage for compliance guidelines / advisories issued by relevant government departments / authorities. While digital

platforms were used by electronic and print media for reaching out to audiences at home

- Similarly, National Library of Pakistan (NLP), Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL), Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA) and Lok Virsa used its social media platforms and websites to provide home bound / online services to audience for promotion of learning and cultural activities through digital and social media
- Several key accomplishments were achieved in strengthening the governance and infrastructure of TVET sector, along with skill development opportunities for young people across Pakistan
- Accreditation of almost 400 TVET institutes and 1400 training programmes across the country
- Replacement of Apprenticeship Bill 1962 with Apprenticeship Act 2018 to strengthen industry and private sector role in TVET
- Roll out of Prime Minister's Skills for All (Hunarmand Pakistan) under the Kamyab Jawan Programme (KJP) initiative
- Launch of a National Job Portal to link 55000 skilled workers with employers
- Establishment of Job Placement Centers (JPCs) at Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore along with 100 Job Placement and Vocational Counselling Centers (JP&VCCs) across the country for the benefit of youth
- Launch of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) system to recognize and certify 15000 informally skills youth
- Completion of pedagogical (in-service) training of 8500 TVET teaching staff across Pakistan



- Launch of online training courses for youth in ICT and STEM focused trades ranging from manufacturing technology to quality control and assurance in wake of COVID-19 through collaboration with the government of China
- Standardization of skills qualification under national vocational qualification framework (NVQF) and development of curricula for over 100 trades / areas
- The government has accorded highest priority to youth empowerment on national level. In order to accomplish the vision of the Prime Minister, National Youth Development Framework (NYDF) was developed on the basic principles of 3Es: Education, Employment and Engagement. Keeping these 3Es as vital concern, the government has designed a comprehensive programme named “Prime Minister’s Kamyab Jawan Programme” comprising of six components given as under:
  - Prime Minister’s Hunarmand Skill for All Programme
  - Prime Minister’s Start up Pakistan
  - Prime Minister’s Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme (YES)
  - Prime Minister Green Youth Movement (GYM)
  - Prime Minister’s National Internship Programme
  - Prime Minister’s Youth Engagement platform (Jawan Markaz)

### **Other activities**

- The Sponsors and Executing Agencies were provided guidance, advices and suggestions at the PC-I and PC-II preparation stages and were helped out in removing bottlenecks in project implementation and resolving various issues faced by the on-going projects

- Chief of the Section is holding additional charge post of Project Director (PD) of Development Communication Project. The project primarily aim at dissemination of key information and build awareness on national development processes, policies and initiatives amongst target audiences at national and international level
- The Section attended more than 50 Pre-CDWPs, Post-CDWPs, DDWPs, PSDP Review meetings, Standing Committees of National Assembly and Senate, APCC and Library Committee meetings
- The Section disposed-off more than 2000 receipts and dealt with more than 200 current files
- Chief regularly attended proceedings of complaints filed by M/s X-dynamics before Federal Ombudsman against this Ministry for non-payment of outstanding amount on account of preparation of CPEC documentary. Moreover, the case for clearance of pending dues was processed and got cleared through AGPR
- Establishment of Polytechnic Institute for Boys at Skardu” (PSDP-funded) at an estimated cost of Rs601.996 million, aims at provision of 3 years post-Secondary Diploma Courses in Civil, Electrical and Mechanical technologies with annual intake of 120 (40 each) dropout students per year with total 600 students in five year period
- The project titled “Improvement of Livelihood and Well-Being of Female Home Based Workers (FHBWs) in the Informal Economic Sector in Sindh Province” at an estimated cost of Rs541.086 million (JICA Assistance) envisages improvement livelihood and wellbeing of Female Home Based Workers with economic empowerment of women through capacity building, access to financial services and imparting the skills necessary for income generation. The total number females to be benefitted under this projects stand at 6800 during four year time period of project

- The Project titled “Introducing Matric-TECH Pathways for Integrating Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Formal Education” at estimated cost of Rs.315 million aims at establishing new labs / workshops in public sector schools and colleges of general education stream and ensures the provision of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) to youth by integrating TVET into General Education stream. The target youth (middle pass) after eighth standard will be enrolled on the same pattern of general education for this “General Education cum Skill based Qualification” in specific TVET disciplines / technologies as per geographic and market needs
- The Section remained actively engaged in provision of technical support and conducive environment for implementation of training programmes all over the country. During 2019-20, 06 numbers of Pre-CDWP, 03 numbers of CDWP / CCC meetings, and 02 numbers of post CDWP / Follow-up meetings and 04 numbers of DDWP meetings were attended. Moreover, various meetings for progress review of Kamayab Jawan Programmes and PSDP funded projects were convened with concerned stakeholders from time to time.

## **GOVERNANCE**

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. The key initiatives of governance framework envisage socio-economic 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 upcoming years.

### **Major activities**

The government has undertaken number of initiatives to improve governance indicators and making government open, transparent, accountable, and responsive to citizens. An amount of Rs5 billion was allocated for the governance sector in 2019-20 against which an amount of Rs 3.2 billion has been utilized. The portfolio of Governance comprised of 42 development schemes costing more than Rs120 billion.

During 2019-20; 32 projects, programmes and concept clearance proposals were examined / processed / presented in DDWP, CDWP/CCC and ECNEC. The details of some key initiatives of Section are as under:

- More than 500 officers were trained at NSPP under reform project to use evidence in policy making process i.e. “Building Capacity to Use Research Evidence (BCURE)” in collaboration with Harvard Kennedy School, USA
- Ten (10) master trainers under BCURE programme were trained on blended-learning teaching methodology
- Training Need Assessment of NSPP and its constituent units has been conducted and report finalized

- Recruitment of 5<sup>th</sup> batch of Young Development Fellows (YDFs) has been completed
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) developed for the appointment of the Members from private sector in the Planning Commission
- The Key Performance Indicators of the Ministry 2020-21 were prepared
- Performance Agreement of the Ministry for 3rd and 4th quarter of 2019-20 was prepared
- Comments on six (06) Financial / Technical Agreements / MOUs/ proposals envisaging foreign assistance / cooperation were furnished
- Seven (07) proposals for Non-Lending Technical Assistance (NLTA) were examined and meetings of NLTA Committee were attended
- Technical support to two constituted taskforces on “Civil Service Reform” and “Austerity and Government Restructuring” on various reform agendas was provided
- Matters related to Grievances Redressal and Pension Cells established in the Ministry on instructions of Wafaqi Mohtasib were processed
- Policy guidelines for “Prime Minister’s Development Projects Youth Internship Programme” was prepared and forwarded to PM’s Office
- Draft proposal to enhance institutional capacity of Ministry prepared and presented to the competent authority
- Draft PC-I on “Capacity Building of the Ministries/Divisions in Policy/Programme Planning, Designing, Appraisal, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation” was prepared
- Proposal on simplification of development process prepared

## **INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE**

Industries & Commerce Section deals with Industries, Commerce and Mineral sectors. The Section undertakes technical appraisal of public sector development projects within the purview of Industries & Production; Commerce; Petroleum and Board of Investment Divisions. Technical appraisal covers engineering, commercial, organizational and managerial aspects of the projects and facilitates informed decision making in selection and approval of viable projects for socio-economic development of the country. The Section formulates working papers / comments, summaries, briefs and terms of reference for CDWP, DDWP, DWP, ECNEC, ECC, NEC and provides input in preparation of Year Book, Annual Plan, Five Year Plan regarding relevant sectors.

### **Major activities**

- Two projects of Industries & Production Division were processed and approved from CDWP
- Examined Concept Clearance of the project, "Pakistan Goes Global", the project was approved by CDWP
- Analyzed five PC-Is of Petroleum Division / GSP
- Prepared Working papers of five projects of Petroleum Division for CDWP / DDWP meetings
- Examined and offered comments on two DDWP level projects of Industries & Production Division.
- Finalized PSDP of Industries & Production, Commerce (including Textile) and Petroleum Division for 2020-21
- Chapter of COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21 was prepared

- Prepared “Framework / ToRs for Conducting Survey regarding Real Impact of Subsidies given to Utility Stores Corporation (USC)”
- Arranged two Inter-Ministerial meetings regarding Electric Vehicles Policy Formulation. Electric Vehicles Policy for 2-3 Wheelers & HCVs was finalized and subsequently approved by the ECC of the Cabinet in June, 2020
- Arranged four stakeholders’ meetings regarding sharing of non-sensitive mineral data between SPD / PAEC and GSP & Provinces
- Drafted “Framework Agreement on Mineral Exploration including Lab Facilities in Pakistan” between SPD and GSP for sharing of non-sensitive mineral data
- Feasibility Study of the Knowledge Economy project titled “National Strategic Programme for Acquisition of Industrial Technology (NSPAIT) including feasibility Knowledge Economy Initiative” sponsored by Ministry of Industries and Production, was approved by CDWP at an estimated cost of Rs84.974 million
- Work on Electric Vehicles Policy Formulation for 4-Wheelers is in progress. I&C Section is acting as a secretariat for convening Inter-Ministerial meetings
- Textile Wing plans to initiate a development project “Faisalabad Garment City Phase-II” in 2020-21
- Industries & Commerce Section’s project titled “Cluster Development Based Mineral Transformation Plan – V2025”, at a cost of Rs62.21 million was completed and reports including Action Plans have been sent to stakeholders for taking further necessary action

## **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Section technically appraises PC-Is and PC-IIs of ICT Sector related schemes submitted by the Sponsoring Ministries for consideration / approval of the CDWP and ECNEC. For this purpose, working papers / Summaries for Pre-CDWP / CDWP / ECNEC meetings are to be prepared. In addition to this, the ICT Section prepares technical comments for ICT component of the projects sent by other sections of Planning Commission for inclusion in working papers for CDWP; processes projects for Concept Clearance and Cash /Work Plans submitted by Ministries/ Agencies.

### **Major activities**

- The projects for DDWP/ CDWP/ ECNEC were processed and accordingly Working Papers for Pre-CDWP, CDWP & Post CDWP and Summaries for ECNEC were processed. The ICT Section participated in DDWP Meetings of various Ministries including Ministry of IT, Interior, National Telecommunication Corporation, HEC, SUPARCO, etc.
- In the PSDP 2019-20, the emphasis remained on providing strong foundation for the future and some of the major projects executed in the ICT sector during 2019-20 were:
  - Enhancing IT Exports through Industry Support Programmes
  - Technology Parks Development Project
  - Feasibility Study of Pakistan's 2<sup>nd</sup> Optical Remote Sensing Satellite (PRSS-O2)
  - E-Office Replication at All Divisions of Federal Government
  - Construction of Cross-Border Optical Fiber Cable for Alternative International Connectivity



- Technical Training institute in Gilgit-Baltistan
- Expanding internet and broadband services in AJ&K and Gilgit-Baltistan
- A new project “Strengthening of Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives in IT” was started to further strengthen and improve the ICT facilities and services
- A chapter of ICT for COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21 was prepared in consultation with relevant Ministries and in consultation with ICT Industry and Academia
- The Section participated in various Workshops/ Conferences during the year
- PSDP-2020-21 was prepared in consultation with various Ministries/ Divisions i.e. Information Technology, Establishment, Interior, Defense, Finance and others
- PSDP review meetings were attended and working papers were prepared accordingly
- Prepared briefs for Deputy Chairman on various issues related to ICT
- Prepared of minutes of the meeting of Pre-CDWP, CDWP and ECNEC
- Prepared of ICT chapter of Year Book of Planning Commission
- Prepared of Material (ICT part) for Finance Minister’s Budget Speech

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Science & Technology (S&T) Section at the Ministry deals with the development projects, programmes, and policy interventions related to S&T and Higher Education Sectors. Higher education and S&T sectors serve as an engine of growth for the socio-economic development of Pakistan. Higher Education sector plays an important role in the development of the universities of Pakistan to become world-class centers of education, research and development. S&T Section is in close proximity with main stakeholders of these sectors such as Higher Education Commission (HEC), Universities, Ministry of Science & Technology (M/o S&T) and Scientific Research Organizations. However, the objects of the sector, programmes and projects are not restricted to single ministry instead, projects from other R&D organizations like Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), NESCOM, SUPARCO, Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Defense Division (Survey of Pakistan), Ministry of IPC and Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA) are also approved and funded under the umbrella of S&T sector.

### **Major activities**

During 2019-20, the main activity undertaken by the Section was approval of development projects through approving forums like DDWP, CDWP and ECNEC. Another important exercise was writing two chapters namely; Science & Technology and Higher Education for Annual Plan. The section also contributed for processing and finalization of next year's PSDP as well as contributing in quarterly, Mid-Year and Full-Year reviews of PSDP and feedback on re-appropriation of PSDP allocations. The section has also represented M/o PD&SI in DDWP meetings. Moreover, the section remained actively involved in provision of information and data for annual Plan Plan Review Meetings, Pending Project Meetings and Project Review Meetings.

In addition, the section carried out following activities during 2019-20:

- Chapters on S&T and HEC were written for COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21

- Attended Steering Committee and Executive Committee meetings of Science Talent Farming Scheme and provide feedback
- Attended meetings, providing input and recording minutes of Cabinet Committee on HR and Technology
- Prepared briefs for Secretary for various meetings including NUST, NUMS, and NUTECH BoG meetings
- Attended meetings of various governing bodies of HEC and S&T related R&D organizations
- Provided input and attending meetings on CCI Committee for Matters Pertaining to Higher Education
- Attended National Scholarships Management Committee Meetings at HEC
- Attending project review meetings held at Higher Education Commission and Ministry of Science & Technology
- Attended National Assembly and Senate Standing Committee Meetings and provided input as well as respond to the queries raised by honorable members of parliament

### **Projects approved during 2019-20**

During 2019-20, total 39 projects amounting Rs6billion were processed and presented before DDWP/CDWP/ECNEC of HEC/public sector Universities/HEIs including components like Construction of new academic buildings, Strengthening of ICT Infrastructure, Faculty Development, Procurement of Laboratory Equipment and other approved components. The details are as follows:

(Rs. billion)

S. No.	Projects Approved during 2019-20	No. of PSDP Projects	Total Cost
1.	DDWP	33	34.368
2.	CDWP	05	9.523
3.	ECNEC	01	12.088
	<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>55.980</b>

### New Special Initiative

During 2019-20, a mega project titled Higher Education Development in Pakistan (HEDP) (US\$ 77 million) was approved by ECNEC at capital cost of Rs12,088.996 million.

### PSDP 2019-20

Under the PSDP 2019-20, the government allocated Rs29.04 billion to HEC for implementation of 138 development projects (128 ongoing & 10 un-approved projects) of Public Sector Universities/HEIs. In addition to this, an amount of Rs1.55 billion has also been allocated for the two Afghan Scholarship Schemes.

The detail is tabulated as under:

(Rs. billion)

S. No	Description	No. of PSDP Projects	Total Cost	Cumulative Expenditure up to June, 2019	PSDP Allocation 2019-20
1.	Ongoing Schemes	128	267.686	81.179	27.62
2.	New Schemes	10	32.130	-	1.42
	<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>299.816</b>	<b>81.179</b>	<b>29.04</b>

### Releases

During 2019-20, an amount of Rs26.9 billion has been released to HEC/public sector Universities/HEIs for meeting expenditure against ongoing projects for activities like Construction of new academic buildings, Strengthening of ICT Infrastructure, Faculty Development, Procurement of Laboratory Equipment and other approved

components. Similarly, Rs1.551 billion was released to the Afghan Scholarship Schemes.

As a result, funding to thirteen (13) projects of various universities/HEIs has been planned for completion during current 2019-20. Summary is given below:

(Rs. billion)		
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>Expenditure up to 30.06.2019</b>	<b>Actual Releases during 2019-20</b>
11.327	7.457	3.870

#### **Legislative / policy interventions introduced or implemented**

Following progress is made by the institutional reforms during the year 2019-20 by the HEC:

- Institutional Performance Evaluation Manual was revised and restructured for QAA by the HEC. It is submitted for approval of the HEC Commission
- The proposal for restructuring the Human Resource Development (HRD) was approved by the Commission of the HEC and it is substantially completed
- The broad parameters for restructuring the Human Resource Development (HRD) were approved by the Commission of the HEC, in its meeting held on June 12-13, 2020. In pursuance of this decision, the detailed proposal has been substantially completed

During 2019-20, total 39 projects amounting Rs55,980.685 million were processed by the section and presented before DDWP/CDWP/ECNEC of HEC/public sector Universities/HEIs including the mega project titled Higher Education Development in Pakistan (HEDP) (US\$ 77 million) approved by ECNEC at capital cost of Rs12,088.996 million. The details are as follows:

**Salient features**

- 13 projects have been completed during 2019-20
- 23 projects are substantially completed which are planned for completion during PSDP 2020-21
- 31 projects are yet to be started

**Budgetary overview of development activities**

During 2019-20, an amount of Rs2.2billion was allocated against 31 development projects. Out of this, Rs1.2 billion released and utilized, whereas, four (04) number of projects completed.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

Water is one of the fundamental factors which forms the web of life. Two fold pressure of population growth and increased hydro-variability has complicated management of water resources around the globe, especially in the countries like Pakistan, that rank high on Climate Vulnerability Index.

During 2019-20, a sum of Rs70.384 billion (original) were allocated to the water sector, which was increased upto the tune of Rs118 billion in the light of decisions taken in the quarterly PSDP Review meeting. Out of total revised allocation more than Rs102 billion were released to the water sector.

### **Major activities**

The Section has technically securitized/reviewed/processed about 112 water sector's on-going development projects. Other than the formulation of an implementation framework for National Water Policy 2018, preparation of Annual Plan 2020-21 and the status of achievement of targets set under Annual Plan 2019-20 was assessed from a policy perspective of water storage and conservation. The Section remained successful to deliver the following:

- Formulation of PSDP 2020-21 and quarterly review of PSDP 2019-20
- Technical and economic appraisal/processing of 20 water sectors on-going/new projects to assist CDWP/ECNEC
- Technical and economic appraisal/processing of 09 concept papers for CDWP
- Technical and economic appraisal/processing of 32 new projects for DDWP
- Quarterly submission of progress briefs of all on-going mega projects to the Prime Minister's/President's Secretariat and other higher authorities

- Regular review meetings with all executing agencies (WAPDA, Provinces and others) to discuss and resolve the bottlenecks/issues of on-going and new development projects
- Technical evaluation and comments on summaries moved by ministries/divisions to the Prime Minister's Office
- Submitted sectoral material for Economic Survey of Pakistan, Finance Minister Budget Speech and Pakistan Agriculture Statistics
- Meetings attended on Goal 6 of Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 and especially on Integrated Water Resources Management
- Submitted the implementation status of the Senate/National Assembly (Senate Standing Committee's decisions)
- Physical & desk monitoring for assessing financial and physical progress of the water sector projects included in PSDP 2019-20
- Attended 4 meetings of Scrutinizing Committee for Emergent nature flood schemes
- Several meetings were coordinated on Islamabad water supply scheme
- Formulation of strategies for implementing development programme in line with the policies of the Government for the accomplishment of maximization of agricultural productivity
- Advised and assisted Federal, Provincial Governments and other bodies in all matters pertaining to the development of water resources
- Offered technical comments on specific schemes related to other sectors



- Prepared briefs and working papers for 10 projects for meetings of Standing Committees of the Parliament
- Court cases of 06 projects were attended and reports were submitted to Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan, Balochistan High Court and Supreme Appellate Court GB
- An amount of Rs78.28 billion were released during 2019-20 for construction of large/medium dams (including Diamer Basha Dam & Mohmand Dam) and Rs9.25 billion for small/ check & delay action dams in all over Pakistan
- The waterlogged and salt affected area will be reclaimed through completion of Right Bank Out-fall Drainage System (RBOD-I, II & III), for this program about Rs4.25 billion were released during 2019-20

## **ENERGY WING**

The Energy Wing of Ministry is entrusted to Energy Sector projects, allocation of resources under Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP), short/long term energy plans and energy policies review.

### **Major activities**

- The Wing prepared / processed and technically appraised 50 projects for consideration of Pre-CDWP / CDWP meetings
- Similarly, prepared summaries of 16 projects for consideration of ECNEC
- Comments on the 36 Agenda items of DDWP/DWP of Power Division, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan and DISCOS

### **Other activities**

#### **Board / Technical Meetings**

- Attended Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan (HDIP) Board Meetings
- Attended Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) stakeholder meeting under Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
- Attended Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for Energy Sector
- Attended Senate Standing Committee on PD&SI
- Attended National Assembly Standing Committee on PD&SI
- Utilization of Flare Gas (FG) Guidelines 2016
- Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) Project- "2 X 50 MW Power Plant from Syngas (IGCC-2009), Tharparkar, Sindh" meeting arranged for its way forward

### **Review Meetings**

- Conducted several review meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and full year PSDP 2019-20
- Review of Annual Plan 2019-20 and prepared chapter on Energy for COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21
- Review of PSDP 2019-20 and prepared recommendations for PSDP 2020-21.

### **Conferences, Seminars & Workshops**

- One Day Conference titled “Biofuel – Clean Fuels 2020” at OGDCL House
- Biomass Cluster, National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Islamabad
- Conference on Sustainable Energy for All (SEforAll) by UNDP
- Offered comments / brief on 03 summaries of Council of Common Interests (CCI). In addition, offered technical views / comments on 07 summaries of Federal Cabinet and 16 summaries of Economic Coordination Committee (ECC).
- Preparation of workable mechanism to reduce commitments charges for Foreign Funded projects as per CDWP decision
- Prepared POL Imports Data and POL Production Comparison report w.r.t Mari, OGDCL & PPL
- Meeting attended of Senior Advisor Programmes-UNOPS Asia Region
- Comments provided for draft Development Plan on Pakistan Oil & Gas Sector

- Releases of funds from GIDC for Payment of 3rd Tranche of capital contribution and previous shortfall in TAPI Limited were made
- Comments offered on National Electrical Vehicle (EVs) Policy
- Provided material for two years performance of the government (August 2018-August 2020)
- A project PC-I for Establishment of Integrated Energy Planning (IEP) was prepared and got approved from DDWP. Process for hiring against approved posts under PC-I was initiated
- A policy proposal was submitted to ECNEC and got approved where in “All Public Sector Power projects (irrespective of fuel technology) should comply with NEPRA tariff regime by applying to NEPRA for tariff determination at Feasibility, EPC and COD stages”
- Coordinated the meetings of the committee constituted by Council of Common Interest (CCI) on Net Hydel Profit (NHP) under the chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. After 8 meeting of the committee a report was prepared and submitted to CCI
- A Report on Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) along with investment prospective was launched. A launching ceremony was arranged in collaboration of UNDP Pakistan
- Four numbers of webinars were arranged in collaboration of USAID Pak. on data management, load forecasting and g cam software
- Work on IEP would continue. After completion of recruitment process the Energy Planning and Resource Center EPRC would be established in Energy Wing. The center would conduct/ run versions’ modules for integrated energy planning and submit outcomes to govt for informed decision making

## PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING

Physical Planning & Housing Section aims at formulation of national policies and planning, facilitate provincial/regional governments to manage urbanization and planning / programming of projects relating to water supply, sanitation, urban development, urban renewal, slum up-gradation and housing. The Section provides a platform to share knowledge for resolving urban and regional development issues and promote green energy efficient and affordable housing for all. In addition, the Section carries out the technical appraisal of development projects submitted by various federal ministries/divisions/departments and provincial governments for consideration of the DDWP, CDWP and the ECNEC.

### Major activities

To achieve the sectoral objectives, an allocation of approximately Rs34 billion was made in Federal PSDP 2019-20 to different federal ministries and line departments for implementation of physical planning & housing sector programmes/projects. Major allocations relates to water supply and sanitation, construction of government offices, residential buildings, and housing projects pertaining to Ministries of Interior, Housing & Works, Aviation Division, Cabinet Division, Communication Division, Defence Division, Establishment Division, Finance Division, Foreign Affairs Division, Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan Division, Law & Justice Division, Maritime Affairs Division, Narcotics Control Division, Planning, Development & Special Initiatives Division, Religious Affairs & Inter Faith Harmony Division, and Revenue Division. Major sectoral projects undertaken during 2019-20 include:

- Gwadar Smart City Master Plan
- Development of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor on EPC / Turnkey (Phase-I)
- Construction of Office Accommodation & allied facilities to Anti-Narcotics Force

- Construction of FBR Offices / centres
- Up-Gradation/ Strengthening of Cabinet Division's 6 Aviation Squadron for Relief Operations & Enhancement of Security Islamabad Heliport, Islamabad
- Construction of Judicial and Administration Complex in Mauve Area
- Construction of Office & Residential Accommodation for Civil Armed Forces at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; Balochistan and Gilgit-Baltistan
- Accompanying Services to 'Regional Infrastructure Fund in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa' for promoting "Sustainable Urban Development through Resilient Resource Management with a Participatory Approach in Mansehra (KfW Funded)
- Programme to uplift Water Supply and Sanitation Infrastructure in underdeveloped areas of Punjab
- Construction of Eastern Wastewater Treatment Plant (44 MGD) of Faisalabad (Phase-I)
- Sanitary Sewerage System with Treatment Plant for Gilgit City
- Urban Development Planning & Investment in Intermediate Cities of Sindh
- Korang River and Rawal Lake Water Treatment Plants
- Lahore Water and Waste Water Management Project- Construction of Surface Water Treatment Plant at BRBD Canal
- Construction of AJK Legislative Assembly Complex
- Gravity Flow Water Supply Scheme Mansehra
- Project Readiness Financing (PRF) for Punjab Provincial Projects-Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Programme (Phase-II)

## **TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION**

The Transport & Communication (T&C) Section appraises, evaluate, advises and facilitates the relevant line ministries / departments for the provision of safe, reliable, robust and efficient transport system & infrastructure in line with the National Transport Policy 2018. PC-Is and PC-IIs of each sub-sector of the transport including Roads & Bridges, Railways, Ports and Shipping, and Aviation are appraised by this Section as per the guidelines and standards of the Planning Commission.

### **Major activities**

The section performed the following major activities during 2019-20:

The Section examined and processed new as well as revised development projects of Cabinet Division (SIDCL), Ministries of Communications (NHA, NTRC, NH&MP), Interior (CDA), Railways (Pakistan Railways), Aviation (CAA, ASF), Housing & Works (PWD), Maritime (GPA, PQA, KPT), Defense (PMSA), Defense Production (KS&EW), SAFRON, projects from Provinces, merged areas of FATA, Gilgit Baltistan and AJ&K.

During 2019-20, T & L (T&L) sector was provided Rs184.7 billion under the federal programme. Against this, an expenditure of Rs229.1 billion was incurred, which is over and above the amount allocated to the T&C Sector projects owing to more foreign aid / loan disbursement & release of funds in case of NHA. Thus, giving an overall utilization of 124 percent.

In addition to the evaluation process, work on the formulation of a master plan for each sub sector of Transport was also carried out during 2019-20.

### **Implementation of National Transport Policy 2018**

The National Transport Policy (NTP) contains the overall Vision, Principles for the Governance of the Transport Sector, Policy Objectives and contributions for each of the sub-sectors of transport.

The Section finalized the NTP in consultation with all relevant stakeholders during 2018-19 and was approved by the Cabinet in May 2018. The Section continued work on the launching of the NTP 2018 and as a next step of implementation, a draft National Transport Master Plan was formulated in consultation with the Consultants of Asian Development Bank (ADB).

### **PM Directives / Tasks Assigned**

During 2019-20, the Section continued to work on the various Tasks assigned by the Prime Minister's Office. In light of the directives and after 100 days performance review meeting of the Cabinet, a number of projects in Roads and railways sector were approved for carrying out commercial feasibilities for implementation through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode of financing. Thus, reducing the burden on the Federal PSDP. The Section facilitated in advising and evaluating the PC-IIs of all such schemes of the railways and NHA during 2019-20.

### **COVID-19 Challenges**

The T&C sector has suffered badly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Presently, the construction industry is heavily relying on construction of roads, railways, airports and port etc. which is severely affected. At the same time, the passenger and freight transport through roads, railways, aviation and through ports has decreased to an alarming level as a consequence of lock down during the last four months of 2019-20. The Section suggested different measures to overcome various issues arise due to pandemic.

### **Appraisal of Projects**

The section processed number of schemes during 2019-20 as per the following details:

**CDWP processed projects during 2019-20**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>CDWP Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Projects considered</b>	<b>Approved (A)/ Deferred (D)/ Returned (R)</b>	<b>Recommended for ECNEC</b>
1	06-08-2019	03	01 (R), 01 (A), 01 (D)	-



S. No.	CDWP Meetings	No. of Projects considered	Approved (A)/ Deferred (D)/ Returned (R)	Recommended for ECNEC
2	27-08-2019	04	01(R)	03
3	03-09-2019	02	-	02
4	25-09-2019	02	01(A)	01
5	17-10-2019	01 (CC Proposals)	01 (A)	-
6	30-10-2019	01	-	01
7	18-11-2019	01	-	01
8	09-12-2019	02	02(A)	-
9	01-01-2020	03 05(CC Proposals)	01(D), 01(A) 05 CC Proposals(A)	01
10	30-01-2020	02	01 (A)	01
11	03-03-2020	05	01(A) 01(D)	03
12	30-03-2020	04	02(R)	02
13	15-04-2020	01	-	01
14	22-04-2020	05	02(A) 01(D)	02
15	03-09-June 2020	19 01 (CC Proposal)	01 Feasibility (A) 15 (A) 01 CC Proposal (A)	03
<b>Total</b>		<b>61 schemes</b>	<b>32 (A) 04 (R) 04 (D)</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Schemes returned after preliminary examination</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>13 R</b>	<b>-</b>

A total of 74 schemes were processed whereas, 04 schemes were returned consideration by the CDWP, while 13 schemes were returned after preliminary examination. At the same time, 21 schemes were recommended for ECNEC approval, however, 32 schemes were approved by the CDWP, whereas, only 04 schemes were deferred.

Some major schemes approved by the ECNEC during 2019-20 include East Bay Expressway Gwadar, Yellow Line BRT Karachi, Red

Line BRT Karachi, Operationalization of Green Line BRT Karachi and Dualization of Mandra-Chakwal road (Revised).

### **Other activities**

Detail of miscellaneous activities performed by T&C Section during 2019-20 is as below:

- The section prepared / finalized the National Transport Master Plan in line with present Government's manifesto and Objectives of NTP 2018
- Chapter on Transport & Logistics for COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21 was prepared
- The Section actively engaged in the preparation of PSDP / Development Budget 2020-21
- The projects at the DDWP level were scrutinized and recommended. Also, DDWP meetings of the self-financed departments, such as CDA and CAA were held and appraisals of the projects were carried out
- The section actively participated in review meetings of the PSDP held on a quarterly basis and input was provided wherever required
- The Section remain involved in preparing briefs and comments for Cabinet and ECC meetings, Board meetings of the CAA, Pak. Railways and NHA
- The cases relating to releases and re-appropriation of PSDP funds were dealt
- The Section attended and prepared briefs for all the National Assembly and Senate Standing Committees

## **PROJECTS' / IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING WING**

The Projects Wing mainly deals with monitoring of the Implementation of major development programmes / projects. Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) is the main instrument or driving force to channelize Government funds for socio-economic uplift of the country. Monitoring of PSDP funded projects is proving a yardstick to measure that the projects are on track with regard to schedule, budget line and scope against the plans.

### **Major activities**

Planning Commission maintains an oversight on the implementation of development projects, baseline to be implemented by the sponsoring Ministries/Divisions. Planning Commission through Projects Wing has adopted the Result Based Monitoring (RBM) of development project. Projects Wing has monitored about 101 projects during 2019-20 against the target of 250. Based on the RBM parameters, some of the major observations were taken- up with the executing agencies to improve the implementation of the development projects.

### **Monitoring of PSDP funded project performance**

M/o PD&SI is being strengthened in the M&E Capacity for enhancing effective implementation of projects. With limited Human Resource capacity of the Projects Wing during 2019-20, some key projects of PSDP were monitored and evaluated are given as under:

Year	PSDP Allocation (Rs. billion)	Number of Projects		
		Total	Projects Monitored	Projects Evaluated
2019-20	575	1063	101	03

The key issues highlighted during monitoring in 2019-20 are summarized as under:

S. No.	Issues / Problems	2019-20	Percentage share
1	Lack of Management Capacity	44	44
2	Delay in Civil Works	29	29
3	Consultant Related Issues	-	-
4	Lack of Coordination Between Federal /Provincial Govt.	5	5
5	Delay in Procurement	5	5
6	Others (Security, Law and Order Issues, Land Procurement etc.)	1	1
7	Projects having no major issue/problem	1	1
8	Inadequate funding	6	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100</b>

### Result based monitoring

Monitoring exercise records indicates that the implementation of projects have suffered mainly due to lack of capacity in management of projects and planning issues before execution. Meagre allocation of resources to a large portfolio results into delays and cost over runs in majority of projects, improper preparation/designing of the PC-I's leading to delays, cost over runs, change in scope of work and ultimate revision of the PC-Is.

### Evaluation of development projects

Projects Wing undertakes evaluation of the development projects and programmes. It includes the systematic and objective assessment of an on-going or completed project, programme or policy, its design, implementation and results. The aim is to determine the development efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability against RBM matrix planned in PC-I. The recommendations made in the evaluation reports were beneficial to the stakeholders, as it provided guidelines, improvement in policy & plans formulation and future development direction.

**Management Information System (MIS)**

To make the projects monitoring more effective and facilitate the working of projects wing, MIS Section of Projects Wing is managing a web-based Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMES). PMES is the backbone of PSDP Projects Monitoring activity. In the endeavor to make this a successful and effective information system, following activities have been undertaken during 2019-20:

- Managed operations of Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMES)
- Online connectivity with Planning Commission through PMES has been extended to all ministries
- Managed the growth of PSDP projects database and its size has crossed 3000+projects
- Through continuous PMES trainings the trained users' number has increased to 3500
- Continuous help desk support provided to PMES users
- Seven (07) formal training sessions were arranged for the groups of Project Directors of various ministries on the use of PMES
- MIS section provided support in preparation of reports for the senior management of Ministry especially with regards to Cash/Work plans and its progress updates



## **Administration Wing**





## **ADMINISTRATION WING**

### **Human Resource Management (HRM)**

#### **HRM-I Section**

HRM-I Section deals with personal cases of BS-17 to BS-21 Technical/Ex. Cadre Officers belonging to Technical Sections and Energy Wing. Besides, processing personal cases of routine nature (leave, posting/transfer/medical reimbursement/Advances i.e. HBA, MCA, GPF/ TA. DA/retirement, encashment etc.) in respect of the officers being dealt, the following assignments were carried out by the Section during 2019-20:

#### **Major activities**

##### **Implementation of e-office**

Implemented internal communication module (e-office) and resultantly all the cases were put up / processed on e-office efficiently within stipulated time.

##### **Promotion**

The exercise included preparation of proposal forms, panel proformae, service history, brief, synopsis of training and certificates after thorough and in-depth scrutiny of relevant record and files including PERs and TERs which is a cumbersome task. Each Technical Section has its own sanctioned strength, recruitment rules and seniority independent of others. Hence, each case of promotion upto BS-20 is dealt separately Section wise which causes multiplication of work. The detail of important cases dealt during the financial year is as under:

##### **Departmental Selection Board**

- The case of two (02) Assistant Chiefs (BS-18) for promotion to the post of Deputy Chief (BS-19) is under submission for consideration of DSB

### Central Selection Board

- The cases for promotion of Deputy Chiefs (BS-19) to the post of Chief (BS-20) were forwarded to Establishment Division
- The case for promotion against two posts of Senior Chief (Technical) was forwarded to Establishment Division
- The case for promotion to the post of Senior Chief – Energy was forwarded to Establishment Division

### Antedated promotion

The case for antedation of promotion of a retired Chief (BS-20), Governance Section was prepared and taken up with Finance Division in compliance of the FST's directions.

**Recruitment:** Before forwarding a case to FPSC, the regional quota is calculated as per prescribed format of FPSC and NOC from surplus pool is obtained. Then, requisition form, list of officers previously recruited and certificate are prepared and forwarded to FPSC with approval of the Administrative Secretary. After referring the case, the same is pursued with FPSC constantly as per directions of higher administration for updating of current status of the case. The nomination of departmental representative is finalized with approval of the competent authority. After receiving recommendations of FPSC, the offer of appointment is issued. If the nominee accepts the offer, he/she is referred for medical examination. After being declared fit, the nominee is appointed with approval of the Secretary. Each Technical Section has its own sanctioned strength, recruitment rules and seniority independent of others.

- One post of Assistant Chief (BS-18) and Deputy Chief (BS-19) were referred to FPSC for recruitment after completing codal formalities
- Three (03) posts of Research Officers (BS-17), Seven (07) posts of Assistant Chiefs (BS-18), five (05) posts of Deputy Chief

(BS-19) and a post of Chief (BS-20) are pending recruitment with FPSC. The cases have been pursued constantly with FPSC

- Departmental representatives were nominated for interview as and when required
- Four (04) Research Officers and One Assistant Chief was appointed as per recommendations of FPSC

### **Court cases**

The para-wise comments of two (02) court cases were drafted after thorough scrutiny of relevant record. The dealing Standing Counsel was briefed and hearing have been attended as and when required.

### **Mandatory trainings**

Processed the cases of ex. Cadre officers for mandatory trainings and payment of course fee: three (03) officer attended SMC and three (03) officers attended MCMC.

### **Working during COVID-19 out break**

The Officer as well as staff of the Section have been attending the office during the situation created due of outbreak of COVID-19 maintaining safety measures and disposed-off the official assignment without any halt. The immediate circulars and directions have been communicated to the officers well in time through appropriate mode of communication.

### **HRM-II Section**

HRM-II Section deals with the administrative matters of the officers of the Economists Group under the control of M/oPD&SI. The main functions of HRM-II Section are given as under:

- Recruitment Rules in respect of Economists Group

- Recruitment, Appointment and Promotion of officers(BS-17 to BS-22) of the Economists Group
- Personal cases of officers belonging to Economists Group posted in the Ministry and other various Ministries/Divisions
- Confirmation/Regularization and Seniority matter of all officers belonging to the Group
- Posting/Transfer of the Officers of Economists Group
- Litigation and disciplinary cases relating to the officers of Economists Group
- Preparation of replies to Senate/National Questions

### Major activities

**Recruitment:** There are following two mode of recruitment for induction in the Economists Group: i) Direct recruitment ii) Appointment by promotion.

#### Direct recruitment

S. No.	Name of Posts	Remarks
1.	Chief (BS-20)	One post of Chief was worked out and sent to FPSC for direct recruitment.
2.	Research Officer (BS-17)	12 posts of ROs were workout and sent to FPSC for direct recruitment which is yet to be finalized.

#### Appointment by promotion

S. No.	Promotion from	Promotion as	Number of Officers promoted during July 2019 to June 2020
1.	Chief (BS-20)	Joint Chief Economist (BS-21)	01 (One)
2.	Deputy Chief (BS-19)	Chief (BS-20)	03 (Three)

S. No.	Promotion from	Promotion as	Number of Officers promoted during July 2019 to June 2020
3.	Assistant Chief (BS-18)	Deputy Chief (BS-19)	06 (six)
4.	Research Officer (BS-17)	Assistant Chief (BS-18)	Next DPC will meet shortly for promotion cases of ROs.

### Officers on foreign/local studies

For career growth and future endeavours, the Section provides opportunities for higher studies to the officers of the Economists Group. A number of officers have completed their studies from inland as well as abroad. Currently, 02 officers of BS-18 are pursuing their studies in Foreign and local institutions.

### Mandatory trainings

Mandatory trainings are compulsory to undergo for promotion to next higher scale. Accordingly, officers of the Economists Group are being sent for mandatory trainings i.e. NMC/NDU, SMC, MCMC.

During 2019-20 many officers of the Economists Group were sent on mandatory training as per detail below:

S. No.	Nomenclature of posts	SMC Attended	MCMC Attended
1.	Deputy Chief (BS-19)	03 (Three)	-
2.	Assistant Chief (BS-18)	-	05 (five)

### Litigation

This Section deals with the court cases filed for and against of this Ministry related to officers of the Economists Group. The court cases are being prepared in consultation with Law and Justice Division and filed and defended in the court through the Government Counsel.

### **HRM-III Section**

Human Resource Management-III Section deals with the matters of Officers of All Pakistan Unified Grades (APUG). The main functions of this Section are mentioned below:

- Appointment of Minister/MoS, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission (DCPC), Parliamentary Secretary, and Members (MP-I Scales) and their miscellaneous matters
- All matters of APUG Officers including Secretary, Additional Secretary, Senior Joint Secretary/Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Section Officers, Accounts Officers/Assistant Accounts Officer, Senior Private Secretaries/Private Secretaries and Senior Librarian
- Career Planning

### **Major activities**

- Appointment of 06 Members, Planning Commission in MP-I Scale against the vacant positions of Member, I&RC, PSD&C, I&M, S&T and ICT, SS&D, Energy, FS&CC
- Upgradation of 04 Private Secretaries from BS-17 to BS-18
- 01 court case is under process in Federal Service Tribunal for which comments were prepared by this Section and the same have been submitted in Federal Services Tribunal and the hearing is being attended on specified dates
- Issued explanations to 01 Section Officer, Librarian and 01 Private Secretary due to negligence in performing their assigned duties
- Processed the medical reimbursement cases of 09 retired and 25 serving Officers/Officials under the administrative control of this Section

## IMPLEMENTATION WING

### Major activities

During 2019-20, the Implementation Wing undertook following activities:

- Implementation Wing provided secretarial support to the Taskforce on Technology Driven Knowledge Economy. The task force established in December 2018 is aimed to trigger knowledge based industrial development through technology innovation, dissemination and commercialization. The Task Force is headed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan and Dr. Atta ur Rahman, Vice Chairman. Focused Areas of intervention include Education, Science and Technology, Information Technology & Telecom, Industry and Agriculture etc. The first meeting of the Task Force was held on January 29, 2019 in PM's Office
- The Task Force provided important guidance with regard to finalization of PSDP allocations for the projects proposed under Knowledge Economy. A total of 27 number of new PSDP projects in the Information Technology, Science & Technology, Education, Industry and Agriculture sectors have been initiated on the guidance of the task force for 2019-20 to give desired direction to the economy. Blended learning, Artificial Intelligence, biotechnology, nanotechnology and other emerging technologies have been given special attention under selected projects
- As part of the CPEC Long Term Plan, a Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) and 10 Joint Working Groups (JWGs), covering different sectors, were formulated. The Ministry coordinated the implementation of the CPEC Framework through two PSDP funded projects; CPEC Corridor Support Project (CPECSP) and Centre of Excellence for CPEC. The CPEC Secretariat in Ministry (under CPECSP) worked as a focal point for overall management and supervision of the CPEC

- In order to provide a stronger institutional arrangement for more effective coordination and management of CPEC, the CPEC Authority was established through an Ordinance promulgated on October 5, 2019. CPEC Authority is placed under the Ministry under Section 3 of the Ordinance. A draft CPEC Authority Bill, 2020 is under consideration
- Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) is the apex forum of CPEC, co-chaired by Federal Minister for Planning from Pakistan side and by Vice Chairman National Development Reforms Commission (NDRC) from Chinese side, Officials from both Pakistan and China. JCC meeting is held every year. The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of JCC (last) was held in October 2019. JCC was scheduled to be held in April, 2020 during the visit of the Chinese President, however, the meeting was postponed due to coronavirus pandemic. The Ministry lead three JGWs under CPEC Cooperation namely; JGWs on Planning, Socio Economic Development and Gwadar under CPEC Framework
- The Public Private Partnership Authority (P3A) was transferred from Finance Division to this Ministry in April, 2020. The Public Private Partnership Authority Act 2017 (VIII of 2017), as originally promulgated, had a rigid structure and envisaged simple transactions (including straight-forward outsourcing and management contracts) to be approved by the Board of the Authority
- In order to address the aforementioned gaps and to undertake projects through a streamlined and efficient approval and appraisal process, certain amendments to the Act were proposed and the Ordinance was promulgated to attract investors for Public Private Partnership Projects to be executed through the P3A. Moreover, a Bill for enactment has also been moved in the National Assembly
- Progress review meetings of the projects of the Ministry were convened on fortnightly basis
- Three projects, after completing their life, were closed



- E-Office system was fully put in use
- Budget allocation for 2020-21 for development projects of the Ministry was processed and Rs3,545.103 million were allocated accordingly
- Posting of AOs/DDOs/PDs was made on additional charge /look after basis for smooth functioning of the projects
- Process of appointment of staff, including Project Directors in three development projects, was finalized
- Administrative approval of five development projects, approved by DDWP, CDWP and ECNEC from time to time, were processed



# Attached Departments

- National Logistics Cell
- Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
- Pakistan Environmental Planning and Architectural Consultants
- Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
- Pakistan Planning and Management Institute
- Jawaid Azfar Computer Centre
- Public Private Partnership Authority
- China-Pakistan Economic Corridor



## NATIONAL LOGISTICS CELL

National Logistics Cell (NLC), established in 1978, is a Government owned premier logistics organization of Pakistan that acts as crisis management arm of the government. NLC works under the overall umbrella of National Logistic Board (NLB) headed by Minister for Planning, Development & Reform. Quarter Master General (QMG) of Pakistan Army acts as Officer In-charge of NLC. In emergencies and natural calamities, NLC facilitates national and international aid agencies in transportation of relief goods to the affected areas by establishing a robust supply line. NLC is a fully self-sustained government organization which greatly contributes in all facets determining the logistics performance of Pakistan including; management of border terminals, provision of logistics services, building of infrastructure and running country-wide tracking & monitoring system.

FY 2019-20 was a challenging yet rewarding year for the National Logistics Cell (NLC) in terms of business growth and organizational reforms. Despite COVID-19 pandemic that adversely hit businesses across the globe, the overall performance of Strategic Business Units (SBUs) and Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) of NLC remained quite satisfactory. Not only did the organization registered reasonable growth in various facets of operations but also extended valuable services to the Govt particularly during wheat crisis and COVID-19 lockdown. Routine business apart, the main highlight of the period under review is compilation of “Vision 2028” that articulates base performance and sets actionable parameters at various tiers of the organization. Following is the brief overview of NLC in 2019-20:

- **Vision 2028:** To set new strategic direction for the organization in the context of changed realities and extended scope, an extensive study was undertaken which resulted in compilation of a comprehensive book titled “Vision 2028”. The well thought out document enunciates new vision, mission and objectives for all SBUs, SPVs and different branches of HQ NLC in sync with its expanded swath over the past four decades.

- Transformation / Restructuring of NLC is also recommended in Vision 2028 to measure up to present and future challenges which focuses on revamping of NLC's organizational outlook, manpower optimization, curtailing of administrative and operational overheads and upgradation of existing fleet. Following are the new Vision and Mission of NLC:
  - **Vision:** Transform NLC into a leading multimodal logistics enterprise of Pakistan with global outreach integrating select support businesses, complying social responsibilities while ensuring sustainable growth in order to provide futuristic and comprehensive logistics solutions for the development of industry and business in Pakistan.
  - **Mission:** Emerge as a leading logistics enterprise while pursuing exigent business opportunities, driven by the highest ethical standards, financial discipline and international best practices. Also support Government of Pakistan and Pakistan Army in emergencies.
- **Freight Services:** HQ Freight Service has been renamed as HQ Logistic Services NLC and Commander Freight Service has been re-designated as Commander Logistics Services NLC w.e.f. 1 January 2020. Dry Ports & Container Terminals, NLC Marine Services, NLC Express Freight Train (NEFT) and NLC Polymers have become part of NLC Logistic Services. There has been substantial improvement in various operation aspects of the fleet. The average running increased to 6799 Kms / vehicles / month which implies that despite depletion in fleet the running has multiplied manifold and same is the case with respect to reduction in down time and idling. Freight Service lifted 96,591 Tons of wheat from godowns in Punjab to Gilgit-Baltistan. Another 400,312 Tons and 246,140 Tons of wheat were lifted by Freight Service for Punjab and Sindh departments respectively. Transportation contract was successfully completed with Logistic Area Multan, Utility Stores Corporation and Programme Monitoring & Implementation Unit. New transportation deals were concluded with Pakistan Vanaspati Manufacturing Association (PVMA), Fauji Fertilizer Company

and HI Industries in the fields of edible oil, fertilizers and Soya Bean besides inking an agreement with POF for transportation of various stores including ammunition to multiple destinations within the country. Trails of renowned prime movers brands were also conducted. Likewise, modification of liquid cargo fleet as per OGRA specifications also continued. Coal transportation for Chia Power Generation Company (CPHGC) was successfully completed during 2019-20.

- **NLC Marine & Air Services:** Considering the market requirements and available opportunities, an SBU with the name of “NLC Marine & Air Services” was set up in October 2019 which has successfully earned Rs 52.26 million within 9 months in 2019-20.
- **Dry Ports:** State-of-the-art infrastructure has been made available to facilitate speedy handling of inbound and outbound cargo. For expeditious custom clearance, cargo inspection scanners have been installed. The Dry Ports managed by NLC are located at Sost (near Khunjerab on KKH), Thokar Niaz Baig, Quetta, Karachi and Hyderabad.
- **NLC Express Freight Train (NEFT):** In 2009, NLC launched a pilot project by the name of NLC Express Freight Train (NEFT), to expand the supply chain capacity as per its strategic vision of converting NLC into a multimodal logistics solutions provider. NLC purchased 10 refurbished locomotives from the Korean Rail which are now being used by Pakistan Railways under Wet Lease Contract Agreement for twelve years. NEFT has initiated a comprehensive programme to build indigenous capacity in coordination with Pakistan Railways. A batch of 20 assistant locomotive drivers is presently undergoing training at Walton Academy Lahore. The trained human resource has resulted in running NLC locomotives at full capacity. NEFT has made significant contributions by depositing handsome amount in national exchequer, assisting Pakistan Railway by providing locomotive crew to counter the strike by PR locomotive drivers and creating indigenous repair & maintenance facilities. As an expansion plan, NEFT is also exploring business opportunities

with Pakistan Railways in context of CPEC especially in the fields of track access, hiring of full block trains and running of Pakistan Railway's sleeper manufacturing factory on lease on mutually agreed terms.

- **NLC Engineers:** NLC Engineers is one of the most credible name in the construction industry with footprint over all geographical terrains of Pakistan. NLC Engineers has mastered the art of successful execution of complex construction projects in record time and within the budgetary allocations of clients from Government and private sectors. The outfit has proven record of providing most practical, economical and innovative solutions which makes it as the preferred choice of clients over the past four decades. NLC Engineers is working on scores of mega projects in urban centers as well as inaccessible and remote areas of Pakistan. Following are some of the mega projects completed by NLC Engineers in 2019-20:

S. No.	Projects
1.	Rehabilitation of Kahuta-Panjar- Azad Pattan Road
2.	Infrastructure Development Works at Sheikh Maltoon Town at Mardan
3.	Construction of Sports Complex, Narowal
4.	Construction of Bridge over Ahmed Pur East Canal DHA, Bahawalpur
5.	Construction of Flyover at Aziz Cross, Gujranwala
6.	Construction of City Boulevard (PA-01) from Super Highway to West Avenue between Section-1 & Section-2 at DHA City, Karachi
7.	Construction of University of Gujrat Sub Campus at Narowal
8.	Infrastructure Development Works - Street Lighting at Main Boulevard (1&2), DHA, Bahawalpur

- **Border Terminals:** In February 2005, the Government of Pakistan tasked NLC to set up Border Terminals to boost regional trade. In response, NLC established Border Terminals at Wahgha, Chaman, Torkham, Kharlachi, Ghulam Khan and Taftan. More Border Terminals are also being planned at Angoor Adda (with Afghanistan) and Gabd (with Iran). These Border Terminals are serving as trade facilitation centres under



unified management of NLC. All Government agencies like Customs, FIA, NADRA and ANF perform their respective functions under one roof. On the instruction of Prime Minister of Pakistan, NLC played lead role in 24/7 operationalization of Torkham Border Terminal. As a result, trade with Afghanistan increased by 35% before COVID-19 pandemic. During 2019-20, NLC installed 3 new / upgraded scanners, one in Balochistan and two in KPK Border Terminal to facilitate Customs in speedy clearance of import / export cargo. Brief performance appraisal of Border Terminals in 2019-20 is as under:

S. No.	Border Terminal	No. of Containers/ Vehicles Handled
1.	Torkham Border Terminal including Khyber Border Terminal Jamrud	172,454
2.	Kharlachi Border Terminal	17,566
3.	Ghulam Khan Khel Border Terminal	27,228
4.	Chaman Border Terminal	35,342
5.	Taftan Border Terminal	29,243
6.	Wahga Border Terminal	5,281
<b>Total</b>		<b>287,114</b>

- **Applied Technologies Institutes (ATINs):** During 2019-20, ATINs have trained 2,332 students at five institutes at Mandra, Dina, Amangarh, Khairpur Mir's & Gilgit in different trades of applied technologies. However, training activities at all the institutes were suspended in March 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 2,250 trainees were under training before closure of institutes. Diploma of Associate Engineer (DAE) courses (3 Years) in Civil, Computer Information Technology (CIT) and Mechanical technologies were commenced in Sep, 2019. NAVTTC shortlisted ATINs at Mandra, Dina and Gilgit for international accreditation. Armed Forces Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (AFIRM) (Resettlement Department) was declared as a "Affiliate Campus of ATINs". Testing and certification of war wounded / disabled persons is being conducted through National Training Bureau (NTB). As many as 28 individuals in 1<sup>st</sup> Batch have been tested and certified by

NTB. During 2019-20, MoU was signed between Hashoo Foundation and HQ ATINs to gain maximum benefits from expertise of each other. Hospitality Management trainees of ATINs will undergo OJT at Hotels of ex-Hashoo Group.

- **NLC Tolling:** Tolling SBU has contributed an amount of Rs 86.82 billion towards National exchequer till Jun 2020. Tolling is the only SBU which is functioning without any investment and provides job opportunities to over one thousand personnel. NLC has offered NHA long term Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) model for toll plazas on National Highways and to manage them in line with toll plazas on Motorways. During the COVID-19 pandemic, NLC supported locals in awareness campaign through display of steamers, boards and standees. On almost all the toll plazas, gloves, masks and sanitizers were issued during the lockdown and partial lockdown period. NLC Tolling also deposited maximum revenue into NHA account at the time when all civil contractors were either quitting the toll plazas or depositing meagre amount. Moreover, NLC Tolling has up-graded maximum toll plazas on National Highways and supported NHA in all its activities throughout the year. NLC Tolling has created number of job opportunities with full salaries even during the lockdown.

## **PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), an attached Department of the Ministry is National Statistical Organization (NSO) committed to provide accurate, reliable, timely, comprehensive and user-friendly information to public, private, national and international organizations. Major function of PBS is to formulate principles for collection, compilation and dissemination of official statistics in Pakistan. PBS provides standard concepts, definitions and classifications pertaining to official statistics. Being custodian of Sampling Frame of Pakistan, PBS Plans, coordinates, prepares and executes annual programme of surveys. It executes all national censuses and surveys and cooperates with international bodies and committees in all statistical matters.

Governing council of PBS is a technical apex body which is responsible for setting of objectives and policy guidelines. The body oversees the management and administrative affairs of PBS by reviewing, approving policies and annual work plans. It makes regulations on behalf of the Bureau and reviews the performance of committees constituted.

### **Major activities**

#### **National Accounts**

National Accounts Wing provides a set of statistical data to measure performance of economy using important indicators such as; Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Gross National Income (GNI), Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF), per capita income and expenditure on GDP.

During 2019-20, National Accounts Statistics Wing of PBS undertaken following activities:

- GDP / GNI and expenditure on GDP (at Current and Constant Prices) by Industrial Origin 2017-18 (Final), 2018-19 (Revised) and 2019-20 (Provisional)

- GFCF by Industrial Origin at Current and Constant Market Prices in respect of Private/ Public Sectors and General Government for the years 2017-18 (F), 2018-19 (R) and 2019-20 (P)
- Field activities of various census surveys/ studies relating to change of base of national accounts project were completed and draft reports were also prepared

### **Price Statistics**

The base year of Consumer Price Index (CPI) was revised from base year 2007-08 to 2015-16 with an introduction of Rural CPI for the first time in the history of Pakistan to capture the price changes in the rural areas as well. Based on the weights produced through the Household Integrated Income Consumption Survey (HIICS) 2015-16 conducted by PBS, the consumer basket of goods & services was derived both for Urban and Rural domains. The statistics based on new Base is being published since July 2019.

### **Industrial Statistics**

Industrial Statistics Wing of PBS regularly collects, compiles and disseminates production data of important manufacturing items on monthly basis. Quantum Index of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (QIM) is computed regularly on monthly basis with base year 2005-06. The index covers the production data of 112 manufacturing items, collected as a regular activity of PBS from Ministry of Industries and Production (36 items), Provincial Bureaus of Statistics (65 items) and Oil Companies Advisory Committee (11 items). Twelve monthly reports of QIM were released (with a time lag of 45 days) during 2019-20.

### **Foreign Trade Statistics**

Trade Statistics Section is responsible for collection, compilation and dissemination of external trade statistics of Pakistan. Currently, recommendations of United Nations "International Merchandise Trade Statistics-2010 (IMTS-2010) are being followed. PBS is compiling

trade statistics on the basis of monthly trade data received from Pakistan Revenue Automation (Pvt) Limited (PRAL), a subsidiary of Federal Board of Revenue (FBR). Summary statistics showing provisional figures of Merchandise Trade Statistics comprising of Imports, Exports and Balance of Trade is prepared and released during first week of each month. Monthly Advance Release on Merchandise Trade Statistics is issued up to 15<sup>th</sup> of each month based on Provisional data of major commodities of Imports (46 commodities) and Exports (46 commodities) along with the data for the previous and corresponding months, cumulative since July. Final data at 8 digit level is released with a time lag of 60 days.

### **Recruitment & Selection (R&S)/Administration**

38 officers (BS-16 to BS-20) have been recruited through FPSC, while 216 officials (BS-01 to BS-15) have been appointed since August 2018. 179 Officers and officials have been promoted in various scales (from BS 01 to BS-20) since August 2018.

### **Census activities**

#### **Population Census 2017 (Post Census Activity)**

Provisional results of 6<sup>th</sup> Housing and Population Census were published in November 2017 and final results were ready in April 2018 along with National and Provincial Census reports. Work on district level reports on final results was initiated in July 2018. Reports of 163 Districts have been completed however publication depends on the approval of final results. Data of 32 million households comprising of 200 million population with 22 variables at block level is ready for publication.

#### **Mouza Census 2020**

Last Mouza Census was conducted in 2008 and was due in 2013 but could not be conducted due to some administrative reasons. Mouza Census provides characteristics of whole mouza including cultivated land, non-cultivated land and land under population from the revenue record available through District Revenue Authority.

This activity was initiated in January 2020 and work on draft report is underway. The field activities of mouza census were carried out even during the COVID-19 and lock down situation by the field staff while the data processing work was carried out under the Work from home initiative. Mouza Census provides sampling frame for the Integrated Agriculture Census.

### **Census of Manufacturing Industries**

Census of Manufacturing Industries (CMI) provides data on gross value addition, value of fixed assets, inventories, employment and employment cost, value of production, industrial taxes and overhead expenses etc. The last CMI of the series was conducted for the year 2005-06. The field operations of CMI 2015-16 was started in February, 2017 in all provinces. Keeping in view experiences and problems faced during previous CMIs, this time regular consultative meetings, especially the top level meetings in Sindh and Balochistan, were conducted in each province to accelerate the field operations and discuss the progress of CMI 2015-16.

### **Survey activities**

#### **Pakistan Social and Living Standard Measurement Survey/Household Integrated Economic Survey (HIES) (2018-19) (Provincial Level Survey)**

PSLM/ HIES 2018-19 survey results report has been finalized and approved and key findings of the report has been released along with micro data in April 2020. It is eleventh round of PSLM surveys since 2004 for monitoring of development plans at the provincial/ district level in the overall context of SDGs. This report has been compiled on the basis of a questionnaire thoroughly reviewed by a team of technical experts comprising of all key stakeholders. PSLM monitors 30 SDG indicators out of 66 indicators monitored by PBS. One of the special features of the report is the inclusion of new modules such as Food Insecurity Experience Scale to assess Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity, information on ICT indicators for reporting for global ranking and modules on Out of Pocket Expenditure by the household and detailed module on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene.

PSLM / HIES 2018-19 is a provincially representative report covering 25,940 households from four provinces including erstwhile FATA.

### **Pakistan Social & Living Standards Measurement (PSLM) Survey 2019-20**

PBS during 2019-20 has initiated work on digital transformation of PBS and for the first time data of PSLM district level survey 2019-20 has been collected electronically through tablets and transmitted to PBS headquarters online. Customized dash board has been designed through which continuous monitoring of field work & trends of indicators is done. PSLM district level survey is the biggest survey of PBS covering 1,95,000 households. The questionnaire of PSLM District level survey has been reviewed and updated keeping in view the evolving ground realities & SDG, Special modules i.e. Disability, Migration, Food Insecurity & Experience Scale (FIES), Information & Communication Technology (ICT) have been added along with related modules in housing, Water Sanitation & Hygiene. PSLM district level survey is monitoring 29 SDGs indicators. The field work of survey was completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 and remaining was covered in June 2020. Data processing is in progress and report is likely to be available by the end of 2020.

### **E-Governance Initiatives**

#### **Digitization of Area Frame**

One of the most important initiatives taken by PBS during the last two years has been the digitization of blocks. There are 1,68,944 blocks in the country out of which 55,560 are Urban and 1,13,384 are Rural. Block is the smallest entity which comprises of about 250 households. From the population census 2017, PBS has information on 22 variables at block level. PBS has digitized all the urban blocks and has the capacity to disseminate block level information. Not only block urban boundaries have been digitized but also PBS has digitized district and tehsil level boundaries also. As far as Rural blocks are concerned, digitization process is underway.

#### **Electronic Data Collection with Monitoring Dash Boards**

Shifting from paper based data collection to electronic data collection has been the key initiative taken by PBS. In April 2019 PBS started Tablet Based Price Data Collection System (TPCS) for the first time in the history of PBS. With this system the price of 356 items, obtained from 35 cities and 68 markets on monthly are being collected on Tablets and transmitted to the PBS HQ electronically. Not only from Urban cities, prices of 244 items from 27 rural center are being collected on Tablets on monthly basis. The Tablet Based Price Data Collection (TPCS) provides transparent, reliable and timely information for measuring of inflation. Sensitive Price Index (SPI) collected from 17 cities and 50 markets on monthly basis has been shifted to TPCS. Tablet Based PSLM data Collection System (TDCS) has also been introduced to collect data of PSLM survey. Similarly, data collection softwares have been prepared for upcoming LFS & PDS surveys. Progress of Mouza Census is also being monitored online through Mouza Census Dash Board.

### **Decision Support Systems**

PBS has a huge data repository, and now it is being converted into an effective decision support mechanism. PBS has shifted its focus from just data collection and presentation into Decision Support System. A major step has been the development of Decision Support System for Inflation (DSSI) which has been prepared and will be launched soon. This system will provide information related to retail prices, whole sale prices, imports, exports, production and consumption data in one window. Evidence Based Decision System for Planning Commission/Provincial P&Ds is also being prepared.

### **Data Dissemination Systems**

Price data collected by PBS is not only used just for inflation but for a number of users, nationally as well as internationally, requiring price data of different commodities such as food items, construction items, pharmaceutical prices, wage rates etc. PBS did not have any system of electronic data dissemination and all the information was disseminated either through published monthly bulletins or specific tables compiled on request for users. PBS has developed Price Management Information System (PMIS) which disseminates price



statistics for the general public and policy makers in user friendly manner through its official website. PSLM & SDGs Information Management System has also been developed and will be launched soon. Official website of PBS is being revamped so that all necessary information could be disseminated through its official website.

### **Human Resource Management System**

Human Resource Management System has been developed to automate the administration of PBS. In order to automate the financial matters of the organization Budget Management System is in the final stages.

### **Software for Sample Selection**

PBS provides services of sample design including estimation of sample size and allocation of sample size. PBS has developed a software for selection of sample size. This software is more robust and has the ability to provide results in a very short time.

## **Rebasing**

### **Rebasing of National Accounts from 2005-06 to 2015-16**

National Accounts of the country needs to be rebased after every 10 years. A project was initiated in 2015-16 to rebase the national accounts from 2005-06 to 2015-16. Under this project a number of census, surveys and studies such as Census of Manufacturing Industries (CMI), Small and Household Manufacturing Industries (SHMI) survey, Family Budget Survey and Rent survey etc. were conducted and draft reports of these census, surveys and studies are in final stage. National Accounts will be rebased in 2020-21.

### **Rebasing of Price Statistics from 2007-08 to 2015-16**

Price statistics have been rebased from 2007-08 to 2015-16 with the introduction of rural consumer price index. For the first time in the history the rural inflation has been captured. In the new base three indices namely National Consumer Price Index (NCPI), Urban

Consumer Price Index (UCPI), Rural Consumer Price Index (RCPI), Whole sale Price Index (WPI) and SPI are being compiled on monthly / weekly basis. A basket of 356 items from 68 markets of 35 cities is being collected electronically to compile UCPI. Similarly, for RCPI a basket of 244 items from 27 rural centers is collected on monthly basis. For WPI 419 items are priced from 19 cities. The new base has become operative since August 2019.

### **Rebasing of Trade Statistics from 1990-91 to 2017-18**

Trade statistics comprise of imports and exports data. An important entity used in the national accounts is the unit value index. PBS has rebased the trade statistics from 1990-91 to 2017-18. Technical committee has approved the rebasing however formal approval from Governing Council is awaited.

## **Support Services**

### **Services to Election Commission of Gilgit Baltistan for general election 2020**

PBS has provided all the relevant material to the Election Commission of Gilgit Baltistan for the general election 2020. PBS has been in close collaboration with the Election Commission of GB and rendered its full support.

### **Local Government Department of Punjab for Local Bodies Election 2020**

PBS has provided the services of physical identification of boundaries of blocks of Punjab for the conduct of local bodies' election 2020

## **Initiatives during COVID-19**

### **GIS based System for COVID-19 (Smart Lockdown) Management**

A Web Based GIS Decision Support System for smart lockdown has been developed. This software is using Legend Based Map for visualizing the Hotspots regarding COVID-19 patients, at Block, Circle,

Charge levels within City as well as District Boundaries for all urban localities of Pakistan. 22 Indicators of 6<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing census i.e. Gender Wise bifurcation, Vulnerable age groups, average household size, Total population of Blocks are incorporated in the system, which empowers the decision makers to formulate data driven monitoring strategy. Patient's coordinates has made it possible to pin point patient's location accurately on the map. This system is being used by National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) as well as all Provincial Governments for swift management of Lockdowns strategy at granular level.

### **Work from Home application**

One of the landmark achievements of PBS during the COVID-19 situation during 2019-20 was the initiative of work from home. IT experts of PBS developed applications to assist the staff of PBS particularly female workers to work from home during the lock down situation. This initiative was also applied in the PSLM Survey and the results of this initiative was very encouraging. Due to this initiative the resources and time was managed in an excellent way and the working of the office did not suffer much. The same initiative has been taken for the editing and processing of the Mouza Census forms.

### **Initiative to Monitor SDGs Indicators**

#### **Revision of PSLM questionnaire to monitor SDGs**

Questionnaire of PSLM has been revised and new sections i.e. Disability & Migration, ICT and FIES were included. 24 SDG indicators have been monitored through Social & HIES reports.

### **Other activities**

#### **Business Register**

The Bureau has been assigned the task to maintain and update Business Register (BR). The aim of BR is to develop a sustainable central repository of information on businesses in Pakistan, having a data base of different enterprises and establishment together with

their contacts and classification information. New industries, which were not in BR list, are being incorporated in BR database. Province-wise distribution of BR frame for manufacturing industries / establishments is given as under:

Province	Punjab	Sindh	KP	Balochistan	Islamabad	Total
<b>BR records updated</b>	45,914	6,721	3,599	368	400	57,002
<b>PSIC updated</b>	45,914	6,721	3,599	368	400	57,002

## **Energy & Mining Statistics**

Energy & Mining (E&M) Statistics Section of PBS is engaged in the collection, compilation and dissemination of mineral production and electricity generation data on monthly basis. Monthly mineral production data is collected from Provincial Directorates of Mines & Minerals and defunct FATA Mineral Directorate while Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production data is collected from Directorate General of Petroleum Concessions, Ministry of Energy, Islamabad. Latest monthly and yearly mineral production data in respect of 47 selected minerals are available in Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

## **Social Statistics**

Social Statistics Section Compiles Social Statistics from secondary data on Telecommunication, Traffic Accidents, Crime Statistics, Press Statistics, Cinema Statistics, Appeals and Petitions, Documentary Films, Feature Films, Police Stations and Zoo Statistics etc. The Section published Compendium on Gender Statistics of Pakistan for 2019.

## **Population Welfare / Contraceptive Performance Statistics**

Population Welfare Statistics (PWS) Section of PBS collects contraceptive performance data on monthly basis by post, e-mail and through fax from the Provincial / Regional Population Welfare Departments (PWDs), Provincial / Regional Departments of Health

(Health Facilities & Lady Health Workers) and from three eminent NGOs namely Rahnuma Family Planning Association of Pakistan (FPAP), Marie Stopes Society of Pakistan (MSS) and Greenstar Social Marketing (GSM).

### **Trainings**

The Wing conducted following trainings during 2019-20:

- Training on “Fundamentals of E-Office” conducted from 21-10-2019 to 25-10-2019 at Training Wing of PBS in Islamabad
- Internship Programme for Kinnaird College Students internship programme held from 6 – 31 January, 2020 at PBS Lahore
- Study visit of Kinnaird College Students to PBS HQ Islamabad on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020
- Training on “Advanced MS-Excel” held during 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Training Wing PBS Islamabad

### **National Strategy for the Development Statistics (NSDS)**

National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) is one of the Prime Minister’s tasks assigned to the Ministry through Task Management System under Task No. T10370C “Initiative No. 24-National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)”. PBS is actively working to finalize the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics in collaboration with line ministries, provincial departments and private/public sector organizations.

## **PAKISTAN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANTS**

Pakistan Environmental Planning and Architectural Consultant Limited (PEPAC) was established in 1974 to provide town planning, environment engineering and architectural consultancy services for projects initiated by the Government, Semi Government and autonomous bodies. The company is registered with Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), Pakistan Engineering Council and Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners. The Company is administered by 13 Board of Directors all nominated by the Government, which has its Chairman and Secretary. The authorized capital of the company is Rs.2.50 million, divided into 2,50,000 shares of Rs.10 each. The paid up capital of the company, which is wholly owned by the Federal Government is Rs.1.10 million.

The Managing Director is the operational head of the firm. The organization has advantage of being fully under the Federal Government, yet operating as a private professional entity and competing with other private sector consultancies in the field to procure business in the market through competition generating finance from consultancy fee by clients to meet the day to day expenses/expenditures.

PEPAC provide services as Consultant / Advisor in 42 fields which mainly includes; Architectural Planning, Feasibility Studies, Housing / Environmental Planning, Structural & Services Engineering, Regional/ Urban Planning, Quality / Quantity Surveying, Arch. Designing/Interior & Landscaping, Conservation of National Heritage, Construction Management, Contract Administration, Engineering and Industrial Design, Ecological Sciences, Natural Sciences, Quality Surveying, and Management Science.

In addition, PEPAC develops a public sector pool of professional expertise charged with the responsibility to conceive, plan and realize a comprehensive and well-balanced development of the physical environment relating to different categories of regional planning, land use planning and urban and rural planning etc. It aims to create an

organization in the public sector for carrying out research activities in the field of environment planning and in all development of Architectural Designing. It also develops adequate trained manpower in all major fields mentioned above. The idea is that a coordinated, inter-related and multi-disciplinary manpower resources pool is generated and kept well supplied.

The following table depicts a list of projects recently completed by PEPAC:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Client</b>	<b>Location</b>
1.	Boundary Wall of Zoological Cum Botanical Garden, Islamabad	M/o Climate Change	ISB
2.	King Edward Medical University, (KEMU) Lahore	KEMU	LHR
3.	Fisheries Information / Extension Services Center & Offices at Lahore	Fisheries Deptt.	
4.	MPCL Leadership School for Children with Disabilities at Gotki Sindh	STEP/MPCL	Sindh
5.	HUMQADAM School Construction & Rehabilitation Programme	HUMQADAM / IMC	KPK
6.	Installation & Commissioning of Lifts / Elevators at Gynae & Paeds Unit, Ayub Teaching Hospital, Abbottabad	ATH	Abbottabad
7.	Medical Gas System at Gynae & Paeds Block, Ayub Teaching Hospital, Abbottabad		
8.	Air Conditioning System at Gynae & Paeds Unit, Ayub Teaching Hospital, Abbottabad		
9.	Planning and Detailed Supervision of different Civil, Mechanical & Electrical Works at Ayub Teaching Hospital, Abbottabad		
10.	Employees Education Foundation (EEF) KPK Peshawar	EEF	Peshawar
11.	Govt. Officers Residence at Race Course Garden and Old Pavilion at Qayyum Stadium Peshawar		

S. No.	Name of project	Client	Location
12.	Population Welfare Department & Provincial Revenue Academy at District Peshawar		
13.	Construction of Sports Stadium at District Swabi	C & W, Swabi	Swabi
14.	Govt. Girls Degree College Kotha District Swabi		
15.	Judicial Complex at Haripur	C & W, Haripur	Haripur
16.	Establishment of Govt. Degree College at Sarai Saleh, District Haripur		
17.	Reconstruction of Tehsil Level Govt. Complex in Kabal District Swat	C & W, Swat	SWAT
18.	University of Swat (Phase - I)		
19.	Govt. Degree College Mingora District Swat		
20.	Up-Gradation of Shaheed Israrullah Khan Gandapur Memorial Hospital to Cat-D at Kulachi	C & W, D.I. Khan	D.I. Khan
21.	Establishment of 50 Bedded Cardiac Hospital at Gilgit (Phase-I)	Health Dept. Gb	GB

The following table enlists projects executed by PEPAC in 2019-20:

S. No.	Name of project	Client	Location
1.	Islamabad General Hospital at Tarlai, Islamabad	Pak PWD	ISB
2.	Establishment of 50 Bedded Cardiac Hospital at Gilgit (Phase-I)	Health Dept. GB	GB
3.	Construction/Up-gradation of Mosque at Pak Secretariat, Islamabad	CDA	ISB
4.	Enhancement of facilities at Institute of Space Technology	IST	ISB
5.	Punjab Workers Welfare Board (Phase -I) District Kasur	PWWB	Kasur



S. No.	Name of project	Client	Location
6.	Up-gradation of Category-D Hospital Kalu Khan to Category-C Hospital Swabi	C & W, Swabi	Swabi
7.	Feasibility Study, Detail Design and Construction Supervision of 19 Model Retrofitted Structures and 14 Tsunami Evacuation Sites Under Tsunami & Earthquake (UNDP (RFP-082)	UNDP	Karachi & Gawadar
8.	Long term agreement (LTA) (03 years) for services of engineering consultancy in FATA and other District of KPK (UNDP)		FATA, KPK
9.	Strengthening of University of Sargodha Main Campus	University of Sargodha	Sargodha
10.	Strengthening of University of Sargodha, Sub-Campuses at Mianwali & Bhakkar	University of Sargodha	Mianwali & Bakkhar
11.	ZTBL Zonal Office at Bahawalnagar and Jhang	ZTBL	Jhang & Bahawalnagar
12.	ZTBL Zonal Office at Rahim Yar Khan	ZTBL	Rahimyar khan
13.	Construction of Cadet College Dadu, Sindh	Education & Works Division Dadu	DADU Sindh
14.	Design Vetting and Construction Supervision for The Up Gradation of Existing Accident, Emergency Unit and ICU at Hayatabad Medical Complex, Peshawar	C & W, Peshawar	Peshawar
15.	250 bedded Khyber Institute of Child Health (KICH) Children Hospital at Hayatabad, Peshawar	M/o Health Peshawar	Peshawar
16.	Construction of District Jail Swabi	C & W, Swabi	Swabi
17.	Construction of Public Park at Topi District Swabi	C & W, Swabi	Swabi

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Client</b>	<b>Location</b>
18.	Govt. Degree College Allai Battagram	C & W, Battagram	Battagram
19.	Gilgit-Baltistan Council Secretariat Office Building at Islamabad	GB Secretariat Council	ISB
20.	Establishment of Medical College and 300 Bedded Hospital at Gigit – Baltistan	Health Deptt. GB	GB

## **PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS**

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) was established at Karachi in 1957 and in 1964 accorded the status of an autonomous research organization by the Government of Pakistan. It is devoted to theoretical and empirical research in Development Economics in general and on Pakistan-related economic issues in particular. In addition to providing a firm academic basis to economic policymaking, its research also provides a window through which the outside world can view the nature and direction of economic research in Pakistan. Other social sciences, such as demography and anthropology and interdisciplinary studies increasingly define the widening scope of research that must be undertaken for proper economic policy and development to have sound underpinnings. Over the past 63 years PIDE has earned an international reputation and recognition for its research.

PIDE is playing its role of national think tank diligently by disseminating the policy guideline through different research products. Being the premier research institute of social science, PIDE's research specially focus on the current economic issues the country is facing. PIDE's area of work constitutes not only research activities, but it also involves teaching and training. For the purpose of research, PIDE is organized into seven research sections and two centers of excellence:

### **Research Sections**

1. Cities and Local Government
2. Energy, Water, and Agriculture
3. Government, Regulation, and Justice
4. Growth and Development
5. Macroeconomics
6. Society and Inclusivity

## 7. Trade, Commerce, and Market

### Centers of Excellence

1. Centre for Environment Economics and Climate Change
2. China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

### Major activities

PIDE window its research through different products. However, PIDE's flagship publication is its peer reviewed journal "The Pakistan Development Review" (PDR) and during 2019-20, three issues of the PDR were published. The other most admired research output is the PIDE working paper and 22 working papers have been produced during 2019-20.

During 2019-20, PIDE has added some new research products into its research agenda. These products come in the form of research brief, knowledge briefs, policy viewpoints, and blogs. The objective of introducing these new research products is the dissemination of PIDE research to a greater audience. In this regard, during 2019-20, PIDE has produced 13 knowledge briefs, 10 policy viewpoints, and 59 blogs. Besides, these research products that PIDE produced, the research and teaching staff of PIDE also presented their findings via newspaper articles. The last year beheld 53 newspaper articles penned by the PIDE staff. The Table-1 below contains a brief detail about the total number of research outputs which are produced during 2019-20.

**Table-1: Research Outputs during 2019-20**

S. No.	Description	Issues
1.	Working Papers	22
2.	Knowledge Briefs	13
3.	Policy Viewpoints	10
4.	Blogs	59
5.	Webinars/Seminars	104
6.	Videos of the Events/interviews etc.	155

S. No.	Description	Issues
7.	Newspaper Articles	53
<b>8.</b>	<b>PIDE COVID -19 research issues</b>	<b>140</b>
8a.	Bulletin Series	21
8b.	Blog Series	31
8c.	PIDE COVID-19 War	26
8d.	Crowdsourcing COVID Response	23
8e.	PIDE COVID Newsletter Series	39

The interaction among the researcher, policymakers and all other stakeholders is crucial for the refinement of a research endeavor. To achieve this objective, PIDE actively organized seminars and webinars (post-pandemic period) as well and 104 of nurturing mind seminar / webinars were arranged during 2019-20.

During the crisis times of COVID-19, PIDE fulfilled its role of leading research institutes and launches five new products that are dedicated to the pandemic. Among these products, the PIDE COVID-19 Bulletin Series becomes the most widespread and talked about series. While the rest of the products also served the role of guiding principles for many government and research bodies. A broader thematic division of the research is contained by the Table 2.

**Table-2: A Thematic Distribution of Research at PIDE**

S. No.	Themes	Working Paper	Knowledge Brief	Policy Viewpoint	Blogs	Seminar/ Webinar
1.	Trade and Regional Cooperation	1	0	0	6	9
2.	Governance, Institutions and Capacity	2	3	2	6	15
3.	Poverty, Migration and Labor Dynamics	2	3	1	4	3
4.	Monetary Policy	0	2	0	2	3
5.	Agriculture Production	1	1	2	4	5
6.	Fiscal Policy and Public Finance	2	1	2	5	4
8.	Macroeconomics and Growth	3	0	0	6	13
10.	Human Capital	4	0	0	2	8
11.	Population Dynamics	0	0	0	3	3
12.	Energy	0	0	0	2	5

S. No.	Themes	Working Paper	Knowledge Brief	Policy Viewpoint	Blogs	Seminar/ Webinar
15.	Industrial Economics	0	1	0	4	11
16.	Urbanization	1	1	3	7	5
17.	Conflict and Terrorism	2	0	0	0	0
18.	Pandemic and Health Economics	1	1	0	3	18
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>104</b>

Currently 680 students are enrolled at PIDE, 272 were enrolled in September 2014 with 27 being enrolled in the PhD Economics programme and 163 in different MPhil Programmes.

#### Number of Students who completed Programmeduring 2019-20

Programme	Jul-19 to Jun-20		Total
	Male	Female	
PhD Economics	0	5	5
PhD Econometrics	1	0	1
MPhil Economics	17	12	29
MPhil Economics and Finance	17	14	31
MPhil Development Studies	31	26	57
MPhil Environmental Economics	8	4	12
MPhil Econometrics	8	8	16
MPhil Health Economics	3	2	5
MPhil Public Policy	13	8	21
MSc Economics	11	10	21
MSc Development Studies	7	4	11
MPhil Business Economics	6	8	14
MS Management Sciences	9	5	14
MBA 1.5 Year	3	1	4
MBA 3.5 Year	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>242</b>

#### Summary of Registered Students in Fall 2019

S. No.	Discipline	Male	Female	Total
1	Ph.D Economics	27	26	53
2	Ph.D Econometrics	15	16	31
3	MPhil Economics	20	23	43
4	MPhil Econometrics	20	14	34

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
5	MPhil Public Policy	62	21	83
6	MPhil Environmental Economics	33	13	46
7	MPhil Health Economics	17	12	29
8	MPhil Development Studies	48	33	81
9	MPhil Economics & Finance	61	31	92
10	MPhil Management Sciences	32	15	47
11	MPhil Business Economics	20	16	36
12	MSc Economics	25	16	41
13	MSc Development Studies	12	9	21
14	MBA (1.5)	11	3	14
15	MBA (2.0)	12	0	12
17	MBA (3.5)	14	3	17
<b>Total</b>		<b>429</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>680</b>

## Research Related Progress at PIDE

### Appendix-1: The detail of Working Papers

Issue No.	Title	Authors
2020:19	Foreign Training of Government Officers and Public Sector Capacity in Pakistan	Dr. Faheem Jehangir Khan
2020:18	Gender Socialization among Pakistani Preadolescents and Adolescents	Zehra Aftab, Faculty Fellow, American University
2020:17	Pursuit of Ideal Strategy to Manage Pandemic: A Comparative Study of COVID 19 for USA, Italy, Spain, China, and Pakistan	Syed Akhtar Hussain Shah, Member Planning Commission of Pakistan and Secretary to the Provincial Governments in Pakistan
2020:16	Macro Shocks and Child Grade Attainment in Rural Pakistan	M. Jehangir Khan, PIDE, Wei Yin, School of Economics and Management, Southeast University, China, Aqsa Anwar, PIDE
2020:15	Conflict and Religious Preferences: Evidence from a Civil Conflict in Pakistan	Dr. Karim Khan, Muhsin Ali, PIDE
2020:14	On Deconstructing National Education Policy Framework, 2018 of Pakistan	Fahd Zulfiqar, Zulfiqar Ali, PIDE
2020:13	Aspirations and Behaviour: Future in the Mindset The Link between Aspiration Failure and the Poverty Trap	Mr. Omer Siddique, Dr. Durr-e-Nayab, PIDE
2020:12	Unveiling the Effects of Indoor Air Pollution on Health of Rural Women in Pakistan	Dr. Abedullah and Muhammad Tanvir
2020:11	Total Factor Productivity and Economic Growth in Pakistan: A Five Decade Overview	Mr. Omer Siddique
2020:10	Measuring the Impact of Remittances on Housing Demand: Evidence from Large Cities in Pakistan	Ayaz Ahmed, Nasir Iqbal, Ghulam Mustafa
2020:09	Construction without Real Estate	Dr. Nadeem UI Haque, VC, PIDE,



Issue No.	Title	Authors
	Development	Nadeem Khurshid, CEO, 4th Dimension Consulting
2020:08	A Case for Social Distancing in Developing Countries	AmmarRashid, Senior Researcher, Health Policy Think Tank Heartfile
2020:07	Pakistan: Withholdingisation of the Economic System—A Source of Revenue, Civil Strife, or Dutch Disease?	M. Ashfaq Ahmed, Member (Inland Revenue), FBR, Islamabad
2020:06	The Tariff Tripod of Pakistan: Protection, Export Promotion, and Revenue Generation	Mr. Jamil Nasir
2020:176	The C-Section Epidemic in Pakistan	Ms. SamanNazir, PIDE Cynthia Cready, University of North Texas, USA
2020:175	Sending Money Home: Transaction Cost and Remittances to Developing Countries	Dr. Junaid Ahmed, PIDE, Mazhar Mughal, Pau Business School, Pau, France, Inmaculada Martinez-Zarzoso, University of Goettingen, Germany and University Jaume I, Castellón, Spain
2020:174	Entertaining Douglass North: Political Violence and Social Order	Dr. Karim Khan, Ms. SadiaSherba, PIDE
2020:173	Increasing Revenue for Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad	Dr. Nadeem UI Haque
2020:172	Macroeconomic Research and Policy Making: Processes and Agenda	Dr.Nadeem UI Haque
2020:171	Vulnerability in Food Supply and Food Access—Evidence from ECO Region	Ms. MadeehaQureshi, EjazGhani, Mu sleh-ud-Din, Usman Qadir
2020:170	An Evidence of Diverging SAARC Economies	Ms. Uzma Zia
2020:169	Pakistani Women's Perceived Spousal Concordance on Desired Family Size and Birth Intendedness	Saima Bashir

#### Appendix-2: The details of Knowledge Brief

<b>Issue No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Authors</b>
2020:13	City Planning and Urban Design Guide	Ms. Zoya Ali, PIDE
2020:12	The Sugar Industry of Pakistan Understanding Structural and Regulatory Underpinnings of the Current Sugar Crisis	Abedullah, Madeeha Gohar Qureshi, Omer Siddique and Uzma Zia, PIDE
2020:11	Is Pakistan Talent Repellant?	Shahid Mahmood, Fellow, PIDE
2020:10	Moving up the Energy Ladder: The Impact of BISP Cash Transfers on Fuel Choices	Nasir Iqbal, Associate Professor, PIDE and Saima Nawaz, COMSATS
2020:09	Towards a Stable Economy and Politics	Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, and Mr. Raja Rafi Ullah, Research Fellow
2020:08	Agriculture in Pakistan: A Revisit	Dr. Mahmood Hasan Khan, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Simon Fraser University, Canada
2020:07	Foreign Exchange Reserve, Exchange Rate and Currency Crisis	Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice-Chancellor and Ms. Hafsa Hina Assistant Professor, PIDE
2020:06	The Economic Analysis of Law in Pakistan	Mr. Omer Siddique, Senior Research Economist, PIDE
2020:05	What Do We Know of Exchange Rate Pass Through?	Dr. Abdul Jalil, Professor of Economics, PIDE
2020:03	National Poverty Estimates 2018-19	Dr. Nasir Iqbal, Associate Professor, PIDE
2020:02	The Cost of Disinflation: The Sacrifice Ratio	Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice Chancellor, PIDE and Dr. Abdul Jalil, Professor of Economics, PIDE
2020:01	What Do We Know of Exchange Rate Pass Through?	Dr. Abdul Jalil, Professor of Economics, PIDE

**Appendix-3: The details of Policy Viewpoint:**

<b>Issue No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Authors</b>
2020:19	Unravelling Water Use Efficiency in Sugarcane and Cotton Production in Pakistan	Abedullah Anjum and Uzma Zia
2020:18	Unconditional Cash Transfer and Poverty Alleviation in Pakistan BISP's Impact on Households' Socioeconomic Wellbeing	Dr. Durr-e-Nayab and Shujaat Farooq
2020:17	Doing Taxes Better: Simplify, Open and Grow Economy	Dr. M. Nasir, Dr. Naseem Faraz and Ms. Saba Anwar
2020:16	The Islamabad Master Plan	Ms. LubnaHasan, Mr. Aqeel Chaudhry, Dr. Ayaz Ahmed and Mr. Hanzla Jalil
2020:15	Getting more out of the PSDP through Results Based Management	Mr. Raja Rafiullah
2020:14	National Tariff Policy 2019 – 24	Dr. Usman Qadir
2020:13	Strategies to Improve Revenue Generation for Islamabad Metropolitan Corporation	Ms. LubnaHasan
2020:12	Lahore's Urban Dilemma Doing Cities Better	Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice Chancellor, PIDE, Mr. Hafeez Ur RehmanHadi, Ms. MadeehaQureshi and Mr. Fahd Zulfiqar
2020:11	Doing Development Better: Analyzing the PSDP	Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice Chancellor, PIDE
2019:10	Turning Solarization of Agricultural Tubewells into a Social, Economic and Environmental Win-win in Balochistan	Dr. Junaid AlamMemon, PIDE, with technical assistance from Mr. Khalid Jamil, Scientific Officer, PARC

#### Appendix-4: The details of Blogs

Title	Authors
Energy Productivity for Sustainable Development – Pt I	Ms. Afia Malik
A Local Economic Development Approach for Faisalabad	Mr. Zia Bandy
What is Holding Back Milk Production in Pakistan?	Mr. Abdus Sattar
Mis-targeting or Under-performance: A case of Monetary Policy in Pakistan	Dr. Ahsan ul Haq Satti
Employees Engagement and Augmented Learning	Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Khan
Devolving Power	Daniyal Aziz
Anti-Corruption Dynamics of Pakistan in Face of Succumbed Perceptions	Ms. Nadia Hassan and Dr. Hasan Rasool
Decentralization and Institutions: An Insight	Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad and Dr. M. Jehangir Khan
Pensions, Aging of Population, and Fiscal Situation in Pakistan	Mr. Omer Siddique
Take Policy Back from the 'Economic Hit-men	Dr. Nadeem ul Haque
CPEC: Phases and Challenges	Dr. Nasir Iqbal
High Rise, Lahore Urban Sprawl and PM Khan's Directive	Mr. Aqeel Chaudhry
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Macro Models for Policy	Dr. AsadZaman
Enough "Bricks and Mortar"!	Dr. Nadeem ul Haque
Urban Management: Thinking Beyond Master Plans	Mr. Nadeem Khurshid
Our Poor 'Ease of Living' Indicators	Mr. Nadeem Khurshid
A Quick Note on SBP Announcement	Dr. Abdul Jalil
Reducing Poverty Through Micro-finance	Dr. Farhat Mahmood
Invisible Damage: The Hidden Cost of Breathing Polluted Air	Dr. Muhammad Nasir
Production or Real Estate Activities: What do we want from SEZs and IEs	Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad
Tax Policies for Growth	Dr. Nasir Iqbal and Dr. Mahmood Khalid
PSL: In the eye of a Citizen	Ms. Fizzah Khalid Butt
What Our Textile Sector Can Learn from	Dr. Abdul Jalil

<b>Title</b>	<b>Authors</b>
Vietnam's Progress	
Milk Production in Pakistan	Mr. Abdus Sattar
Reconciling the Teaching of Economics	Dr. AsmaHyder
Farewell, Volcker	Mr. Shahid Mahmood
SDGs and Donor Involvement	Ms. MadeehaGoharQureshi
Let's Have a New Discussion on Poverty Estimates	Dr. Nasir Iqbal
Pakistan's New Tariff Policy – Long Overdue Strategy for the Future	Ms. Uzma Zia
Educated Women Are at Higher Risk of Mistimed Birth	Dr. Saima Bashir and Dr. Karen Guzzo
An Obstacle to Development: Pakistan's Electric Power Sector	Mr. M. Sarmad Kamal Chaudhry
Tracing the Zombies: Unproductive Capital in Pakistan	Dr. Naseem Faraz
Resilient Civil Society and Development	Dr. M Jehangir Khan
The C-Section Epidemic in Pakistan	Dr. SamanNazir
War for Talent: The Skills Gap	Dr. Nadeem Khan
Are Ulama Agents of Social Change in Pakistan?	Mr. Fahd Zulficar
Doing Away with the 1861 Police Act	Fida Muhammad Khan
Exposing the Metro Bus Scheme	Adeel Abid
FATF: A Challenge for Pakistan in the US-Taliban Peace Talk Scenario	Dr. Abdul Jalil
Issues and Strategies to Revitalize the Agriculture Sector of Pakistan	Dr. Abedullah
CPEC and Pakistan's Debt Burden	Dr. Talat Anwar
Bikes, Density and Cars	Dr. Nadeem ul Haque
Public Policy & Economic Growth in Pakistan	Dr. Faheem Jehangir Khan
Unclear Economic Thinking	Mr. Waqas Younas
Potential for Economic Cooperation with Afghanistan: Proximity Geo-Economic Nexus	Dr. Mahmood Khalid
Why are We Subsidizing Car-Use?	Dr. Nadeem ul Haque
Where are the opportunities for the poor?	Dr. Nadeem ul Haque
Masterplan of Islamabad (2020-2040)	Dr. Nadeem ul Haque
Kartarpur Corridor: A New Avenue of Capital Inflow for Pakistan	Dr. Ayaz Ahmed
Why not Khokhas Everywhere?	Dr. Nadeem ul Haque

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Building Industry-Academia Linkages: A Latent Solution	Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad
High Population Growth in Pakistan: A Supply AND Demand Side Issue	Ms. MadeehaGoharQureshi
Need of the Hour: Simplicity and not Complexity in the SEZ Act	Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad
Food Insecurity in Pakistan – Status and Plausible Causes	Ms. MadeehaGoharQureshi, Dr. Musleh ud Din, Dr. Ejaz Ghani and Dr. Usman Qadir
Mapping out a Tourism Policy for the Potohar Plateau	Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Kalhoro
FDI and Regional Connectivity Seminar at PIDE	PIDE
Impacts of country of origin theory in context of government policy of cutting current account deficit in Pakistan	Dr. Ayaz Ahmed
Economic cost of political conflict	Dr. Nasir Iqbal

### Appendix-5: The details of Seminars/Webinars

Title	Date
Reforming Electricity Distribution Companies	July 25, 2020
Textile Value Chain (TVC) - 01	July 20, 2020
Voices of the Poor: How we excluded them from life in Cities	July 18, 2020
Recovering from the Pandemic	July 16, 2020
Innovation & Entrepreneurship"	July 15, 2020
Accountability of White-Collar Crime in Pakistan"	July 09, 2020
Developing Electricity Market for Future"	July 07, 2020
"The Post Pandemic World"	July 05, 2020
"Energy Investments and Planning"	July 03, 2020
"Pakistan's Pharmaceutical Industry: Growth, Challenges and Issues-I"	July 01, 2020
Doing Health Policy Better	June 29, 2020
Deciding on Higher Education	June 28, 2020
Circular Debt – An Unfortunate Misnomer	June 25, 2020
Competition and Markets-II	June 23, 2020
Cities for Humanities & Development-3	June 22, 2020
Cities for Humanities & Development	June 20, 2020
Competition and Markets" – I	June 18, 2020
COVID-19 and the Future of Cities	June 16, 2020
10th National Finance Commission Award Improving Lives of Citizen and Strengthening the Federation	June 08, 2020
Banking, Finance and Economic Growth	June 06, 2020
Why is Pakistan's Capital Market, if we can call it that, stunted?	May 30, 2020
Deciding on Higher Education: Why PIDE?	May 28, 2020
COVID-19 and challenges for South Asian economies	May 28, 2020
Managing Growth with Stabilization III	May 25, 2020
Webinar with Prof. Gustav Papnek	May 21, 2020
Managing Growth with Stabilization II	May 20, 2020
Unpacking Investment Crisis in Pakistan	May 19, 2020
Managing Growth with Stabilization	May 18, 2020
Retail-The Neglected Sector	May 16, 2020
Why Businesses Don't Grow in Pakistan	May 14, 2020
Our Administrative Mess	May 13, 2020
Human Resource & Leadership Challenges in Pakistan	May 12, 2020
Future of Higher Education in Pakistan	May 12, 2020
Towards a stable economy and politics!	May 09, 2020

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Aid, Development and the Lessons of History: Urban Reconstruction under Ayub Khan	May 07, 2020
Human Resource Management in Pakistan	May 05, 2020
Will Financial Markets in Pakistan Ever Develop?	April 28, 2020
Innovative HR and Business Strategy Responses to the COVID-19	April 23, 2020
Financial Markets of 21st Century	April 21, 2020
Smart Approaches to COVID-19	April 17, 2020
Microfinance in Times of COVID-19	April 16, 2020
Sugar Industry in Pakistan	April 10, 2020
Prime Minister's Construction Package	April 09, 2020
High level Engagement on COVID with PIDE advisors and health and economic experts	March 20, 2020 to in process
Doing Taxes Better: Shifting the Paradigm of Tax Policy and Administration	March 11, 2020
Islam and the Politics of Development: How Pakistan's Historically-Embedded Elites Undermine Long-run Development	March 10, 2020
Round Table on Prime Minister Directives for High Rise in Pakistan: LDA Response	March 09, 2020
The Future is Digital: How Online Platforms Are Driving Global Economic Growth	March 04, 2020
Empowering Women in South Asia's Slums: The Challenges of Environmental Degradation	February 28, 2020
Doing Development Better: Analyzing the PSDP	February 27, 2020
Pakistani Diaspora Philanthropy in UK	February 26, 2020
Panel Discussion on "Agriculture in Pakistan: Opportunities & Challenges"	February 20, 2020
Reaching Out to Markets for Pakistani Goods in Central Asia, South Caucasus and Beyond	February 19, 2020
German Experience of Exports and Value Chains	February 18, 2020
Urban Development in Pakistan: Challenges and Opportunities	February 17, 2020
A Book Launch Event on "So much Aid, So little Development"	February 13, 2020
A Panel Session on "Culture of Research in Pakistan"	February 12, 2020
A Roundtable Discussion "With ongoing developments in Afghanistan and tension brewing between India and Pakistan, what are the prospects of reconciliation and peace in the region?"	February 10, 2020
Book Launch of "Making Sense of Joan Robinson on	January 29, 2020



<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
China"	
Law and Economics	January 22, 2020
Unpacking Punjab's Education Sector Reforms	January 21, 2020
Charter City: Romer's Failed Attempt to Import Institutions	January 20, 2020
State of Institutional Reform	January 16, 2020
Economy of Debt: Alternatives to austerity and neoliberalism in Pakistan	January 09, 2020
Development, Politics and Donors- reflections from a practitioner	January 08, 2020
A talk on "Ideas Matter: A Reading List of Policy Wallahs"	January 03, 2020
The Determinants of Housing Demand in Urban Areas of Pakistan: Quantifying the Role of Remittances	December 18, 2019
Global Value Chains & Trade Policy	December 12, 2019
Affordable Housing Policy	December 10, 2019
Masterplan of Islamabad (2020-2040)	December 09, 2019
Media and Responsible Tourism in Pakistan	December 06, 2019
Sustainable Urban Transportation System	December 05, 2019
Water Conservation Methods	December 03, 2019
Pride and Abstemion: Christian National Identity in Pakistan	November 29, 2019
Panel discussion on "National Tariff Policy"	November 28, 2019
Reforms in the Local Government	November 26, 2019
Second lecture on "Research Design" as part of lecture series titled "Research Methodology" by Dr. Sarah Holz	November 22, 2019
Paper Presentation "Medicalization of childbirth in Pakistan"	November 20, 2019
Fourth Industrial Revolution: Startups and Entrepreneurship	November 14, 2019
Awareness of anti-sexual harassment laws and their implementation in HEIs	November 13, 2019
GRE Workshop for students by Mr. Syed Asad Ali Shah (USEFP and Education USA)	November 12, 2019
Gender, Urban Spaces and Mobility in Lyari, Karachi	November 08, 2019
Faith and Feminism in Pakistan	November 08, 2019
Asad Umar at PIDE: Brief: What Policy Needs from Research?	November 07, 2019
The impact of unconditional cash transfers on fuel choices among ultra-poor: the quasi-experimental evidence from BISP, Pakistan by Dr. Saima Nawaz	November 06, 2019
PIDE in collaboration with UNDP is going to organize a	November 5, 2019

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
panel discussion titled "Population Growth: Implications for Human Development"	
Medicalization of Childbirth in Pakistan SamanNazir& Cynthia Cready	
Research Methodology Lecture Series Part two: How to Plan the Research Design	November 01, 2019
Creating the Environment for Doubling Textile Exports in 4 Years	
FDI, Regional Connectivity and Research Needs	October 29, 2019
A talk on "Pakistan's new development paradigm" with focus on exports, modern services, high value-added crops, and small and medium scale industries organized by PIDE School of Public Policy	October 16, 2019
A talk on "Feminist Movement in Pakistan: Reflections on the Past and the Present"	October 16, 2019
Pakistani Women's Perceived Spousal Concordance on Desired Family Size and Birth Intendedness	October 02, 2019
'Pakistan through the eyes of a diplomat' and her impressions of Pakistan	June 10, 2019
Electricity Subsidies and Welfare Analysis: The Perspective of Pakistan	May 09, 2019
Water and Sustainable Development in Pakistan	April 25, 2019
Economics of Water, Energy and Food	April 02 2019
First Global Climate Strike Walk	March 5, 2019
Arsenic groundwater pollution in Pakistan: A growing health threat	March 06, 2019
Pakistan Input-Output Table 2010-11	January 29, 2019
Water Economy of Pakistan: Challenges, and Way Forward	December 19, 2018
Pakistan's maritime boundaries, Indus deltaic creek system and oceanographic conditions along the North Arabian Sea Pakistan	October 29, 2018
2018 Nobel Prize winners William Nordhaus and Paul Romer	October 18, 2018
Adaptation Policies to Climate Change: A Regional Dynamic CGE-Water Model	September 26, 2018

## PAKISTAN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Pakistan Planning and Management Institute (PPMI) was established through a project which was launched in 1986. The objectives of which were to increase awareness about the framework, methodologies, process and dimensions of economic and social planning at all levels (i.e. national, provincial, regional, area, district etc.); to improve and enhance expertise in project planning and management spread over distinct phase of project identification, formulation, appraisal, implementation, monitoring and evaluation; to assess the requirement of training in management techniques and to improve the quality of project managers through courses on general management, financial management and project management. To meet the growing demand of Government and semi-Government agencies for in-service training of project planners and managers; to impart training in macro-level economic and social planning to planning staff; to impart post-entry training to new recruits in the Economists Group and Technical Sections of Planning Commission; and to develop course materials, guidelines and manuals. Since its inception the institute has been housed at the Ministry of PD&SI, PIDE as well as the NFDC building. PPMI through a project and its subsequent phases has been able to construct facilities comprising of an institute building and a hostel building.

### Major activities

PPMI organized thirty six (36) out of which twenty six (26) are regular and ten (10) customized training courses from July 2019 to June 2020.

Target and achievements regarding training courses during 2019-20 is given as under:

Period	Target No. of Courses	Achievement No. of courses	Target No. of Participants	Achievements
July 2019 to June 2020	32	Regular 26	1175	1833
		Customized 10		
		<b>Total 36</b>		

Detail of training courses and number of participants in 2019-20:

S. No.	Course Name	Date	No. of Participants
1	Mandatory Promotion Course for the Officers/Officials Of OEC (Customized)	8 - 26 Jul, 2019	9
2	Development of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	10-12 Jul 2019	30
3	Project Preparation and Management in Public Sector	15-19 Jul 2019	48
4	MS Project	24-26 Jul, 2019	47
5	Project Manager's Guide for Government Projects	29-31 Jul, 2019	31
6	Human Resource Management in Projects	05-08 Aug, 2019	65
7	Project Appraisal and Risk Management	21-23 Aug, 2019	48
8	Preparation of PC-I	28-30 Aug, 2019	78
9	Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Projects	02-05 Sep, 2019	69
10	Project Management in Public Sector	17-20 Sep, 2019	53
11	Project Audit and Procurement	24-27 Sep, 2019	74
12	Time Management	09-11 Oct, 2019	47
13	Project Discipline	15-18 Oct, 2019	32
14	Public Administration and Financial Management For Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform and Geological Survey of Pakistan (Customized)	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct, 2019 to 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov, 2019	18
15	Project Contract and Procurement Management	22-25 Oct, 2019	54
16	Primavera (Project Management Software)	29-31 Oct, 2019	57
17	Public Procurement Rules for Ministry of Defence Production (Customized)	4-6 Nov, 2019	39
18	Project on Result Based Management	06-08 Nov, 2019	50
19	Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Projects	12-15 Nov, 2019	72

S. No.	Course Name	Date	No. of Participants
20	Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMES) Software for PSDP Founded Projects	19-20 Nov, 2019	53
21	Public Procurement Policies and Rules (PPRA)	04-06 Dec, 2019	80
22	Project Preparation in Public Sector	16-20 Dec, 2019	72
23	Young Development Fellow Training Programme (Batch-5) (Customized)	1-3 Jan, 2020	18
24	Project Preparation and Management in Public Sector	06-10 Jan, 2020	63
25	Project Manager's Guide for Government Projects	15-17 Jan, 2020	48
26	MS Project	22-24 Jan, 2020	56
27	Human Resource Management in Public Sector	28-31 Jan, 2020	77
28	Training Programme for Employees of Ministry of PD & SI (Batch-I) (Customized)	3-7 Feb, 2020	36
29	Budgeting and Financial Management in the Public Sector	4-7 Feb, 2020	63
30	Training Programme for Employees of Ministry of PD & SI (Batch-II) (Customized)	10-14 Feb, 2020	35
31	Development of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	12-14 Feb, 2020	85
32	Training Programme for Employees of Ministry of PD & SI (Batch-III) (Customized)	17-21 Feb, 2020	35
33	Dealing Tax Matter in Government Departments	19-21 Feb, 2020	67
34	Training Programme for Employees of Ministry of PD & SI (Batch-IV) (Customized)	24-28 Feb, 2020	38
35	Training Programme for Employees of Ministry of PD & SI (Batch-V) (Customized)	2-6 Mar, 2020	41
36	Training Programme for Employees of Ministry of PD & SI (Batch-VI) (Customized)	9-13 Mar, 2020	45
<b>Total Number of Participants</b>			<b>1833</b>

## **JAWAID AZFAR COMPUTER CENTRE**

Jawaid Azfar Computer Centre (JACC) caters for computing requirements of the Ministry. Main functions of JACC include provision of computer hardware, internet services, maintenance support of Local Area Network, Wide Area Network, in-house troubleshooting of hardware, internet / email issues, software development; creation and maintenance of website of the Ministry; training of officers / staff in I.T., Implementation of E-Office, I.T. support in preparation of presentations for Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Members, composing, formatting and designing of PSDP, Annual Plan, Five Year Plan, Year Book, technical inputs for procurement of I.T. equipments, technical support conducting video conferencing.

### **Major activities**

Following major activities were carried out during 2019-20:

- Coordinated with the NITB team for implementation of E-office in Ministry
- All the support was provided (software & hardware) required to automate the workflow of the Ministry from physical file movement to E-Filing
- Attended on-desk complaints and handholding of officers and staff of the Ministry, related to E-Office application
- Provided Internet facility at all offices of the Ministry and also in seminars / conferences
- Coordinated and liaise with Internet Service Provider (ISP) for smooth operations of Broadband connections
- Maintenance and trouble-shooting of LAN & WAN at P-Block, PPMI Complex, S&T Building
- Establishment of state of the art facility for WiFi Network in 'P'- Block to improve connectivity

- Managed and monitored network traffic and usage patterns. Also, managed adjustment of traffic to give optimum results
- Configuration and administration of the servers, routers, switches, firewalls, etc.
- Attended customer complaints related to hardware equipment installed at different locations approximately 300+ PCs, 150+ printers, 50 scanners, multimedia projectors & devices, conference systems and other devices
- Provided computer stationery consumable needs of the Ministry including computer paper, various toners of laser printers, data traveller etc.
- Composed, designed and formatted PSDP 2020-21, COVID-19 Responsive Annual Plan 2020-21, Year Book 2018-19 of the Ministry
- Composed and designed Banners, Titles, etc. formatting and displaying of presentations given by Planning Commission / PD&SI to the Prime Minister, National Assembly and Senate Standing Committees, ECNEC, NEC and other high forums
- Provided I.T. arrangements / multimedia support in all meetings at Auditorium and Committee Rooms of the Ministry
- Coordinated in CDWP, ECNEC and APCC and meetings of Federal Minister, Secretary and all meetings held on daily basis in P-Block

### **Budgetary allocation**

Recurring budget allocation of Rs.18 million was available to JACC for 2019-20. At the development side, the project titled “Up-Gradation of JACC” was allocated Rs.50 million. The project was completed.

JACC has been providing following I.T. related services of continuous nature to the Ministry:

- Coordination for Implementation of E-Office
- Provision of computer hardware and I.T. equipment needs of the Ministry
- In-house maintenance and upkeep of computer hardware, I.T. equipment
- Un-interrupted internet access to users through secure network of the Ministry
- Control of all audio visual equipment in daily official meeting, on-line meetings through Skype and Zoom at “P” Block Auditorium, 1st, 2nd& 3rd Floor Committee / Conference rooms
- Provisioning of computer stationery consumable needs of users



## PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AUTHORITY

The Public Private Partnership Authority (P3A) has been established as an autonomous statutory body under the P3A Act, 2017 (the Act) to facilitate federal implementing agencies in developing, structuring, and procuring their infrastructure projects on Public Private Partnership (P3) basis; regulate federal P3 transactions; the P3A Board to approve such transactions which provide value for money solution to the government while offering bankable financial structure to the private sector.

### Major activities

During 2019-20, P3A carried out the following activities:

- **Sukkur Hyderabad Motorway (M6):** P3A reviewed the feasibility study for the project and assisted National Highway Authority (NHA) in finalizing its transaction structure. The project is proposed to be implemented on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis. P3A prepared its in-house comprehensive financial model to substantiate the results of the feasibility study. Subsequently, the Board of P3A approved the feasibility study along with its transaction structure. P3A reviewed the pre-qualification documents for the project and currently the project is in pre-qualification stage
- **National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) 505 Bed Teaching & Research Hospital:** P3A assisted NUST in carrying-out in-house financial feasibility study for the project, based upon the data provided by NUST's consultant. Subsequently, the feasibility study along with the transaction structure for this project was approved by the Board of P3A. P3A is currently assisting NUST to hire Asian Development Bank as Transaction Advisor (TA) for the project in order to solicit technically qualified and financially sound private investor
- **Conversion of Lahore State Guesthouse into 5-Star Hotel:** P3A assisted Ministry of Foreign Affairs in hiring suitable TA for

the project. P3A has been actively engaged with TA in reviewing and finalizing the feasibility study for the project. P3A has prepared its in-house full scope financial model to substantiate financial outcome of the feasibility study. Subsequent to finalization of feasibility study the Project Qualification Proposal will be presented in P3 Working Party (P3WP) to seek its approval for floating the project in the market to solicit private investor

- **Amendments in the P3A Act:** P3A, in order to streamline P3 project development and procurement processes as envisaged in the P3A Act, 2017, proposed the following major amendments to be made via P3A (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020, including:
  - Only ‘Qualified Projects’ to be processed through P3A in order to rationalize the volume of the projects to be approved by P3A’s Board
  - Public Private Partnership Working Party (P3WP) to approve projects for further development and procurement on P3 basis, if the projects are perceived to have potential to be implemented on P3 basis
  - Establishment of non-lapsable Viability Gap Fund (VGF) and Project Development Fund (PDF) each under the umbrella of P3A’s fund, and establishment of Risk Management Unit (RMU) under the Finance Division
  - Un-Solicited Proposals (USP)s which can now be submitted by the interested private parties
  - P3A (Amendment) Ordinance was promulgated on July 7, 2020
- **Formulation of various Rules, Regulations and Guidelines:** To further streamline its functions in accordance with the P3A Act and P3A Ordinance, P3A is in the process formulating the following set of rules, regulations and guidelines:

- Project Selection and Project Prioritization Criteria, including the one for USPs
- Project Process Flow as envisaged under the P3A (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020, including the one for USPs
- RMU, VGF and PDF Rules/Guidelines
- Human Resource/Service Rules
- Conduct of Business Rules
- **PSDP+ Initiative:** P3A has been appointed as Secretariat for PSDP+ projects (currently around 180 projects in number) and the operational responsibilities for almost one third of the total projects have been assigned to P3A. P3A has been actively engaging with dozens of implementing agencies in devising appropriate strategies for the projects to be implemented through private sector participation. In this regard, P3A is performing the following activities:
  - Assisting implementing agencies in preparing project concept papers to explore whether a particular project has potential to be implemented on P3 basis
  - Assisting implementing agencies in drafting Terms of Reference (TORs) for the TAs to be hired by the implementing agencies to carry feasibility studies and assist implementing agencies in developing and procuring their projects on P3 basis
  - Provide funds to IAs to finance TA services' costs
  - Board of P3A had approved P3A's annual budget for 2019-20 amounting to Rs166.77 million

Major projects appraised during 2019-20 include:

- Construction of Sukkur Hyderabad Motorway on BOT basis – Rs204 billion
- Construction of NUST Teaching & Research Hospital on BOT basis– PKR 15 billion
- Conversion of Lahore State Guesthouse into %-Star Hotel on BOT basis – PKR 5 billion, and
- Upgradation/dualization of Karachi Pipri Railway Track on P3 basis– PKR 90 billion

## CHINA PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), long-term development project of the two friendly neighbours - China and Pakistan, is an icon of the China's Belt & Road Initiative (BRI). CPEC will open multiple doors to connect Pakistan with the western region of China and Central Asia, Middle East, Africa and Europe. With the overall aim to become a gateway of prosperity, the CPEC is expected to open doors of prosperity through trade and marketing access; industrial development and global value chains; socio-economic development & poverty alleviation; agriculture modernization & marketing; Gwadar oil city & blue economy and regional connectivity.

Main objective of creating CPEC Authority (CPEC-A) in the Ministry is facilitation, coordination, monitoring and ensure implementation of CPEC projects/activities in collaboration with the concerned line ministries. For effective implementation of CPEC projects, China has designated the China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) while Pakistan has designated CPEC Authority (CPEC-A), MoPD&SI.

A Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) has been formed at Ministerial level as the apex body. It is co-chaired by Vice Chairman NDRC from Chinese side and Minister for MoPD&SI from Pakistan side. Eight Joint Working Groups (JWG) have been constituted on Planning, Transport Infrastructure, Energy, Gwadar, Industrial Cooperation, Security, International Cooperation, Agriculture and Science & Technology. Projects are discussed at length in JWG meetings and decided upon in the JCCs. For smooth implementation of projects, regular review meetings are held to discuss issues and way forward with relevant stakeholders.

### CPEC Projects

Since 2015, fifteen projects worth US\$ 12.5 billion have been completed while thirty-one projects worth of US\$ 14 billion are under implementation. Another forty-four projects which are estimated to cost US\$ 19 billion, are in pipeline. New projects are being added in the CPEC portfolio in the following areas:

## **Socio Economic Development**

Joint Working Group (JWG) on Socio-Economic Development under CPEC was established during the Prime Minister visit to China in November 2018. To this end, the Chinese government committed US\$1 Billion. First meeting of the JWG held in December 2018 identified Agriculture, Education, Medical treatment, Poverty alleviation, Water supply, and Vocational training as the potential areas for cooperation.

Subsequently, the Chinese expert group visited Pakistan and agreed to a list of 27 projects which were divided into seventeen (17) fast track projects and ten (10) prioritized projects. Four of the fast track projects including provision of vaccine storage equipment, capacity building of NDMA, training for technical education and poverty alleviation professionals have been completed so far. Two LoEs on Smart Class Room projects and Gwadar Desalination Plant was signed during PM's visit to China in October 2019 and LoEs for three projects i.e. provision of equipment's for vocational and technical education, provision of equipment's of medical services and solar lighting equipment for Balochistan are in advance stage of finalization and will be signed soon.

## **Agriculture Modernization and Marketing**

The framework agreement on agriculture focuses on:

- Procurement and local production of hybrids/quality seeds of cotton, rice, maize, tomatoes, cucumber, melons etc.
- Agreement to facilitate B2B JVs
- B2B JVs in field of food supply chain, processing and co-branding for domestic and international markets
- Agreement to provide technologies and techniques for developing export oriented fisheries sector
- Agreement to support export oriented beef industry

- Agreement to establish technology demonstrations centers for selected crop-livestock production systems

JWG on Agriculture in its first meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 discussed and agreed to cooperate in germplasm resource exchange, high yield seed exchange, cotton research and seed exchange, fisheries, livestock, expert exchange.

### **Energy Cooperation**

China Hub Coal Power Plant (1320MW) has been completed and inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019. Ground breaking of 300MW coal power plant at Gwadar was done in November 2019. Various Thar coal projects have achieved their milestones i.e. HUBCO Thar Coal Power Project (Thar Energy Limited) achieved financial closed (FC) on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7.8 million tonnes per annum Mine Thar Block-I achieved Financial Close (FC) on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Indigenous source of energy has been promoted with signing of concession agreements of Kohala (1124 MW) and Azad Pathan (700MW) hydel projects in June 2020.

### **Transport Infrastructure**

Multan-Sukkur Section of Peshawar Karachi Motorway and Havelian-Mansehra Section has been inaugurated in November 2019 and Mansehra to Thakot Section of KKH Phase-II will be opened for traffic in July 2020. Also, Hakla to Dera Ismail Khan Motorway project of Western Route is under construction and expected to be completed by the end of 2020. DI-Khan-Zhob project is on the highest priority and the consultation with Chinese side for its construction is in process. Zhob – Quetta Western Route project is in progress. Prime Minister performed the ground-breaking of the project in March 2019.

In addition to road projects, Pakistan and China are working actively to upgrade Pakistan Railway Main Line-1 (ML-1) and establish a dry port at Havelian. Ground-breaking of the project is expected by the end of 2020. Other infrastructure projects under CPEC are presented below.

**Table-1:CPEC Transport Infrastructure Projects**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Length (km)</b>	<b>(US\$million)</b>
1.	KKH Phase II (Thakot-Havelian Section)	120	1,366
2.	Karachi - Peshawar Motorway (Multan - Sukkur Section)	392	2,980
3.	Orange Line – Lahore	27.12	1,626
4.	Fiber Optic	820	37
5.	Pilot Project of Digital Terrestrial Multimedia Broadcast (DTMB)	N/A	4
6.	Gwadar EastBay Expressway	19	168
7.	New Gwadar International Airport (acres)	4,300	230

### **Industrial Cooperation**

The ultimate objective of Industrial Cooperation between China and Pakistan is not merely the establishment of industrial parks, but to industrialize Pakistan. Industrial Cooperation under CPEC is entering into implementation stage. Currently, nine potential sites in all provinces including AJK, GB and ICT have been identified. Each economic zone will target specific products and services, based on the availability of regional endowments.

The SEZs would be designed to cater to all types of environment friendly industries including textiles, light engineering, electronics, pharmaceutical, chemicals, food processing, automobiles, manufacturing, minerals processing, agro promotion, logistics, science parks etc. Investors including Chinese and other overseas investors will be facilitated to start green field projects or relocate their existing businesses in these SEZs. Table-2 presents the priority SEZS under CPEC.

**Table-2: Special Economic Zones under CPEC**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>Name &amp; Location</b>
1	Sindh	China Special Economic Zone – Dhabeji (Thatta)
2	Punjab	Allama Iqbal Industrial City (M3), Faisalabad



S. No.	Province	Name & Location
3,4	KP	Rashakai Economic Zone on M-1 Mohmand Marble City
5	Balochistan	Bostan Industrial Zone
6	Gilgit Baltistan	Moqpondass, Gilgit SEZ
7	Federal	Model ICT Zone
8	Federal	Development of Industrial Park on Pakistan Steel Mills Land at Port Qasim near Karachi
9	AJ&K	Special Economic Zone at Mirpur,AJK

Following five SEZs have been prioritized by Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) to fast track implementation of Industrial Cooperation under CPEC:

- Rashakai Comprehensive SEZ, Nowshera, KP
- Allama Iqbal Industrial City, Faisalabad
- China Special Economic Zone, Dhabejji, Thatta
- Bostan Industrial Zone, Balochistan
- IT Park, Islamabad

Ground-breaking of Allama Iqbal Industrial City (M3) was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020. Development Agreement for Rashakai SEZ has been approved in principle and will be signed in August, 2020. Ground-breaking of Rashakai SEZ likely to be done in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020. Bidding process for Dhabejji SEZ will conclude in August 2020. Textile Industrial Diagnosis report was submitted during 9th JCC meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Bostan SEZ approved by Board of Approval.

### **Gwadar**

Gwadar will promote the economic development of Pakistan and become a gateway for central Asian countries, Afghanistan and Xinjiang province of China to undertake marine transport, onward to

Middle East, Europe and Africa. The status of Gwadar projects from 2019-20 is given below:

**Table-3 Gwadar Projects under CPEC**

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Status</b>
Eastbay Expressway (Interest Free Loan-USD 169 M)	60% physical work done. To be completed by October 2021
New Gwadar International Airport (Grant USD 230 M)	Construction work started on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2019
Infrastructure for Free Zone & EPZs port related industries (BOT)	1st phase completed in Jan 2018, remaining under implementation. Tax exemption approved for Gwadar Free Zone a part of finance bill 2020-2021.
Pak China Friendship Hospital at Gwadar (Grant USD 100 M)	Ground-breaking held on 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Technical and Vocational Institute at Gwadar (Grant USD 10 M)	Ground-breaking held on 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Gwadar Smart Port City Master Plan (Grant USD 4 M)	Approved and launched in November, 2019
Necessary Facilities of Fresh Water Treatment and Supply (Grant)	Phase-I completed, Supply of 5 MGD water started to Gwadar city from Saur Dam, Phase-II 98% completed, wherein additional 2.5 MGD will be added from Shadi Kaur Dam. In phase-III upgradation of water distribution will be started this year. Moreover, LOE of 1.2 MGD desalination plant under socio-economic development grant has been signed during PM visit to China in October 2019 and civil work started.
Construction of Breakwaters	In pipeline
Dredging of berthing areas & channels	In pipeline
300MW Gwadar Coal Power plant	Ground-breaking done on 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019

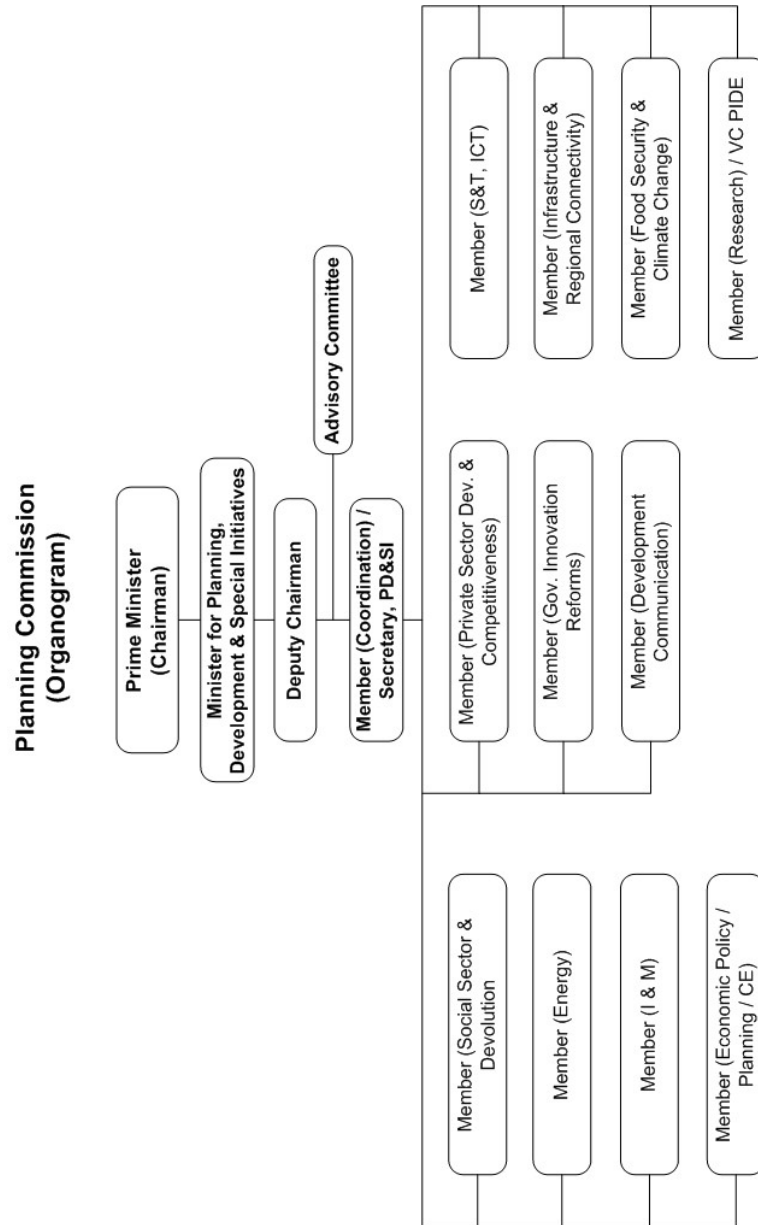
Afghan Transit trade bulk cargo shipment via Gwadar has started in April 2020. The development of Gwadar will promote the economic

development of Pakistan and become a gateway for Central Asian countries, including Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, linking Sri Lanka, Iran and Xinjiang to undertake marine transport. Essentially, the development of maritime sector will promote coastal tourism and local fishery industry in the long term.

### **Other activities**

- CPEC projects progress review meeting are being held regularly
- Arrangements of Prime Minister Visit to China in October 2019
- Joint Working Group Meetings of the working groups on Energy, Infrastructure, Gwadar, Industrial Cooperation, Security, Socio-Economic Development, International Cooperation and Coordination, Agriculture, Science & Technology, were held during the year
- Conducted 9<sup>th</sup> JCC meeting with Chinese counterpart at Islamabad on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- Organization of Cabinet Committee meeting on CPEC in October 2019

## Annex-A



## **Structure of the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives**

### **I. Administration Wing**

- Administration
- Budget & Accounts
- HRM
- Special Initiatives & Implementation

### **II. Economic Sections**

- Economic Appraisal Section
- Employment and Research Section
- International Trade and Finance Section
- Macroeconomic Section
- Money, Price and Fiscal Policy Section
- Plan Coordination Section
- Poverty Alleviation Section
- Public Investment Authorisation Section
- Public Investment Programming Section

### **III. Technical Wings / Sections**

- Energy Wing

- Projects Wing
- Food, Agriculture and Climate Change Section
- Devolution and Area Development Section
- Education Section
- Governance Section
- Health Section
- Industries and Commerce Section
- Mass Media, Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth & Manpower Section
- Nutrition Section
- Physical Planning and Housing Section
- Population and Social Planning Section
- Printing and Publication Section
- Science and Technology Section
- Social Welfare Section
- Transport and Communication Section
- Water Resources Section

#### **IV. Attached cells, departments and autonomous bodies**

- Jawaid Azfar Computer Centre
- National Logistics Cell

- Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
- Pakistan Environmental Planning and Architectural Consultants
- Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
- Pakistan Planning and Management Institute
- Public Private Partnership Authority (P3A)