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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) is the prime official agency of Pakistan, responsible for collection, compilation and dissemination of reliable and timely statistical information to the policy makers, planners and researchers. It publishes a variety of reports, based on primary and secondary data, especially on economic and social aspects of the country.

BRIEFING TO PM ON DSSI AND SPECIAL SURVEY FOR EVALUATING SOCIO ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) dated 08-01-2021 briefed Prime Minister Imran Khan on the results of Special Survey conducted for evaluating socio – economic impact of COVID-19 on general well-being as well as the Decision Support System for Inflation (DSSI). The briefing was attended by the following federal Ministers; Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh (Finance), Mr. Shibli Faraz (I&B), Mr. Asad Umer (PD&SI), Mr. Muhammad Hamad Azhar (Commerce, textile Industry), Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood (Trade Adviser), Dr. Waqar Masood (Special Assistant to PM for Revenue) and PBS Management.



PBS OFFICERS BRIEFING TO PM MR. IMRAN KHAN

Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (SS/RM) apprised the forum that facilitation dashboard, namely Decision Support System for Inflation (DSSI) has been developed under the Prime Minister's Digital Pakistan Vision for monitoring

prices for controlling inflation. The system will provide timely information on the price situation



MEMBER (RM/SS) BRIEFING ABOUT DASHBOARD FOR DSSI

of essential commodities to the National Price Monitoring Committee, federal ministries, provincial governments and district administrations, for informed decision making.

In addition, this dashboard is in first phase of implementation, will provide the comparison of price collected by PBS and rates notified by Deputy Commissioners (DCs) based on SPI items for 17 cities and will generate ranking of the DCs based on difference between the market rates and DC notified rates for effective and proficient management.

The Prime Minister appreciated the DSSI as it would help in monitoring the prices of essential commodities & evaluating the performance of the district administration. He approved it for execution and was of view that this system would highlight the element of transparency in the decision making process.

Ms. Rabia Awan, Director, PBS, gave a detailed briefing on results of the initiative of PBS - Survey

conducted to evaluate socio-economic impact of Covid-19. It was informed that through the survey data collected on employment, income, remittances, food security, coping strategies used by households to tackle the shock & assistance provided by government. According to the survey, around 27.31 million people (10 years &



MS. RABIA AWAN (DIRECTOR) BRIEFING ABOUT PBS INITIATIVES

older) were affected financially due to implementation of lockdowns, however, due to timely measures of the government and smart lockdown policy, there is sharp recovery after July 2020. It was also informed that majority of the people used their savings or reduced their food quality /quantity as coping strategy to face. The Prime Minister said that the government continued to focus on providing relief to the poor and working class during the COVID-19 epidemic. The Prime Minister said that global economy was affected by the epidemic but with the help of God Almighty and timely action of the government, Pakistan overcame this difficult situation and the whole world appreciated our efforts. He appreciated PBS efforts and asked the Minister for PD&SI to brief media about this report.

VISIT OF FEDERAL MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING, SENATOR SHIBLI FARAZ

Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting, senator Shibli Faraz visited PBS on 07-01-2021, he was briefed on PBS activities especially under "Digital Transformation" including mechanism used for smart lock down, Tablet Based Price Data Collection, Price Management Information System (PMIS) and Price Monitoring System (PMS) through specialized designed dashboard namely Decision Support System for Inflation (DSSI). He highly acknowledged PBS efforts and comments PBS to

develop centralized database with monitoring mechanism. He was of the view that data collected through all ministries regarding production, imports & exports and consumption should be provided to central database at PBS for enabling timely decision making for efficient management.



MEMBER (RM/SS) BRIEFING TO MINISTER (I&B), SHIBLI FARAZ

FEDERAL MINISTER FOR PLANNING DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL INITIATIVES MR. ASAD UMAR VISITED PBS, HQ, ISLAMABAD.

Federal Minister, M/O PD&SI visited PBS on 07-01-2021 and was briefed in detail on the PBS innovation regarding monitoring of Inflation through specialized designed dashboard namely Decision Support System for Inflation (DSSI) & survey conducted for evaluating socio-economic



MINISTER (PD&SI), MR. ASAD UMER DURING VISIT OF PBS

impact of Covid -19 on general wellbeing. He shown great pleasure on the modernization of PBS and the timely initiatives taken for provision of data for evidence based policy making. During

presentation, detail deliberations were made on the results and Minister (PD&SI) shown his satisfaction over the results and praised and acknowledged the hard work done by PBS. He is of view that results are reassuring and shown that Government decisions for not implementing strict lockdown and opening the sectors in phases proved to be correct and evidence has shown that if those steps were not taken the impact on the vulnerable and economy may be devastating.



MEMBER (RM/SS) PRESENTING SHIELD TO MINISTER ASAD

He further added that PBS survey report also validated that large number of households received government support through Ehsaas. He directed to publish the results and report on website as this survey will be of high value for researcher, academicians and policy planners for evidence based policy making.

IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM OF INFLATION (DSSI)

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) being a National Statistical Organization (NSO) has the mandate to release monthly inflation as well as weekly indicators of price change in the country. In pursuance of the directives of the honorable Minister for Planning Development & Special



MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN PLANNING BOARD SINDH



MEETING WITH CHIEF SECRETARY SINDH

Initiatives and keeping in view the Government's vision of "Digital Pakistan", PBS has taken the initiative for development of Decision Support System for Inflation (DSSI). The initiative of PBS namely "Decision Support System on Inflation" (DSSI) was presented to Prime Minister in meeting held on 08-01-2021 and was approved by Prime Minister for execution. It was decided that it will be presented to National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) and orientation meetings will be conducted with Chief Secretaries of all provinces for their feedback for improvements and its smooth application. Accordingly, in pursuance of Prime Ministers directive, briefing on the matter was given to NPMC on 11-01-2021, while orientation meetings with Provinces were also initiated and accordingly detailed briefing were given to the Chief Secretaries and senior officers of the respective governments.

Meeting schedule was as under:

Province/region	Meeting Date
Government of the Punjab	12th January 2021
Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	13th January 2021
Government of Sindh	19th January 2021
Islamabad Capital Territory	20th January 2021
Government of Balochistan	1st February 2021

Provinces were briefed in detail regarding DSSI and informed that it is a customized dashboard based on the released data since 2008 and will provide detail insights on price statistics with time series trends and info-graphic collected by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics for Sensitive Price Index (SPI), (weekly, 17 cities), Consumer Price



MEETING WITH DC ISLAMABAD

Index (CPI), (monthly, 35 cities) and Wholesale Price index (WPI), (monthly, 19 cities) along with import/ export data of various important food categories. In addition, this dashboard is in first phase of implementation, it will provide the comparison of price collected by PBS and rates notified by Deputy Commissioners (DCs) based on SPI items for 17 cities and will generate ranking of the DCs based on difference between the ground rates and DC notified rates for effective and efficient management. It was also informed that essential credentials/passwords for chief Secretaries focal persons and Deputy Commissioners have already been provided for DSSI-Facilitation dashboard for monitoring price fluctuations.



MEETING WITH CHIEF SECRETARY BALUCHISTAN

Provinces appreciated the PBS initiative and gave views that DSSI is technological intervention to improve price control and governance as it gives access to prevalent prices of all commodities for monitoring. NPMC in its weekly meeting are reviewing the status of Inflation and PBS on weekly basis submits the district rankings of 17

Cities for implementation of DSSI for effective management of Prices for controlling inflation. NPMC on 22-02-2021 and 15-03-2021 has directed PBS to have orientation meetings with the all Chief Ministers of all four provinces for sensitizing them about the system, keeping in view the importance of controlling prices and its impact on wellbeing of general Population. In this regard Meeting with Chief Minister Sindh & Chairman planning was held on 24-02-2021 and Minister for Industries, Punjab was held on 22-03-2021. Team Headed by Secretary PD&SI in Punjab briefed the Minister regarding the facilitation dashboard and its benefits regarding monitoring of Prices and efficient Management.

CENSUS COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDATION & ADOPTION OF BEST PRACTICES FOR UPCOMING CENSUS

The Sixth Population & Housing Census 2017 was conducted w.e.f. 15th March to 25th May 2017 and provisional results were released in August 2017 with the approval of CCI. However, the final results have not yet been released due to reservations raised by certain stakeholders on census methodology and field operation mechanism. It is pertinent to mention here that cabinet in its meeting held on 11th February 2020 constituted five members' committee to deliberate and make recommendations for approval of final results of Census 2017. The committee after detail deliberations has submitted recommendations to cabinet. The cabinet in its meeting held on 22nd December 2020 has approved to forward the recommendations of the cabinet committee to CCI for final decision which will be discussed in upcoming CCI meeting to be held on 7th April, 21.



MEETING OF CENSUS COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDATION & ADOPTION OF BEST PRACTICES FOR UPCOMING CENSUS

Keeping in view the issues faced during census process regarding census methodology, field operation strategy, the questionnaire, mode of data collection etc. strong need is felt for deliberations to overcome such problems before conduct of next census. Therefore, Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives constituted the Committee for Recommendation & Adoption of best practices for upcoming population Census under the Chairmanship, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission with the mandate to review the census process, data collection and field operation methodologies used for Census-2017 & recommend the modern methodologies being adopted for census in region & globe for conduct of upcoming census. The committee is initially composed of Six (6) members including Chairman, members from relevant organizations and two renowned demographers.



MR. MUHAMMAD SARWAR GONDAL, MEMBER (RM/SS) & MS. RABIA AWAN, DIRECTOR (PSLM) DURING MEETING

First meeting of the Committee was held under the Chairmanship of DCPC on 14th January, 2021. Detailed deliberations were made on Terms of Reference of the committee and devising a mechanism of way forward. It was decided in a meeting that it is goodness of things if the Committee may be expanded to give broad based representation by inclusion of more demographers / researchers from different institutions/provinces. Further PBS will prepare material regarding key issues / questions rose on Census-2017 while using the all available record and will provide to Chief Economist for review and further comments by involving PIDE.

In pursuance of the decisions of the first meeting the committee has also been expanded by including eminent demographers and

representatives from all provinces & relevant institutions and now committee consists of twelve (12) members including Chairman. 2nd meeting of the committee held on 26th March 2021 under the chair of Deputy Chairman Planning Commission. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (SS/RM), PBS briefed the committee regarding the methodology, procedure adopted during the Census-2017. The committee deliberated in detail regarding the methodology, data collection procedures, and process using digital platforms and proposed to proceed further by constituting working group for each TOR for devising recommendations. Chairman committee emphasized that National census provides important information on a country population that used by government in planning, representation and resource allocation, therefore the quality of such information is of paramount importance. He added that robust communication plan involving universities, academia, provincial governments and all relevant stakeholders must be developed for educating the public. He also advised to adopt UN guidelines on census methodologies by aligning them to country context for comparability and acceptance. At the end it was decided to prepare comprehensive work plan with specific timelines for smooth implementation of the process.

MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL(NEC) ON SDGS.

Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special initiatives, Mr. Asad Umar Chaired first meeting of the sub-committee of NEC on SDGs



MEETING OF SUB -COMMITTEE OF NEC ON SDGS

held on 20th January 2021, Secretary Planning Chief SDGs, Director, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), representatives from Provincial P&Ds and officials from AJK and GB attended the meeting. The subcommittee discussed the mechanism of data flows to M/o PD&SI, SDGs reporting and role of PBS. Ms. Rabia Awan Director/ National Focal person for SDGs informed the committee that currently Pakistan can report against 80 Indicators. A total of 48 indicators are from surveys administrated by PBS. Sub-Committee is of the view that availability of authentic data is essential for decision making and provision of provincial indicators and it will help policy makers to identify the regional gaps.

The Sub-committee in principle approved the decision of data reporting from surveys administrated by the PBS which will take the precedence to all other survey sources in case of multiplicity or overlap at both Federal and Provincial reporting levels. Sub-committee also decided that PBS and Provincial Bureaus will publish SDGs progress report on annual basis based on survey and administrative data sources. Mr. Asad Umar directed PBS to extend data collection and reporting of relevant SDGs indicators for GB & AJK."

PBS MEETING WITH FINANCE DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

To review & discuss the proposals forwarded by the Deputy Chairman Planning Commission (DCPC), Govt: of Pakistan regarding distribution of resources to District Govts under forthcoming Provincial Finance Commission Award, a meeting of the finance department Punjab under the



MEETING WITH FINANCE DEPARTMENT GOVT: PUNJAB TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSALS FORWARDED BY DCPC

convener ship of worthy Minister Finance was held with DCPC on 06-11-2020.



PBS OFFICERS DURING MEETING WITH FINANCE DEPARTMENT GOVT: PUNJAB TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSALS BY DCPC

Besides other, DCPC invited Finance Minister to have meeting with Pakistan Bureau of Statistics to discuss about the "Economic and Social indicators" for establishing database at sub-district level to improve the revenue sharing mechanism and overall planning process in the Province.

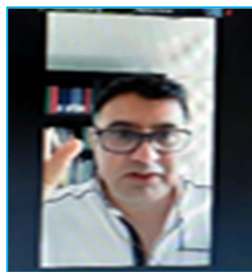
Accordingly, on request of Finance Department Government of the Punjab, a meeting of technical team of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) lead by Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) was held with Technical Committee of Punjab on 19th February 2021 in the committee room of the Finance department, Lahore. Senior officers of PBS and members of the technical committee, Government of the Punjab attended the meeting. Member (SS/RM) briefed regarding the data availability from census up to block level and PSLM survey up to district level, which can help the technical committee to formulate strategy for resource sharing. It was decided in meeting that Census detailed level data if provided and PSLM district level 2019-20 data will be used for interim finance award.

PSLM DISTRICT LEVEL SURVEY, 2019-20

Data Processing of PSLM District Level Survey 2019-20 tabulation and report writing has been completed, report will be available at end of March, 2021.

INTEGRATED AGRICULTURE CENSUS (IAC) 2020-21

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is planning to conduct Integrated Agriculture Census (IAC) 2020-21 by merging three censuses i.e. Agriculture Census, Livestock Census and Agriculture Machinery Census. Previously, three separate censuses on Agriculture, Livestock and Machinery were conducted on different point of time. Currently, mouza census activity has been completed, and this will be used as sample frame of the IAC. In this regard, FAO being custodian agency of Agriculture Statistics has hired technical consultant Mr. Cristiano Ferraz upon request of PBS for development of sample design of first ever Integrated Agriculture Census (IAC) Pakistan 2021.



CONSULTANT (IAC)-2021



MS. RABIA AWAN, DIRECTOR DURING MEETING WITH CONSULTANT (IAC) 2020-21

Nine consultative meetings between PBS team and Consultant have been held till March, 2021. Working on sample size estimation for Pilot Study in Sahiwal district is in progress. In this regard, Consultant has proposed to use ad-hoc sample size for Pilot Study in Sahiwal. Meanwhile, working on micro data of previous 2010 Agriculture Census is also in process to set a number of estimated sample size.

REVIEW MEETING OF EXTERNAL TRADE SECTION

A meeting to review the newly developed Trade Statistics Management Information System (TSMIS) was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) on 25.02.2021 Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Provincial Office, Karachi.



MEMBER (RM/SS) CHAIRING THE MEETING OF ET @ KARACHI

Member (RM/SS) welcomed the participants of the meeting and informed that Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is in the process of developing modern and innovative statistical tools for collection, compilation and dissemination of official statistics. He highlighted the salient features of Decision Support System on Inflation (DSSI) developed by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and informed that this system has been developed under the Prime Minister's Digital



MR. MUHAMMAD SARWAR GONDAL, MEMBER (RM/SS) CHAIRING MEETING OF ET, @ PBS, KARACHI

Pakistan Vision to enable timely decision making. He informed that the system will provide timely information on essential commodity prices to the National Price Monitoring Committee, federal ministries, provincial governments and district administrations, which will provide basis for timely decision-making. Moreover, the chair briefed the meeting about the role of PBS in smart lockdown during COVID 19 and development of Smart Lockdown Software (SLS) by PBS. He further updated that tablets have also been used for data collection of PSLM and Labour Force Surveys (LFS). The chairman apprised the meeting that the image of PBS at National and International level is improving due to use of these modern statistical tools and innovative information technology / softwares. He stressed upon the need of shift from old techniques of data collection & compilation to new softwares and techniques. He motivated the officers and staff of PBS to adopt new techniques and make use of modern tools to improve quality and timeliness of the data.

After the opening remarks by the chairman, Director (External Trade) gave presentation on Trade Statistics Management Information System (TSMIS) covering following points:

- Previous system of collection, compilation and dissemination of trade data.
- Current status of implementation of Trade Statistics Management Information System (TSMIS).
- Final destination/way forward
- Issues/problems being faced by External Trade Section & DP Centre.

MEETING OF EXTERNAL TRADE SECTION

A meeting of External Trade Section was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Asad Rafi Chandna Additional Secretary, M/O Planning Development & Special Initiatives on 15.03.2021 at Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Provincial Office, Karachi.

Mr. Shaukat Zaman, Director (ET) gave presentation on the System of Compilation of Trade Statistics including newly developed Trade Management Information System (TSMIS) covering following points:

- Introduction
- Historic background
- Compilation of External Trade indices
- Trade in services

- Dissemination of Trade indices
- Where we were
- Where we are
- What is TSMIS
- Time schedule for release of trade statistics
- Data flow of old V/s new system
- Our destination
- Issues/ problems



MR. ASAD RAFI CHANDNA CHAIRING MEETING OF ET

THE 5th REPORT NAMEDLY "COMPENDIUM ON ENVIRONMENT STATISTICS OF PAKISTAN-2020" BY SOCIAL STATISTICS SECTION:

The 5th report namely "Compendium on Environment Statistics of Pakistan-2020" 5th updated in the series has been approved by the competent authority, prepared by Social Statistics (SS) section, PBS, Islamabad.

The report covers information/data relating to socio-economic activities and natural events, environmental impacts and responses to environmental impacts, inventories, stock and background conditions and regional comparison. The report has also been uploaded on PBS website: www.pbs.gov.pk.



PAKISTAN DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY (PDS):

Pakistan Demographic Survey (PDS) is one of the most important surveys of PBS in which Demographic and Vital Statistics are collected. Data on Demographic trends is required for planning and policy making. The main objective of this survey is estimation of growth rate of population and other important Demographic Indicators i.e Crude Death Rate (CDR), Crude Birth Rate (CBR), Total Fertility Rate (TFR) etc.

PDS remained a regular activity of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics since 1984 but after 2007 PDS was not conducted due to delay in launching of Population and Housing Census. This created a gap in the supply of data to Government Agencies and Researchers. Keeping in view of the above, the Governing Council of PBS decided to restart the PDS survey on alternate years as 6th Population & Housing Census has successfully been completed in the year 2017. Now PBS has decided to conduct PDS-2020 and for the first time the data will be collected electronically through Tablet. For this purpose, an Application has been designed by the I.T Centre of PBS, HQs.

For this much needed shift in the data collection methodology the main driving force is Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/IT). Due to his un-tired efforts and guidance, the D.P Centre Islamabad is able to provide such high quality Apps and pre-testing work of the same has successfully been done. To further enhance the quality of data for the first time it is decided that female enumerators of PBS be engaged for the conduct of PDS exercise and for this Member (SS/IT) Head of field services very kindly provided female enumerator staff for the training and data collection.

Objectives of PDS:

The main objectives of PDS are as under: -

- To collect statistics of birth and death in order to arrive at various measures of fertility and mortality for Pakistan with urban and rural segregation.
- To estimate current rate of natural increase of population at national level.
- To collect information on other selected characteristics of population for planning, research and development programs.

SAMPLE SIZE AND ITS ALLOCATION:

Sampling Frame updated through Census 2017 has been used for sample selection for the first time not only this but a carefully designed Dashboard is also provided to the Team Supervisors and Incharges of Regional Offices to monitor the data collection in the field. Survey will be conducted in the selected Primary Sampling Units (PSUs) of urban and rural areas of the four provinces, Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) and Gilgit Baltistan (GB). However military restricted areas are excluded from the scope of the survey. A Stratified two-stage sample design will be adopted for the survey. Considering the variability of the characteristics for which estimates are to be prepared, population distribution and field resources available, a sample size of about 45000 sample households (Secondary Sampling Units; SSUs) have been considered appropriate to provide reliable estimates of key indicators at national level with expected reliability within 5% coefficient of variation at 95% degree of confidence. The entire sample households (SSUs) have been drawn from 1000 Enumeration Blocks (PSUs) out of which 361 are urban and 639 are rural. Sample will be representative at National level with urban/rural breakdown.

• Questionnaire for PDS: -

- The questionnaire of PDS has following sections:

Section Name	Section No
Survey Information	
Household Roster	I
Fertility Form	II
Birth Enumeration Form	III
Death Enumeration Form	IV



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TRAINING OF PAKISTAN DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY (PDS)

PDS provides support to estimate current rate of natural increase of population at national level and various measures of fertility and mortality for Pakistan which plays vital role in the future decision making for the national development.



MEMBER (RM/SS) & (C&S) AT PDS TRAINING

Training of trainers and field staff was conducted for the up-coming Pakistan Demographic Survey 2020 from 1st to 3rd March, 2021 at PBS, HQs, Islamabad. Participants of the said training were from Regional Offices of Rawalpindi, Muzaffarabad (AJ&K) and PBS, HQs Islamabad. For this national activity, there were 34 officers/officials attended this training session. The important features of this survey are to ensure the data quality and reliability; this will be tablet based survey. Furthermore, the female staff will engage to collect the information from the selected household at district level. Similarly, the training has been completed at all Stations. Besides training on questionnaire, the I.T team



MEMBER (RM/SS) DURING TRAINING OF PDS



GROUP PHOTO DURING PDS TRAINING

has also given training on the use of App through Tablet. The glimpse of three days training includes objectives/scope, orientation of questionnaire and usage of well-designed APP electronic data collection through tablets. A mock exercise was also part of the training and conducted by field staff that for data collection from the field. Data collection is likely to start in the field from 1st week of April, 2021.

WEBINAR ON "SDG 9 INDICATORS ARRANGED BY SESRIC"

SESRIC organized a webinar on 'SDG 9 Indicators' on 18th March, 2021 with the participation of 43 attendees from 18 OIC



RIZWAN DIRECTOR, ATTENDING WEBINAR MEETING BY SESRIC member countries.

Namely Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Benin, Egypt, Guyana, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Suriname and Turkey.

From Pakistan following officers attended the Webinar:

- Mr. Rizwan Bashir (Director, Industry; Energy and Mining; and Business Register Sections)
- Mr. Muhammad Sohaib (CSO- Industry Section)
- Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Qureshi (CSO, E&M)
- Mr. Muhammad Shehzad (SO, Industry Section)

Ms. Elif MERDER, Expert at the Sustainable Development Indicators Group, Economic and Social Indicators Department, presented the experience of Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) by covering all topics related to SDG 9 Indicators. Mr. Rizwan Bashir, Director, PBS, also gave presentation covering SDG 9 indicators.

Targets and Indicators	
Targets	Indicators
9.1 Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and trans-border infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all	9.1.1 Proportion of the rural population who live within 2 km of an all-season road 9.1.2 Passenger and freight volumes, by mode of transport
9.2 Promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and, by 2030, significantly raise industry's share of employment and gross domestic product, in line with national circumstances, and double its share in least developed countries	9.2.1 Manufacturing value added as a proportion of GDP and per capita 9.2.2 Manufacturing employment as a proportion of total employment
9.3 Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets	9.3.1 Proportion of small-scale industries in total industry value added 9.3.2 Proportion of small-scale industries with a loan or line of credit

TRAINING ON "QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (QMS): AN ORIENTATION"

A Quality Management System (QMS) is defined as a formalized system that document processes, procedures and responsibilities for achieving quality policies and objectives. Striving toward quality and stake holders' satisfaction is the main objective of PBS. To improve the quality of data and services and consistently meet our stake holders' expectations, there is a need to have knowledge on various aspects of quality management and some of ISO's best-known standards. ISO 9001 provides a framework on how to achieve this and the first step in the implementation is to rally understand what the

standard requires. PBS Training Wing had arranged an orientation session to help top management and employees to establish and maintain ISO 9001 based QMS.



MEMBER (RM/SS) GIVING SESSION ON QUALITY MANGEMENT

Focus of this session was on:

The standards that drive the organization towards continual improvement. The changes which certification can bring by improving efficiency of employees.

How certification improves organization's ability to deliver satisfaction to the customers and fulfill the expectations and wishes of stakeholders. In the opening session, Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal Member (SS/RM) presided and highly appreciated the efforts for the said training. Ms. Ayesha Sajid, Instructor, PBS, Islamabad delivered this orientation session to the 12 participants from different section(s) of PBS. At the end of session, participants shared their views that it was very informative and useful for them.



PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING THE TRAINING ON QMS

PRICE INFLATION SITUATION (JAN-MAR, 21)

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is responsible for collection, compilation and preparation of retail / wholesale prices, as well as, computation of price indices. These indices are National Consumer Price Index (NCPI), Urban Consumer Price Index (CPI), Rural Consumer Price Index (RPI) and

Table-1 gives the snapshot of year on year (YoY) and month on month (MoM) inflation rate of General, Food and Non-Food Groups for National, Urban and Rural CPI.

Wholesale Price Index (WPI) on monthly basis along with Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) on weekly basis being prepared and released on regular basis. The inflationary situation in Pakistan during the last quarter i.e., Jan-Mar., 2021 is given in Table-1 and Table-2.

Inflation Rate (%) (Base: 2015-16)														
General							Food				Non-Food			
Month	National		Urban		Rural		Urban		Rural		Urban		Rural	
	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
Jan-21	5.7	-0.2	5.0	-0.2	6.6	-0.3	7.3	-2.1	7.2	-2.2	3.7	1.1	6.1	1.5
Feb-21	8.7	1.8	8.6	2.3	8.8	1.1	10.3	1.3	9.1	0.2	7.6	2.8	8.6	2.0
Mar-21	9.1	0.4	8.7	0.3	9.5	0.5	11.5	1.7	11.1	1.5	7.1	-0.6	8.1	-0.4

Table-2 indicates the cumulative indices along with percentage change for the twelve (12) major groups at national, urban and rural level.

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Mar, 2020-21	Jul-Mar, 2019-20			Jul-Mar, 2020-21	Jul-Mar, 2019-20			Jul-Mar, 2020-21	Jul-Mar, 2019-20	
General	100.00	140.06	129.28	8.34	100.00	139.14	129.60	7.36	100.00	141.45	128.79	9.83
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	145.50	128.67	13.07	30.42	143.86	127.86	12.51	40.87	147.34	129.59	13.69
Non-perishable food items	29.60	144.60	124.90	15.77	25.97	142.79	124.72	14.49	35.08	146.62	125.02	17.27
Perishable food items	4.99	150.81	151.05	-0.16	4.46	150.04	151.28	-0.82	5.79	151.70	150.39	0.87
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	142.97	135.17	5.77	0.85	151.35	142.67	6.08	1.28	134.52	127.60	5.42
Clothing and footwear	8.60	140.54	127.98	9.81	8.01	137.12	125.44	9.31	9.48	144.89	131.22	10.42
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	135.04	128.24	5.30	27.03	136.18	129.99	4.77	18.49	132.52	124.38	6.55
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	134.58	124.68	7.94	4.09	133.72	125.41	6.63	4.10	135.87	123.58	9.94
Health	2.79	146.75	135.62	8.20	2.31	146.43	136.34	7.40	3.51	147.06	134.91	9.01
Transport	5.91	139.68	142.72	-2.13	6.14	140.39	143.63	-2.26	5.56	138.48	141.20	-1.92
Communication	2.21	107.27	106.80	0.44	2.35	108.58	108.03	0.51	1.99	104.96	104.62	0.32
Recreation and culture	1.59	123.29	118.32	4.21	1.73	120.56	116.89	3.14	1.38	128.48	121.02	6.16
Education	3.79	143.38	141.74	1.16	4.88	145.87	144.38	1.03	2.13	134.79	132.63	1.63
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	137.43	126.62	8.54	7.41	136.18	125.56	8.46	6.19	139.68	128.53	8.68
Misc. goods and services	4.87	147.11	131.45	11.92	4.77	145.99	131.82	10.75	5.02	148.73	130.91	13.61

The year on year (YoY) and month on month (MoM) inflation rates are graphically sketched in Figures 1-6 at urban, rural and national level.

Figure 1: Urban Inflation - YoY, Special Indices

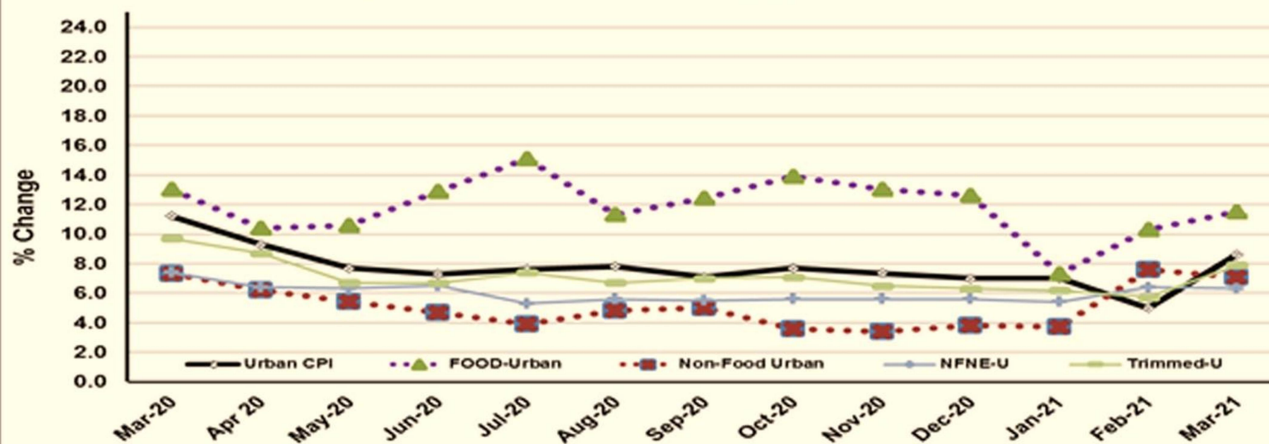


Figure 2: Rural Inflation - YoY, Special Indices

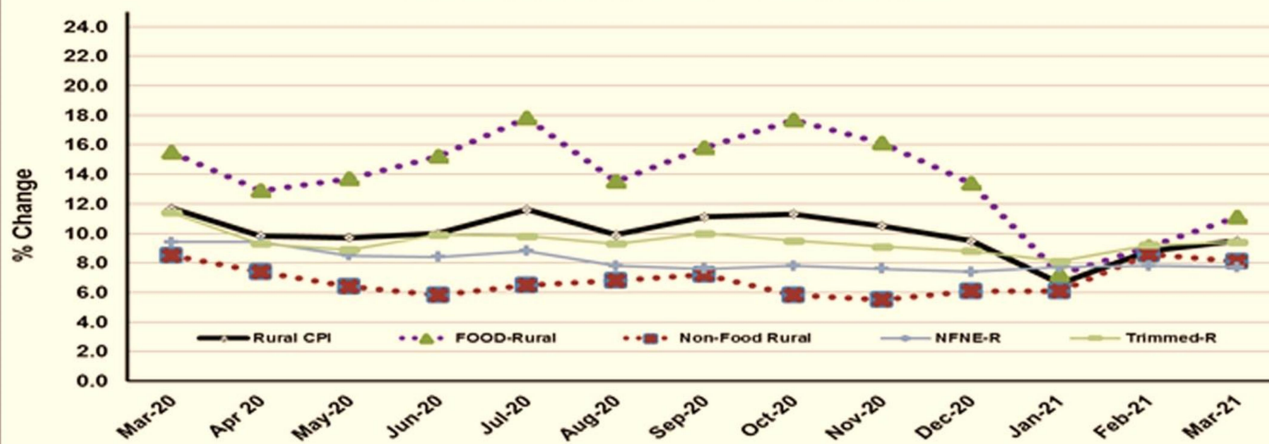


Figure 3: UCPI Inflation MoM, Special Indices

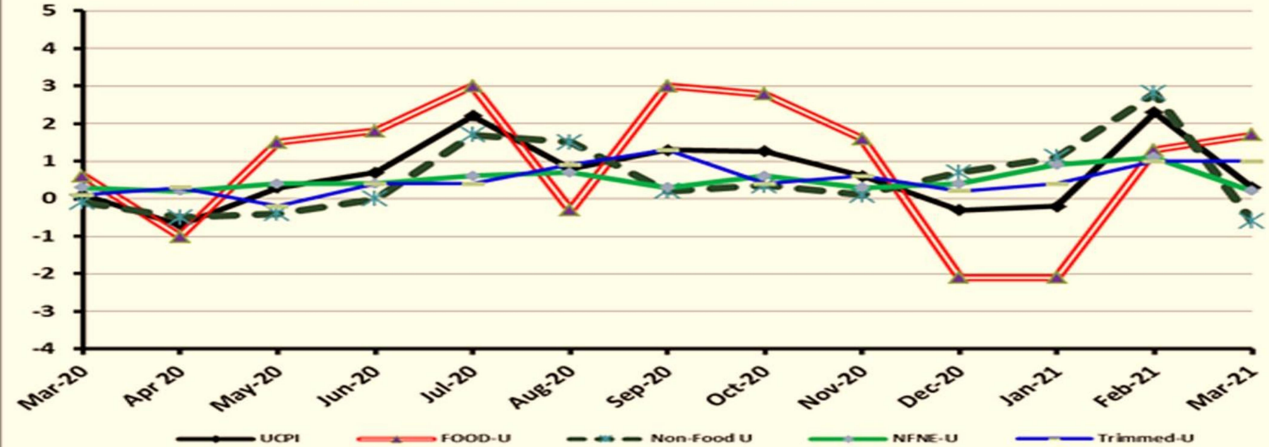


Figure 4: RPI Inflation MoM, Special Indices

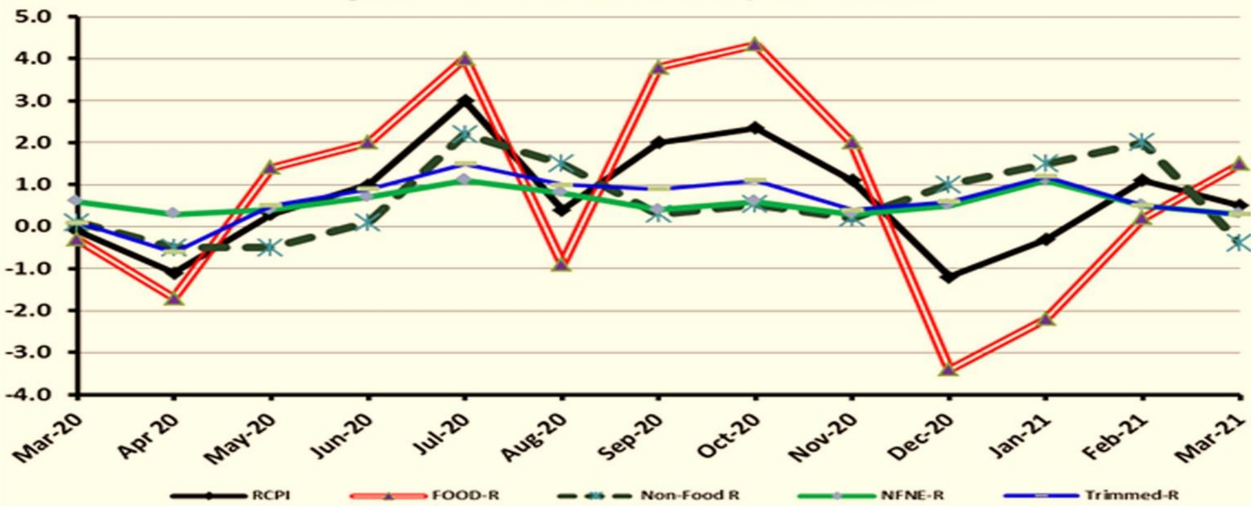


Figure 5: CPI Y.o.Y (National, Urban, Rural)

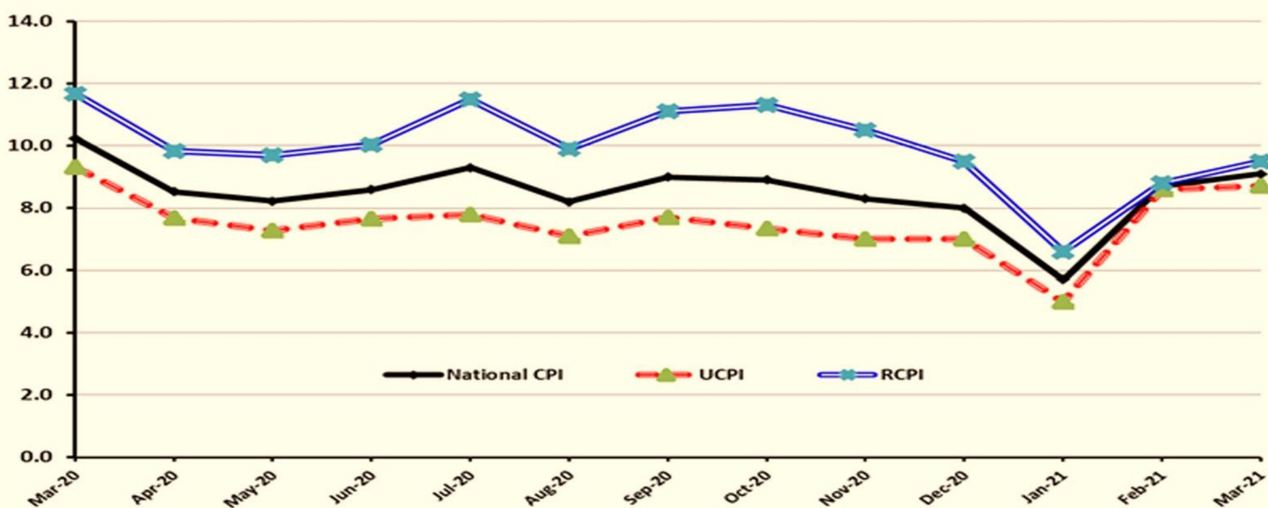
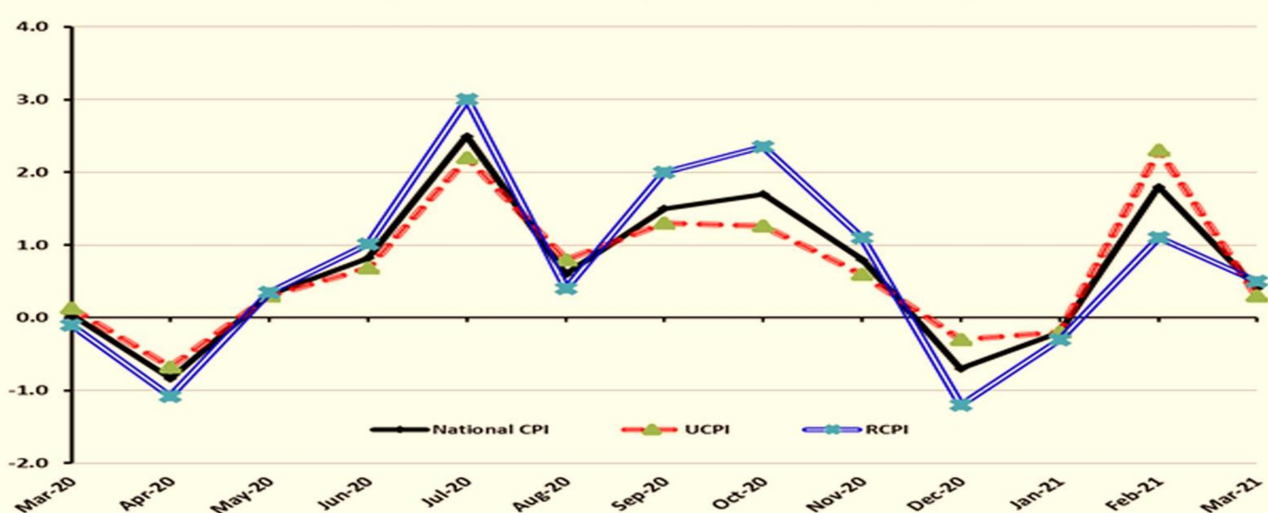


Figure 6: CPI M.o.M (National, Urban, Rural)



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