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20th November, 2023, Lahore: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics being National Statistics office of Pakistan is mandated to produce reliable Statistics for evidence based Policy Making and Planning. For dissemination of this Statistics, a National Data Dissemination Policy is being formulated. To enhance data accessibility to users for informed decision making, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has started a Nationwide series of dialogue workshops between data users and data producers (including Provincial Bureaus, Crop Reporting and other Government Organizations) at National and Provincial level in collaboration with UNFPA. The workshops will be helpful in identifying the requirements of data users, finding gaps and improve data dissemination system.

First workshop of the series was held today in Lahore. The workshop was attended by data users, researchers, demographers and other stakeholders Member (SS/RM), Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (C & S) Ayaz ud din and other senior officers of PBS welcome the distinguished guests.

Member (SS/RM), Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, presented the vision of PBS for Data Dissemination and apprised the forum that keeping in view the emerging needs of Data users and challenges faced in accessibility of required data, the initiative to host nationwide workshops has been taken by PBS.

Member (C & S) Ayaz ud din highlighted that these workshops will not only devise strategies for web-based data dissemination but will provide partners for data dissemination. Hence, a mechanism for systematic feedback on data dissemination will be formulated in Pakistan. While interacting with data users key challenges in Census data accessibility can be discussed. The easily accessed data is helpful in quick decision making.

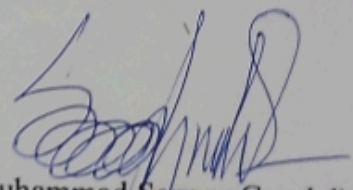
Dr. Luay, UNFPA Country Representative, emphasized the significance of sharing and disseminating data with the public. Acknowledging the transformative power of data for positive change and sustainable development, Dr. Luay highlighted the

importance of making some percentage of anonymous micro-level data accessible. Such data serves as a crucial resource for in-depth research, enabling the estimation of various indicators at lower geographical levels. This approach empowers policymakers to tailor interventions and policies to specific local needs, ensuring a more targeted and effective impact on communities.

The participants showed keen interest in the workshop. They discussed the issues related to the subject, provided their valuable feedbacks to improve the system and anticipated that this initiative will strengthen the collaboration between data producers and data users.

Five groups comprising of participants of the workshop, having versatile background constituted for deliberation and formulate their recommendations on the following thematic areas of the workshop: Emerging user needs and data requirements, Challenges in data dissemination and accessibility, Strategies for web-based data dissemination, Partnerships for data dissemination, Mechanism for systemic feedback on data dissemination in Pakistan. All groups presented their suggestions and recommendation relating to the thematic areas.

This workshop will help to strengthen statistical production process, foster trust and mutual understanding between data producers and users. The workshop will help to formulate effective and vibrant national data dissemination policy to facilitate evidence based decision making, effective policy planning by ensuring easy access to the updated statistics for the prosperity of the nation.



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Some Glimpses of an event:





