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VISIT OF SECRETARY PD&SI TO PBS

1. INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE DATA DISSEMINATION KIOSKS AT PBS HEADQUARTERS ISLAMABAD BY SECRETARY PLANNING COMMISSION:

June 16, 2021: Mr. Hamed Yaqoob Secretary PD&SI visited Pakistan Bureau of Statistics along with Chief Economist, and Additional Secretary. Secretary PD&SI Inaugurated the Data Dissemination KIOSK. Mr. Sarwar Gondal, Member (Support Services & Resource Management) PBS briefed the Secretary PD&SI that PBS being the National Statistical Organization is mandated for collection, compilation & Dissemination of data on various socio economic sectors both through Primary & Secondary sources for evidence based policy making.



He added that as The World under “**Digital Transformation**” become “**Global Village**” therefore “**Data**” is the “**new currency for development**” and availability of timely credible data in an interactive way is the need of the time. PBS, keeping in view the Prime Minister vision of “Digital Pakistan” has also undergone “**Digital Transformation**” and not only shifted from **manual approach** to **electronic data** collection but also have paradigm shift on data dissemination from unidimensional mode of fixed formats in to **interactive customized dashboards**: which provides open access to data with infographics along with comparison with previous years of several indicators as per requirement of users. In addition to it PBS is also working of linking geographic database with information for producing heat maps with layering of other information like roads, railroads, rivers, schools, hospitals etc. for provision of updated information for proper planning. Accordingly,



using the wealth of data available with PBS, customized dashboards namely “**Census Information management system**”, “**Mouza Census Information Management System**”, “**PSLM & SDGs Information Management System**” & “**Price Management Information System**” (PMIS) and decision support systems namely “**Decision Support System for Inflation**” (DSSI) and “**Evidence Based Decision System for Planning Commission/Provincial P&Ds**” have been prepared, which are available online and also installed on Data Dissemination Kiosk for increasing Statistical literacy among data users and to create awareness about importance

of data for informed decision making. PBS is planning to install their standalone dashboards and information management system in dissemination Kiosks also at Ministry of Planning Development & Special initiatives (being the central ministry where all projects get approved). *This will enable Policy Planners to have instant and updated information on data through customized dashboards for decision regarding development programs.* This is the major step towards the modernization of PBS and data dissemination, it will work as confidence building measure between data users and producers and will result in evidence base decision making. Further

based on the requirements and feedback provided by the users, researchers and policy makers, the dashboards & information systems can be enriched. Secretary PD&SI highly appreciated PBS work and was of view that this will be a Step towards “**Digital Pakistan**” and “**data driven policy making**”.

2. Presentation on results of Mouza Census 2020

After inauguration of KIOSK Secretary PD&SI chaired the meeting regarding Results of the Mouza Census-2020. Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member(Support Services /Resource Management) briefly explained that the back ground & objectives Mouza Census 2020 and informed that this is census of all mouzas of Pakistan including AJK & GB for developing Sampling Frame of Integrated Agriculture Census and provides information regarding total land, cultivated land major crops, irrigation system socio economic(availability of electricity/ water/ toilets etc.) & infrastructure Characteristics and can be used for informed decision making regarding development projects It was also informed that **Ninth Mouza census** was due in 2013 but could not be conducted due to various reasons, however conducted successfully in 2020 with the exemplary coordination of **.Provincial Governments/ Board of Revenues/ District Governments.** Revenue and local government staff used for data collection in three phases from 1st January 2020 to 31st March 2020 and PBS completed data processing in record time of nine months despite the spread of Pandemic Covid-19. Mrs. Rabia Awan Director (PBS) presented in detail the key Findings of Mouza Census-2020. It was informed that socio economic, infrastructures situation in the rural areas of the country is improving, however there are stark differences in the provinces and Rural areas of Balochistan and Sindh have least facilities as compared to Punjab & Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It was also informed that customized dash board has also been prepared for data users for provision of instant data up to mouza level. Secretary PD&SI shown his great pleasure on

completing of this huge task successfully and was of view that these data sets are of immense importance for monitoring and planning of development plans approved by government of Pakistan under PSDP and SDGs, therefore PBS may be made part of CDWP and present the results of their different surveys & census by using data triangulation for data driven decision making and preparation of baselines for the monitoring of the projects. He acknowledged PBS work and highly appreciated the dedication and devotion of its staff for completion of this task successfully. He approved to publish the Mouza Census 2020 results along with dashboard.

