

PREFACE

The Household Integrated Economic Survey - HIES was started in 1963 and continued to be conducted with some breaks. In 1990 the questionnaire was revised in order to address the requirements of new system of National Accounts. The surveys were conducted during 1990, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1996-97 using the revised questionnaire. The HIES was merged with PIHS in 1998-99 and questionnaire was improved and was split into two modules in order to obtain better quality of information separately from male and female respondents by the male and female enumerators respectively.

The field activities of the current round of PSLM Survey – HIES Part were started in July/ August jointly with Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement (PSLM) – Core Welfare Indicators Questionnaire (CWIQ) Part in order to study both social as well as economic indicators related to the households. This report provides important data on household income, consumption expenditure and consumption pattern at national and provincial level with urban/rural breakdown. The consumption quintiles are used as it seemed to be an important and more realistic tool of data analysis.

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Comments and suggestions for further improvement of this report will be most welcome.

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