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DEPUTY CHAIRMAN PLANNING COMMISSION INAUGURATED THE FIELD OPERATION OF SPECIAL SURVEY TO EVALUATE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON WELLBEING OF PEOPLE

Islamabad: October 22, 2020: Mr. Muhammad Jehanzeb Khan Deputy Chairman Planning Commission visited Pakistan Bureau of Statistics on 22th July 2020 and chaired a meeting on the activities of PBS and initiatives taken by PBS in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Sarwar Gondal, Member Support Services and Resource Management PBS briefed the DCPC about the activities of PBS and informed that PBS has shifted from manual data collection to electronic data collection and has achieved

an In House capacity to develop Android Based data collection softwares, Mobile Aaps and Dash Boards. He was informed that PBS being an NSO has taken the initiative to provide evidence based information about the impact of COVID-19 on the socio economic condition on the wellbeing of the people capturing information related to employment, Income, Remittances, Food Insecurity, Health, coping strategies adopted by the household and Assets to compile wealth quintiles. Data will be collected electronically and results will be available by end of November 2020. The Deputy Chairman Planning Commission appreciated the efforts of PBS and inaugurated the Field Operation of Special Survey to Evaluate Impact of COVID-19 on Wellbeing of people.



It was further informed that PBS is developing Decision Support Systems and Data Dissemination Systems which would enable the policy makers to take evidence based decision making. PBS officials briefed the DCPC that PBS is successfully conducted census and survey such as Mouza Census, PSLM/HIES Survey, LFS etc and the data will be disseminated to the policy makers and general public through Dash boards in a user friendly manner.

The DCPC appreciated the efforts of PBS and said that reliable and timely data helps the policy makers to take informed decisions. He said that PBS has vast repository of data and PBS should focus on branding itself as an NSO. It should project itself as an efficient and credible technical organization. PBS should be the nucleus of all statistical activities and should start working with partner organizations, universities and provincial departments. PBS should conduct a detailed need assessment survey to make it a next generation PBS.



DCPC also inaugurated the Online Data Quality Assurance Application developed by the IT experts of PBS for District level LFS. This is first ever District level survey covering module on Disability. It will provide quarterly estimates representative at Provincial level based on 7200 blocks covering 10800 HHs.

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