FOREWORD

The Labour force statistics are pivotal for manpower planning, human resource development and economic growth. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has been conducting Labour Force Surveys (LFS) since 1963. The scope of the survey was extended to Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJ & K) in 1992-93.The Survey data is extensively used by the government, researchers and other stakeholders at large.

Although LFS data on AJ & K has been accessible to the concerned indentors, this is the first time that annual estimates of LFS (2012-13) in Azad Jammu & Kashmir have been presented in the shape of a separate report. The requisite information has been collected from a representative sample of 2717 households to produce gender disaggregated estimates of the total area with urban/rural breakdown.

The Survey, along with the quantification of core variables, also estimates important attributes of literacy, migration, occupational safety, etc. The estimates are profiled according to latest classifications viz Pakistan Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC) 2010, based on ISIC rev-4 and Pakistan Standard Classification of Occupations (PSCO) 2012 based on ISCO-2008.

The preparation of the report lays the first milestone to start the time series of LFS reports on AJ & K to be produced alongwith regular annual publication of Pakistan Labour Force Survey. The officers and staff of PBS well deserve a lot of appreciation for setting this worthy precedent.

Effort has been made to make this report a comprehensive, informative and useful document for decision-makers, researchers, planners, economists and other beneficiaries at large. Suggestions for further improvement of the LFS are welcome.

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