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5TH MEETING OF CENSUS MONITORING COMMITTEE (CMC)

The fifth meeting of the census monitoring committee was held on 17th of Jan, 2023 at National Census Coordination Centre (N3C) under the chair of Federal Minister for PD&SI, Islamabad. The Minister and the Members of the committee were apprised about the implementation of the decisions of the last meeting. The Chief Census Commissioner showed a commitment to ad-



here the timelines of Census activities by taking all the stakeholders on board with collaborative approach and thanked the chair for continuous support and encouragement to make the census process transparent, credible, and reliable.

The meeting was attended by Members of Committee from all relevant departments and stakeholders which includes relevant Federal Ministries, Administration of all Provincial and Local Governments, DG Military Operations Directorate, NADRA, NTC etc. The main purpose of the meeting was to update all stakeholders about progress / ongoing activities of 7th Population & Housing Census, to take decisions on methodology of Census in the snow bound areas, and decide take decisions on issue of on overlapping of National events with Census timelines.

Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief Census Commissioner (PBS), presented in detail, the progress on 7th Population & Housing Census related activities. He informed that 495 Census Support Centers have been established, where trained staff is deputed. Provincial / Regional Governments have deployed 120,000 Census field staff to carry out the field activities of census operations. He further apprised that 125,500 hardened Tablets have been delivered to 495 Census Support Centre and training of 121,000 Field Staff is in progress since 7th Jan, 2023 at 992 venues in all over the country.



He further added that NADRA has informed that all the requirements including security audit will be completed soon. Self Enumeration Portal may be launched depending on provision of required Backend Infrastructure by NTC.

Keeping in view the extreme weather conditions in few area of the country, methodology of Census field operation in the snowbound areas also discussed. Issuance of memorable postal ticket to mark the conduct of first ever digital census was also discussed. Dr. Naeem further requested the chair that census is a federation strengthening exercise, therefore, launching of Self-Enumeration portal and start of Field Enumeration may please be done in a manner to seize the opportunity to increase national integrity. To achieve this end, Self-Enumeration and Field Enumeration should be inaugurated by President or Prime Minister at Federal level, and Provincial Administrations at their respective levels.

Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives emphasized on the authenticity of Census process which is a huge National exercise. He said there should be no compromise on timelines. Census should be transparent and must be successful with the joint efforts of all the organizations involved in the census process. Provinces should be taken onboard and consensus must be made on all issues to avoid any controversy and all efforts should be made for effective utilization of resources. SOPs should be followed in all Provinces for bringing uniformity and consistency in the whole census process. He directed to NTC to strictly follow up the case for the timely provision of Oracle Exadata as it is core component for backup optimal solution. He advised provincial Governments to ensure availability of teaching staff to carry out uninterrupted enumeration process. He further, advised to share the security plan at earliest with best possible layout

for the depolyement of security staff to make this national exercise successful. He emphasized that NADRA should develop the software up to mark within minimum possible time.

Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) added that the basic purpose of Census is evidence based Planning & Policy making and the Digital Census has been planned by following the UN principles and adopting the best international practices in this regard. For the wider credibility of the census process, all the stackholders have been taken on board at all levels. Lastly, the views of Provincial Governments and the Members of the CMC were invited on agenda points discussed. All the Provinces assured their full support for the successful conduct of national activity.

Minister PD&SI appreciated the efforts of PBS to bring transparency and credibility in the process and direct to strictly follow the timelines for provision of data to Election Commission of Pakistan for conduct of General Election 2023.

6TH MEETING OF CENSUS MONITORING COMMITTEE (CMC) HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY, 2023

The 6th meeting of the Census Monitoring Committee (CMC) constituted by the Council of Common Interest (CCI) was held on 21st February, 2023 at 12:30 P.M under the chair of Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for PD&SI, Islamabad in the Committee Room (3rd Floor) of the M/O PD&SI, Islamabad to discuss the Progress on the ongoing census activities, overlapping national events with the census timeline and possibility of inclusion of CNIC in the census questionnaire.

The Chief Statistician apprised about the inaugural ceremony for First Ever Digital Census in History of Pakistan held on February 20th, 2023, inaugurated by the Federal Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications, Syed Amin ul Haque. Afterwards, the agenda item of inclusion of CNIC number in the Census questionnaire was taken up. The Chair raised the point that in Pakistan, delimitation of the constituencies are made on the basis of population and due to counting of aliens dwelling in large number in particular area/domain may create distortion in the process of delimitation. It is a right time to address this issue through the transparency in the results of 7th Population and Housing census.

The Chief Statistician explained that the purpose of the Census is to count the population in complete manners rather to verify the persons through certain legal identity. Such practices are not adopted in the Globe during the data collection process of population census and for the acceptability of census results in broad spectrum; the international organizations/bodies may be taken on board.



Member (Support Services) explained that PBS has already included the question in Col.8 of the questionnaire to collect the information on Nationality of each and every member of the household.

The Chief Statistician showed concern on the timeline of main roll out and endorsed that there are fair chances of delay due to inclusion of CNIC Number at this stage. The Chair asked for the opinion of other participants on Zoom from Provincial/Regional Governments on this matter and it was concluded that the Provincial Governments will provide consent till 22nd February, 2023 for smooth execution of the data collection process and to avoid any controversy later.

The Chief Statistician explicated that all the provincial/regional governments are demanding funds to properly operationalize the census activities including hiring of vehicle with POL, execution of security plan with Pak Army and Local Police and assurance of basic necessities at each and every Census Support Centers (CSCs). At this crucial stage of census activities, more delay in release of fund is not indispensable. In response, the Deputy Secretary (Finance), explained that the Finance Division has submitted the well prepared summary to Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) after fulfilling all the codal and procedural formalities.

The Secretary PD&SI suppressed that Census is a national priority and Finance Division should take it not as a routine matter. The DS (Finance) assured the case of 24 Billion will be expedite for timely surrender of the amount to execute the census activities in a proficient manners without any financial constraints at any level.

sus Commissioners notified by the Establishment Division on priority basis.

DECISIONS:

- All the provincial/regional governments will ensure that staff trained for the census field operation will not be deployed/transferred elsewhere for other official duties till census responsibility
- Inclusion of CNIC Number of the head of household/ respondent will made during the main roll out as a legal identity of the household. However, Provincial Governments will provide consent till 22nd February, 2023 for smooth execution of the data collection process and to avoid any controversy later.
- Finance Division will expedite the process for the allocation of 24 Billion to PBS by fulfilling all necessary formalities of ECC and CCI for this national cause of great importance.
- CCI will accelerate the process of getting the Provincial Census Commissioners notified by the Establishment Division.

Chief Statistician highlighted that the role of PCCs is very vital to execute the census activities successfully in each province and acknowledged the cooperation of provincial governments, in this regards. PBS has moved the case expeditiously to the Establishment Division and responded at all stage without any late to get them notified from the establishment Division. The observation of Establishment Division on the summary was addressed and PBS resent/resubmitted the case on 10th February, 2023 and received no update so far. Joint Secretary (CCI) informed that the summary has been sent to Prime Minister's Office and matter will be resolved as and when CCI will convene its next meeting. The Secretary PD&SI directed that CCI may accelerate the process of getting the Provincial Cen-

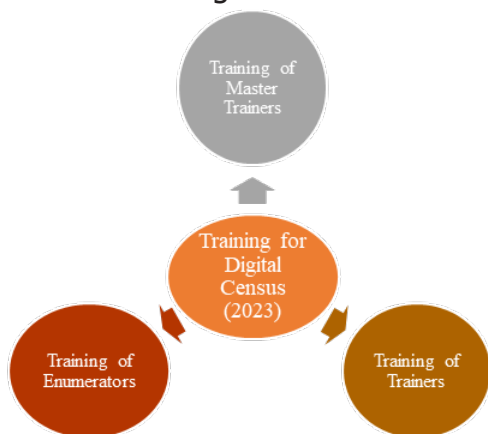
- Next meeting of CMC will be convened on 28th February, 2023 to discuss all the matters to be resolved before going to kick start main roll from 1st march, 2023.



CENSUS ACTIVITIES

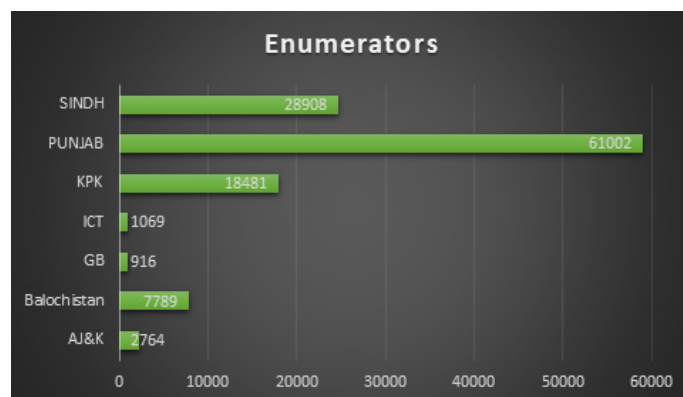
TRAINING OF ENUMERATORS (TOES) at census district level Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is going to conduct the 7th Population and Housing Census, the first-ever Digital Census in the history of Pakistan. By virtue of this Digital Census, Tablet based applications for house listing and enumeration have been developed for digitally counting the country's population. These Tablets are Android-enabled smart devices with house listing and enumeration applications equipped with GPS. The Android applications may be used both online and offline for data collection, and the recorded data are synchronized with the data base server through internet.

The success of the census is reliant upon the accuracy of data collection; hence, the emphasis of training is on enhancing the field staff's understanding of concepts and tablet usage. PBS has prepared and implemented a thorough training program that is divided into three tiers or levels i.e. Training for Master Trainers in Islamabad at first stage, followed by Training for Trainers (ToT) held across all administrative divisions, and finally Training for Enumerators (ToE) which was conducted throughout all Census Districts.



The Training of Master Trainers was successfully held in five batches in Islamabad for the period 5th, Dec to 15th, Dec 2022. The officers from PBS, Provincial Departments such as, Planning & Development (P&D), Bureaus of Statistics (BoS), Crop Reporting Services and the Education Department were trained as Master Trainers. Following that, divisional-level Training, the 'so-called' Training of Trainers (TOTs) was conducted in 38 divisions, which was held at 76 venues across Pakistan during 19th December to 23rd December, 2022.

In a similar manner, the most recent training, Training of Enumerators (TOEs) was successfully completed which was held at census district level. About 121000 Enumerators and Supervisors were jointly trained for field-work. breakdown of staff trained by province.



This was the final phase of training, provided in three batches between January 7th and January 21st, 2023. The first batch's five days of training was successfully finished on January 11th, 2023. The second batch of training was incepted on January 12th, 2023, and ended on January 16th, 2023, followed by the third batch, which commenced on January 17th, and ended on January 21st, 2023.





The major components of these interactive training sessions delivered by subject and IT experts were conceptual videos, case studies, and mock exercises. The trainees were evaluated using pre-test and post-test. In addition, tablet usage and trainees' attendance were tracked as well. In

addition, the management of PBS, including the Chief Census Commissioner, Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal Member (SS/RM), Mr. Ayazuddin Member (C&S), and monitoring teams, visited the training locations to monitor the quality of training and re-



solve training-related concerns. Training on a large scale is a monumental job, and it is a major accomplishment for PBS to have imparted comprehensive training so effectively across the country. During this huge exercise, some issues were also observed in the training conducted in different batches. PBS has con-

ducted different monitoring activities in order to intimate the issues/problems observed during the training of enumerators.

- WhatsApp groups/ calls
- In-Person Monitoring
- Third Party Monitoring

MONITORING OF TRAINING & FIELD OPERATION

A) WHATSAPP GROUPS/CALLS

To monitor the activities of enumerators' training, one of the monitoring teams created WhatsApp groups in which Divisional Coordinators and Census Commissioners were invited to inform about training activity and issues encountered during training. This plan enabled PBS to promptly take the necessary actions to address the problems encountered and notify them of the upcoming batches. The key concern that was seen throughout the training was low attendance.

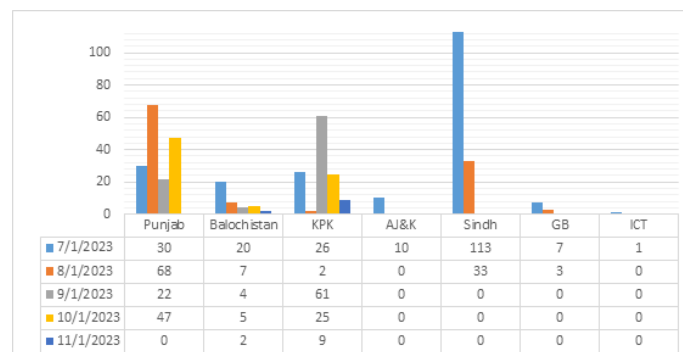
B) IN PERSON MONITORING

A team of officers was sent to different stations/divisions to monitor the training of enumerators in the first batch, with the goal of monitoring some of the venues at the assigned station regarding the provision of necessary facilities, content, and delivery-wise adequacy of the training being imparted to the enumerator. The officers submitted reports on a daily basis, and a summary of reported issues was also generated, and their remedy was recommended to address the serious concerns for the ongoing training of batch I, as well as taking corrective measures so that similar issues would not be encountered during the training of batches II and III. Being a Digital census, the tablet is a core device and its delivery to enumerators is of utmost importance. Tablet enables field staff to collect real-time data with less effort. Further usage of tablets for data collection increases the reliability, transparency, unbiasedness and authenticity of census operations.

Tablet procurement and its delivery to all 495 Census Support Centers (CSCs) is a primary responsibility of NA-DRA. For this purpose, around 126,000 tablets were purchased. The operation for distributing tablets was started in the first week of January 2023. This operation is a gigantic task. PBS started 1st Batch of TOEs on 7th January 2022. Distribution of tablets to CSCs and subsequently to enumerators required three days to complete this operation. Figure 3 shows details of the operation.

The Fig. illustrates that most tab-

lets are delivered on the first day in Sindh, particularly in Karachi. In the subsequent days, GB and AJK received most of the tablets. The operation was successfully completed/culminated on 11th January 2023.



Almost 92% of the initial batch of participants attended the training, which was held across all administrative units from January 7 to 11. Similarly, 88% of participants in the second batch (January 12-16) attended the training. In the most batches running from January 17 to 21, 94 percent of participants attended the training, which is significantly higher than the proportion of attendance in the previous batches. This eloquently reflects the dedication and unwavering devotion of PBS. In Sindh, almost 43 percent of participants were absent in Batch II, which is an extremely large number. Sindh local body elections was also an issue where it was reported that some of census staff was also engaged by Sindh Government. Similarly, in the third batch, Sindh's attendance was also adversely affected by the election.



TRAINING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TMS):

The Training Management System (TMS) served as a comprehensive software solution meticulously crafted to optimize and elevate the entire spectrum of processes associated with planning, delivering, tracking, and evaluating training activities. TMS proved to be particularly invaluable for orchestrating training schedules and meticulously overseeing activities across various administrative tiers.

The system facilitated role-based access, extending from the national to the provisional, divisional, and even tehsil levels. Within each stratum of this hierarchical structure, stakeholders could seamlessly register trainee cohorts, designate appropriate training venues, meticulously devise training timetables, elicit invaluable insights from trainers, and meticulously chart trainees' advancement through interactive online quizzes.

Moreover, the TMS ensured a steady flow of communication by effectively disseminating training-related notifications, reminders, and updates via both messages and emails to the concerned staff members.

At the heart of the TMS lay an intricately designed dashboard that encapsulated a wealth of information pertaining to training activities and human resources. This dashboard presented data through visually intuitive cards, insightful graphs, and comprehensive reports, catering to a holistic understanding of the training landscape. Each tier of the hierarchical structure was empowered to access their respective statistics, fostering a sense of ownership and engagement.

GIS BASED MONITORING DASHBOARD:

The GIS Monitoring Dashboard module encompasses a range of indispensable features geared towards efficient and insightful field monitoring. This module stands as a high-priority asset, as it introduces a diverse array of monitoring dashboards designed to cater to various needs.

At its core, the GIS-based Monitoring Dashboard offers multifaceted access, contingent upon roles allocated by administrators. This empowers users to harness a suite of functions tailored to their responsibilities. Among its ca-

pabilities, the module enables pinpointing and visually representing the convergence of households within different blocks. It also facilitates real-time tracking of enumerators' most recent locations, monitors the count of enumerators actively engaged online, and keeps tabs on the overall tally of listed structures and households.

Moreover, this module extends the benefit of progress tracking, presenting a comprehensive array of features for an informed overview. This includes data on the total number of blocks, distinguishing between those actively in progress or completed, those awaiting commencement, and those temporarily halted. A dynamic map further visualizes the geographic distribution of enumerators' locations, highlighting those operating in online mode.

A pivotal component of this module is Enumeration Progress, which delves into granular details about the ongoing enumeration process. It offers insights into household metrics such as average size, gender distribution (female and male counts), as well as the percentage of the population falling within the 0 to 25 age range. Additionally, the module tracks the synchronization status of households, presenting a holistic assessment of enumeration advancement.

In summation, the GIS Monitoring Dashboard module stands poised to revolutionize field monitoring through its holistic and role-driven functionalities. It equips stakeholders with the tools needed to visualize, analyze, and assess data, thereby elevating the efficiency and effectiveness of monitoring endeavors.

MONITORING ROLE OF PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION:

The provincial and local Governments played a vital role to monitor the census field activities to ensure the credibility of the census data. As census is meant to count each and every individual residing in the country by following the definition of de jure methodology and in this regard, provincial and local administration put their best efforts to ensure the complete coverage of field enumeration. PBS facilitated them with the access of dashboards to ensure the coverage as well as data quality with real time approach.

MEDIA CAMPAIGN

For the Publicity awareness campaign of 7th Population & Housing Census, following activities were carried out during Jan-March 2023.



Media cell devised a proper plan for Publicity Campaign on main-stream Media, covering Print, TV, Radio and Social Media. The efforts were made to cover all targeted audience using multiple media sources. TV Campaign included the various advertisement highlighting importance of Census and awaring general public to participate in the Census. During the quarter Jan-Mar, 2023, the total of five advertisments were played 789 times on 12-15 TV channels having total air time of over 6 hours and 48 minutes and estimated viewership of 182.7 million viewers . In addition to that TV channels were also utilized for public awareness through appearance of senior Training Management System (TMS):

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INTERVIEWS OF CHIEF STATISTICIAN / MEMBER (SS/RM)

During the Publicity Campaign of 7th Population and Housing Census, Chief Census Commissioner, Dr. Naeem uz Zafar and Focal Person, Member (SS/RM), Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, appeared on talk shows of different renowned Anchors during prime time. The purpose was to aware the general public that Census is in Progress and it is important to participate, explain the process of Digital Census to audience and clarify the ambiguities raised by different forums etc.



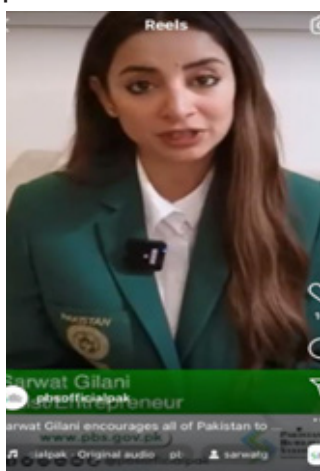
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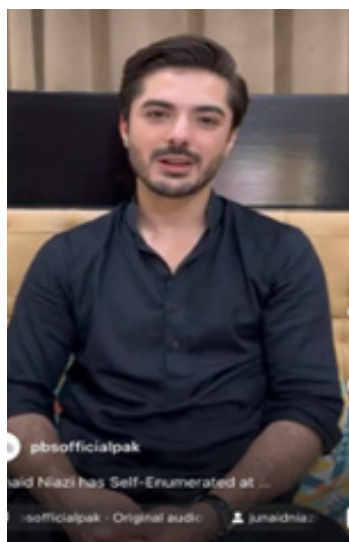
ENGAGEMENT OF INFLUENCERS, CELEBRITIES AND NOTABLES IN PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN OF 7TH POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, THE DIGITAL CENSUS

Influencers like Ahsan Khan, Sarwat Gilani, Umer Alam and Junaid Niazi having millions of followers recorded messages for Population Census on PBS and their respective social media. Dr Sayeda Arfa Zehra, an Educationist and Urdu Language Expert also motivated general public to participate in census through PBS Social Media platforms. Links are available on the following.



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SONG COMPETITION FOR DIGITAL CENSUS 2023:

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics aimed to build awareness and ownership of 7th Population & Housing Census Nationwide, therefore to support the objective, it was decided to hold an online competition for a National Song on the theme of "Tumhi say hai tumhara kal". Accordingly, the competition was announced in January 2023 on 'BAJAO APP'. Five entries were received and one was selected through online voting on APP.



The winner of the song was announced during Inauguration ceremony of Self-Enumeration Portal in presence of Syed Amin ul Haque, M/o IT & T, On 20th February, 2023. The winner was awarded with token money of Rs. 25,000/- from PBS.

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS ABOUT CENSUS Six social media handles namely Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Youtube and Snapchat were also utilized for public awareness and sensitization of general public & ensure their participation in the Census. These handles were also utilized for sharing short video and text material to educate the masses about various concepts and definition of the Census. Facebook account of PBS is blue tick verified. Total no of Social Media followers remained 758k during the quarter.



DISTRIBUTION OF BROCHURES

The brochures for awareness of the census were distributed on various Metro bus stations, Markets and universities. Brochures were distributed on various Metro bus stations, Markets and universities.



PRINT MEDIA CAMPAIGN

The various advertisements for Census awareness were published in important National English, Urdu as well as in local Newspapers in English, Urdu, Sindhi and other Regional languages. The advertisement were published in 20 newspapers, (with circulation of 4,788k per day), with 360 insertions, included 13 days of advertisements.



CENSUS WALKS

In order to sensitize the general public for ensuring their active participation in various activities of the census, PBS organized census walks at its all Provincial, Regional offices. Overwhelming response of the different segments of the society were observed to participate in these walks.



The active participation of the society for better awareness about the census plays a significant role to get the better response of the people at the time of enumeration to count them with better accuracy which ensure data quality and credibility of census results.

Some glimpse of census awareness walks are given below.

RADIO CAMPAIGN,

Pakistan Super League (PSL) transmission of Radio Pakistan was sponsored by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics for Publicity of 7th Population & Housing Census. The package included unpaid announcements during commentary in Radio Pakistan and 08 paid minutes per day during PSL for 20 days. Message was also repeated on PBC's extensive National network of AM / SW / FM stations that covers 98% of population and 80% of the total area in Pakistan.



ORIENTATION SESSION ON 7TH POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS (DIGITAL) FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Census of Population and Housing is one of the largest data/information collecting activities of paramount importance in Pakistan. PBS initiated for the first time to establish digital system to conduct the census in a transparent way so that it may contribute to strengthening the Federation of Pakistan.

In this regard, UN guidelines have been followed to develop this system. As the Population and Housing Census plays a pivotal role to shape up the country's profile at national and international level in multidimensional ways by utilizing the socio-economic as well as demographic data.



It was decided to take the international organizations on board by inviting and to have a detailed session on 1st digital census of Pakistan. The session was organized on 27th January, 2023 (Friday) in N3C, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) G9/1, Mauve Area, Islamabad.



A detailed briefing on the digital census was given by the Chief Census Commissioner, Dr. Naeem uz Zafar and question answer session was also conducted to get the valuable feedback/suggestions of the participants.



The participants appreciated the efforts of PBS to adopt the digital approach for the 7th Population and Housing census. PBS always value the collaborative efforts and seek support from international partners; such opportunities are to learn from mutual experiences, build capacity, and integrate the resulting lessons learned and innovations into upcoming programs to enhance the credibility and acceptability of outputs in broad spectrum.

VISIT BY A DELEGATION IN SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS (13-16 FEBRUARY 2023)

PBS Senior Management visited the National Statistical Organization, Republic of South Africa and learnt from the professional experience, especially the technological frameworks and the process used for conduct of E-Census along with lessons learnt to successfully replicate the same in Pakistan.



PURPOSE OF VISIT:

1. Improve the preparations for the first-ever digital census of Pakistan.
2. Identify relevant technological issue particularly that NSO, RSA has faced during their first E-census and prepare strategies to counter those issues if arises in Pakistan's census.
3. Undertake physical examination of different sections/units involved in 2022 census of RSA, to ascertain their role and responsibilities of the units including meeting with technical staff of these units/sections to get clear understanding on the role of such units. these units/sections to get clear understanding on the role of such units.

The Event was Chaired by Ms Nwabisa Maya; Acting Director: Executive Support and Project Management; Manager in the International Statistical Development and Cooperation

(international relations) division of Statistics South Africa.

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (Support Services), Lead Role for the first ever digital census (2023) in Pakistan, Ms. Rabia Awan, Deputy Director General (CP&C/CPMU) and Mr. Muqadar Shah, UNFPA Representatives, International Support and delegates.

A fruitful discussion was made on the following points, particularly:

Data Collection Methodology and Trainings.

Systems Development and Applications.

Post Data Collection activities.

Publicity & Advocacy.

Member (SS), Presented the **Schield and Report on Recommendations & Adoption of Best Practices For 7th Population & Housing Census** to Mr Risenga Maluleke- Statistician--General, Statistics South Africa.

PBS is grateful to the Republic of South Africa for providing such a wonderful opportunity to share their experiences on the subject of census specifically. Such events play pivotal role in capacity building of Statistical Organization and PBS hoped to extend such international cooperations in future to strengthen a national statistical office of the Pakistan by keeping pace to adopt modern technologies for evidence based policy making and planning through quality data.



INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF SELF ENUMERATION

During the course of data collection for the 7th Population and Housing Census (Digital), PBS took the privilege to introduce Self-enumeration portal <https://self.pbs.gov.pk>; a new concept that gave every resident of Pakistan the option to count themselves in the census. Self-Enumeration like Census is done on Household basis. Any household member can register all household members who live and eat together as a Household. Question wise Videos were produced and made available at YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/embed/thq6uvJlISg>)



The portal was launched on **20th February, 2023** with enthusiasm and energy at its peak. Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications, Syed Amin ul Haq inaugurated the **SELF-ENUMERATION** portal and it was a historic moment for Pakistan. The official census song "Tum he Se Hai Tumhara Kal" was also launched.



THE 2ND ITCN ASIA EXHIBITION AT PAK-CHINA FRIENDSHIP CENTER, ISLAMABAD FROM 23RD TO 25TH FEBRUARY, 2023.

After successful launched the Census 'Self-Enumeration Portal' (<https://self.pbs.gov.pk>) for 7th Population and Housing Census "First Ever Digital Census" on 20th February 2023 for the convenience of the users, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) participated in the 22nd ITCN Asia Exhibition- Information Technology & Telecom Show at Pak-China Friendship Center, Islamabad from 23rd to 25th February, 2023 to avail the opportunity of this platform for awareness and facilitation of the target segment of society which is directly or indirectly associated with Information Technology (IT) about the Self-Enumeration Portal of first ever digital census-2023 in Pakistan.

PBS installed a digital stall of PBS, specifically on 7th Population and Housing Census "First Ever Digital Census" and promote the awareness in the masses about 'Self-Enumeration' and to facilitate through installation of Facilitation Desks for Self-Enumeration Portal'. The three days event from 23rd to 25th February, 2023 provided a comprehensive platform for the awareness of masses for their active and supportive role in this National Cause.



The role of Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication is acknowledged here for organizing such a great event and also for inviting PBS to be a part of this event to get the people aware about first ever digital census and Self-Enumeration Portal.

INAUGURATION OF FIELD ENUMERATION (1ST MARCH, 2023)

Inaugurational activities of census field enumeration were carried out on 1st March, 2023 around the country with great spirit of enthusiasm and dedication. PBS along with Provincial / local Government functionaries spread the message of commencing census field operation to motivate the people of Pakistan to actively participate in the enumeration process of 7th Population and housing census 2023 (Digital Census) so that no one is left behind without being counted. Media coverage was assured for the awareness purpose at all levels.



COMMISSIONER ZHOB DIVISION INAUGURATING THE FIELD OPERATION.



کشمیر ہزارہ ڈویژن عامر سلطان ترین کمشنر ہاؤس ایبٹ آباد پرنسپل کا کرسا توں خانہ مردم شماری کا افتتاح کر رہے ہیں



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Deputy Commissioner Mardan and Assistant Commissioner during census innaguration.



DR. NAEEM UZ ZAFAR, CHIEF CENSUS COMMISSIONER OF PAKISTAN INAUGURATING THE FIELD OPERATION.



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GLIMPSE OF FIELD ENUMERATION





WORKSHOP ON "DEVELOPMENT OF PAKISTAN'S LONG-TERM 2050 VISION AND DETAILED WORKPLAN FOR THE LONG-TERM LOW-EMISSION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY"

A Visioning Workshop was held on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at Marriott Hotel, Islamabad with key stakeholders of the project to facilitate discussion on development aspirations of the country and milestones, sectoral visions, gaps in implementation pathways, recommendations to overcome challenges, and the way forward. The workshop was conducted by MOCC.



Officers from National Accounts Wing (PBS) were also invited to participate in group discussion in their respective sectors. Mr. Liaqat Ali (CSO) and Ms. Naeema Yousaf (SO) (Forestry), Dr. Muhammad Khalid Farooq (CSO) (Energy), Mr. Muhammad Asif (CSO), and Ms. Hafsa Anwar Jan (SO) (Transport) have already been nominated by PBS as members of working groups for the consultation process for development of long term (2050) vision. All the officers actively participated in their respective group discussion and provided feedback for implementation of the work plan.



MEETING BETWEEN WORLD BANK TEAM AND THE CHIEF STATISTICIAN, PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

A meeting between Practice Manager for Poverty World Bank (WB) and Chief Statistician Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) was held on March 22, 2023 at 11:30 AM in N3C PBS Headquarters Islamabad. The meeting was chaired by the worthy Chief Statistician.



The Practice Manager WB was accompanied by Dr. Moritz Meyer, Senior Economist (WB) and Mr. Oscar Eduardo Barriga Cabanillas, Economist (WB). From PBS side, participants include Syed Ejaz Ali Shah Wasti (Member National Accounts), Mr. Ayazuddin (Member Census and Surveys), Ms. Rabia Awan, DDG (PSLM/CP&C/CMPU) and Mr. Attiq-Ur-Rehman DDG (NA).



Major points discussed in the meeting were related with 7th Digital Population Census and Planning Capacity Improvement and Advisory Services Project (PCAP) – to be started with the support of World Bank. With reference to Population Census, WB team appreciated the dedicated efforts underway for on-time and successful completion of the census and offered their services for deeper analysis of census data and technical assistance to link population census data with HIES data. With regard to PCAP project, PBS has been informed by the WB that there is need to remodel the project to cater statistical needs of the country.

PRICE INFLATION SITUATION (JAN - MAR, 2023)

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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 (UCPI), Rural Consumer Price Index (RPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) on monthly basis along with Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) on weekly basis being prepared and released regularly.

The inflationary situation in Pakistan during the first quarter i.e., Jan-Mar, 2023 is given in Table-1, Core Inflation in Table-2 and cumulative indices for the period Jan-Mar, 2022-23 are given in Table-3.

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 & Rural CPI, SPI and WPI.

TABLE 1. GENERAL INFLATION (%) (BASE 2015-16)																		
PERIOD	CPI														SPI**		WPI	
	GENERAL						FOOD				NON-FOOD							
	NATIONAL		URBAN		RURAL		URBAN		RURAL		URBAN		RURAL					
	YOY	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY	MOM
JAN-23	27.6	2.9	24.4	2.4	32.3	3.6	39	3.9	45.2	5.7	15.6	1.2	20.9	1.5	30.5	1.3	28.5	1.8
FEB-23	31.5	4.3	28.8	4.5	35.6	4	41.9	4.3	47	3.9	20.8	4.7	25.3	4.1	33.6	3.7	36.4	8.2
MAR-23	35.4	3.7	33	3.9	38.9	3.5	47.1	5.6	50.2	4.5	24.1	2.7	28.5	2.4	40.4	5.8	37.5	4.7
JAN-MAR 23	31.5	3.6	28.7	3.6	35.6	3.7	42.7	4.6	47.5	4.7	20.2	2.9	24.9	2.7	34.8	3.6	34.1	4.9

Table-2 gives the snapshot of year on year (YoY) and month on month (MoM) Core Inflation rate of Urban & Rural.

Table-2 Core Inflation (%) (Base 2015-16)

PERIOD	NFNE			
	URBAN		RURAL	
	YOY	MOM	YOY	MOM
JAN-23	15.4	1.4	19.4	1.5
FEB-23	17.1	2.2	21.5	2.6
MAR-23	18.6	2.5	23.1	2.4
JAN- MAR 23	17	2	21.3	2.2

Table-3 indicates the cumulative indices along with percentage change for the twelve (12) major groups at national, urban and rural level.

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GROUP	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	WEIGHT (%)	INDICES		CHANGE	WEIGHT (%)	INDICES		CHANGE	WEIGHT (%)	INDICES		CHANGE
		JUL-MAR 2022-23	JUL-MAR 2021-22	(%)		JUL-MAR 2022-23	JUL-MAR 2021-22	(%)		JUL-MAR 2022-23	JUL-MAR 2021-22	(%)
GENERAL	100	197.44	155.15	27.26	100	192.74	154.14	25.04	100	204.54	156.66	30.56
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	34.58	220.96	161.1	37.16	30.42	216.76	160.95	34.67	40.87	225.69	162.61	38.8
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS	29.6	219.67	162.4	35.27	25.97	215.47	162.41	32.67	35.08	224.37	164.11	36.72
PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS	4.99	228.63	153.37	49.07	4.46	224.3	152.49	47.09	5.79	233.66	153.47	52.25
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO	1.02	213.17	147.48	44.55	0.85	227.98	154.83	47.25	1.28	198.25	137.05	44.66
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	8.6	181.82	154.53	17.66	8.01	179.18	151.43	18.32	9.48	185.2	158.22	17.05
HOUSING, WATER, ELEC., GAS AND OTHER FUELS	23.63	170.38	151.02	12.82	27.03	166.36	150.35	10.65	18.49	179.26	150.76	18.9
FURNISHING AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	4.1	192.47	150.18	28.16	4.09	189.77	147.95	28.27	4.1	196.55	152.34	29.02
HEALTH	2.79	185.45	159.23	16.47	2.31	183.42	160.32	14.41	3.51	187.47	159.35	17.65
TRANSPORT	5.91	251.93	163.19	54.38	6.14	252.44	167.01	51.15	5.56	251.08	162.65	54.37
COMMUNICATION	2.21	112.62	115.71	-2.66	2.35	115.39	112.43	2.63	1.99	107.7	106	1.61
RECREATION AND CULTURE	1.59	175.56	135.37	29.7	1.73	169.82	129.27	31.37	1.38	186.47	138.65	34.48
EDUCATION	3.79	163.12	149.46	9.14	4.88	165.46	150.43	9.99	2.13	155.06	140.23	10.58
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	6.92	198.35	152.39	30.16	7.41	198.75	151.59	31.1	6.19	197.65	153.77	28.53
MISC. GOODS AND SERVICES	4.87	201.92	160.38	25.91	4.77	200.78	159.77	25.67	5.02	203.56	162.73	25.09

Data Dissemination & Support Service Section

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

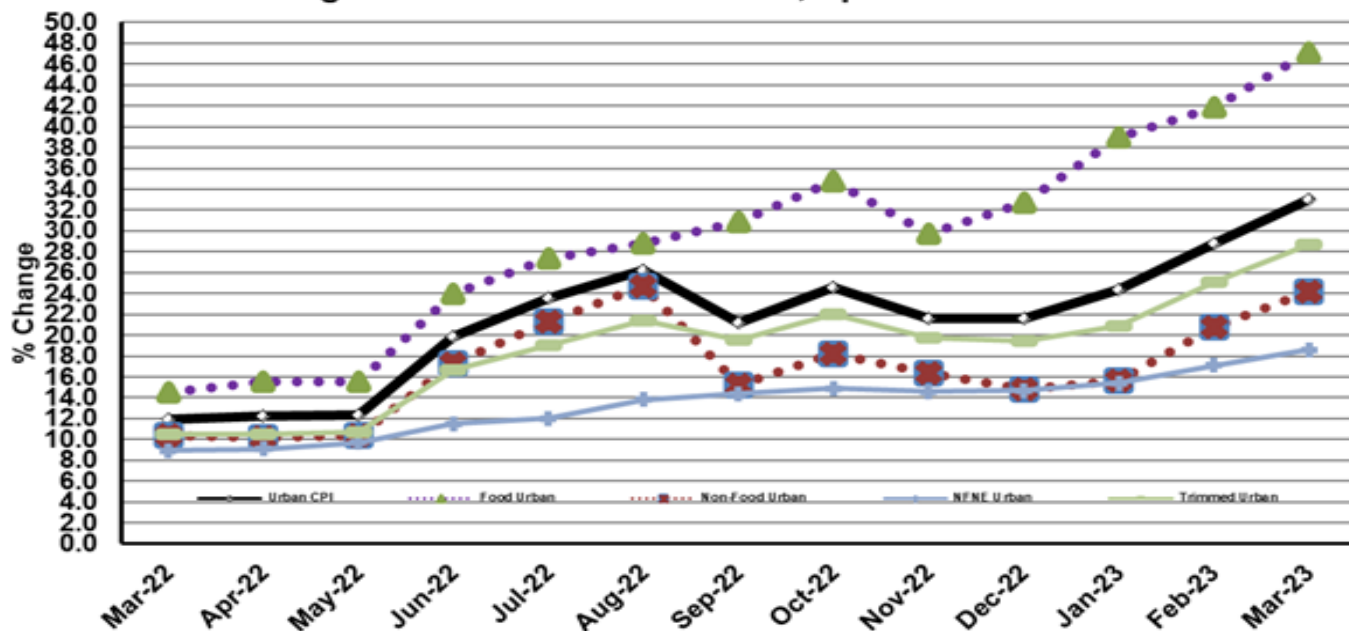


Figure 2: Rural Inflation - YoY, Special Indices

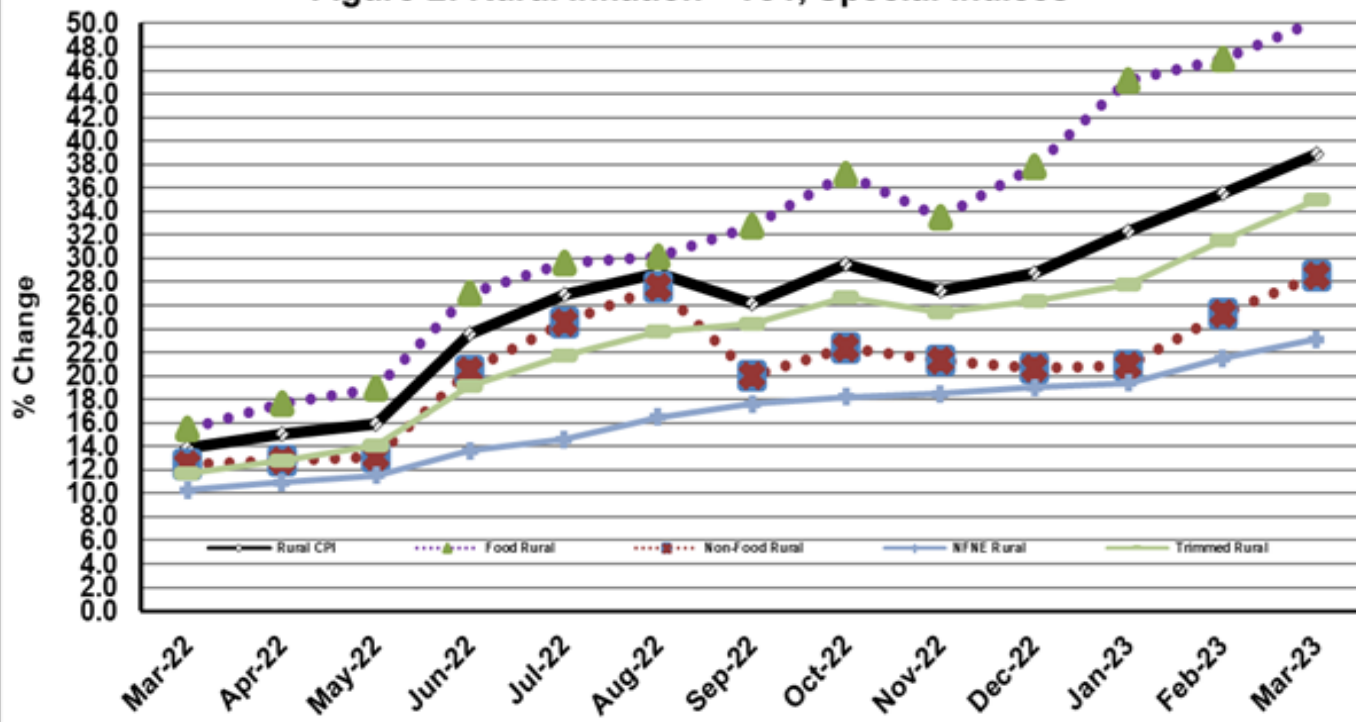


Figure 3: Urban Inflation - MoM, Special Indices

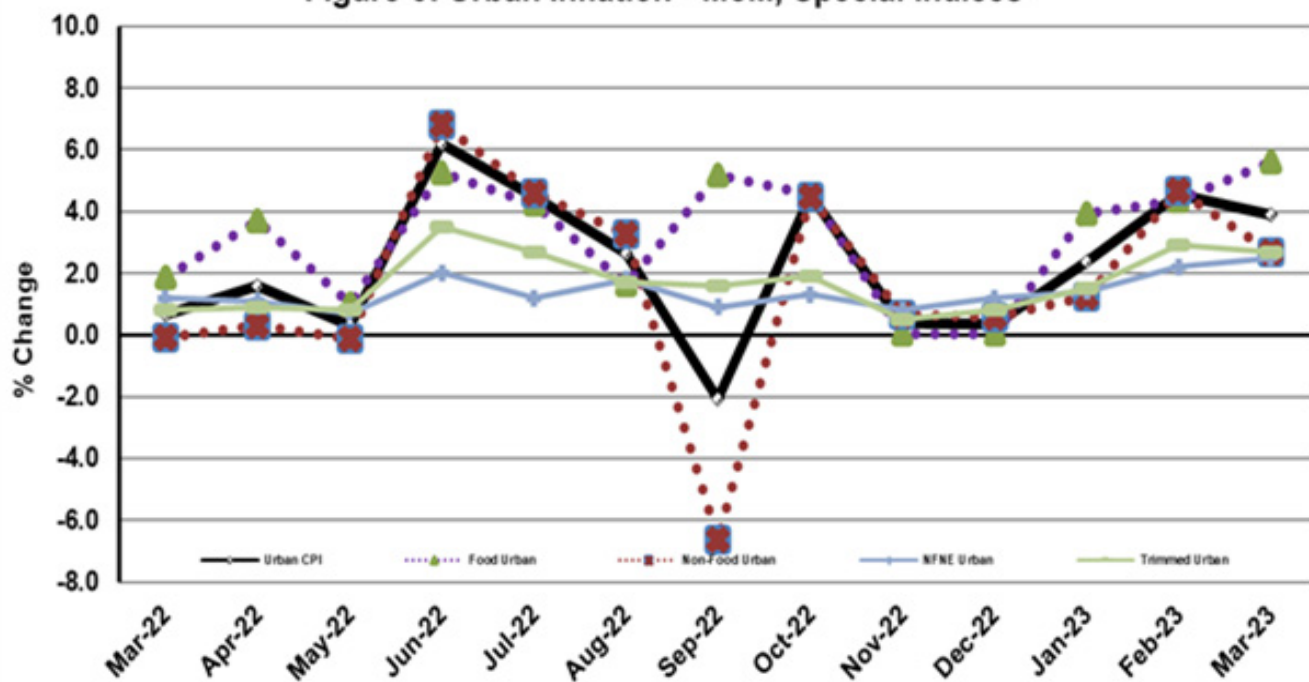


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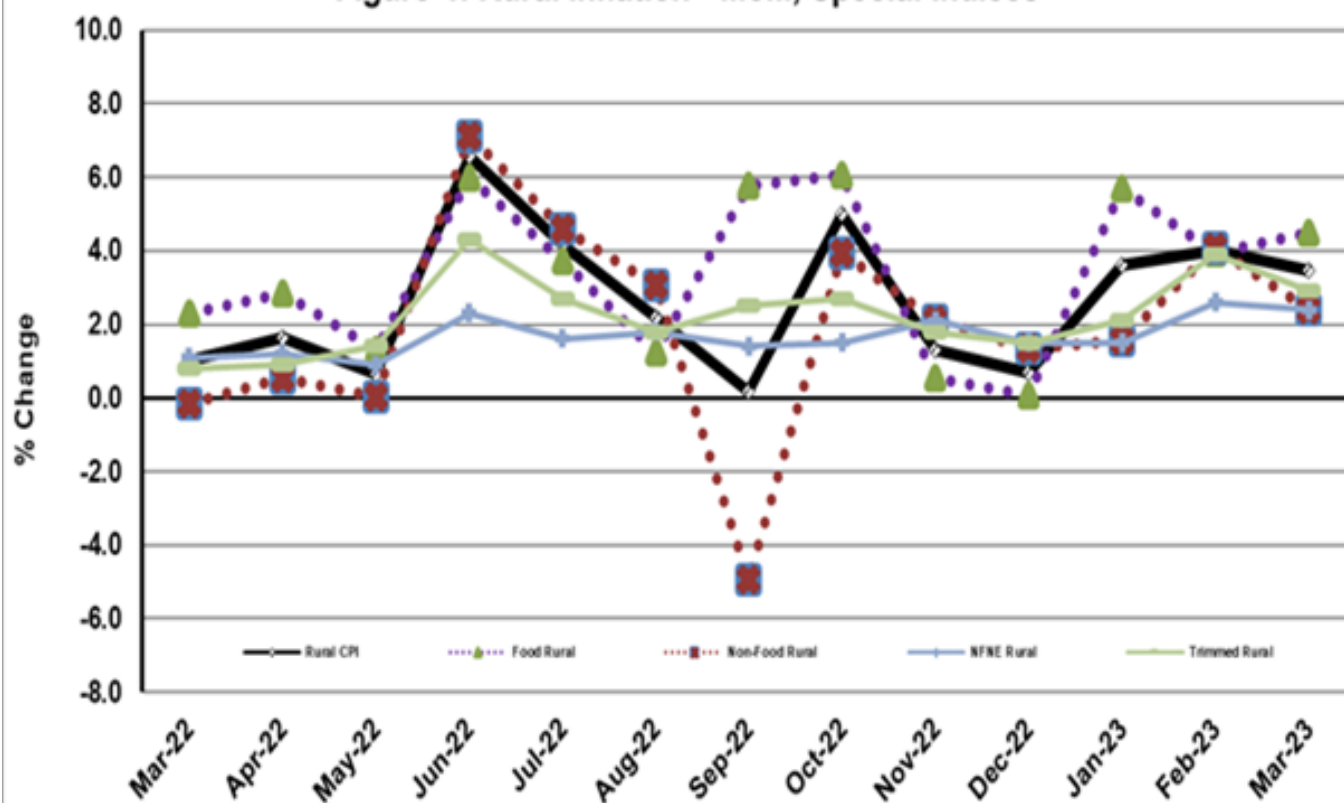


Figure 5: CPI YoY (National, Urban, Rural)

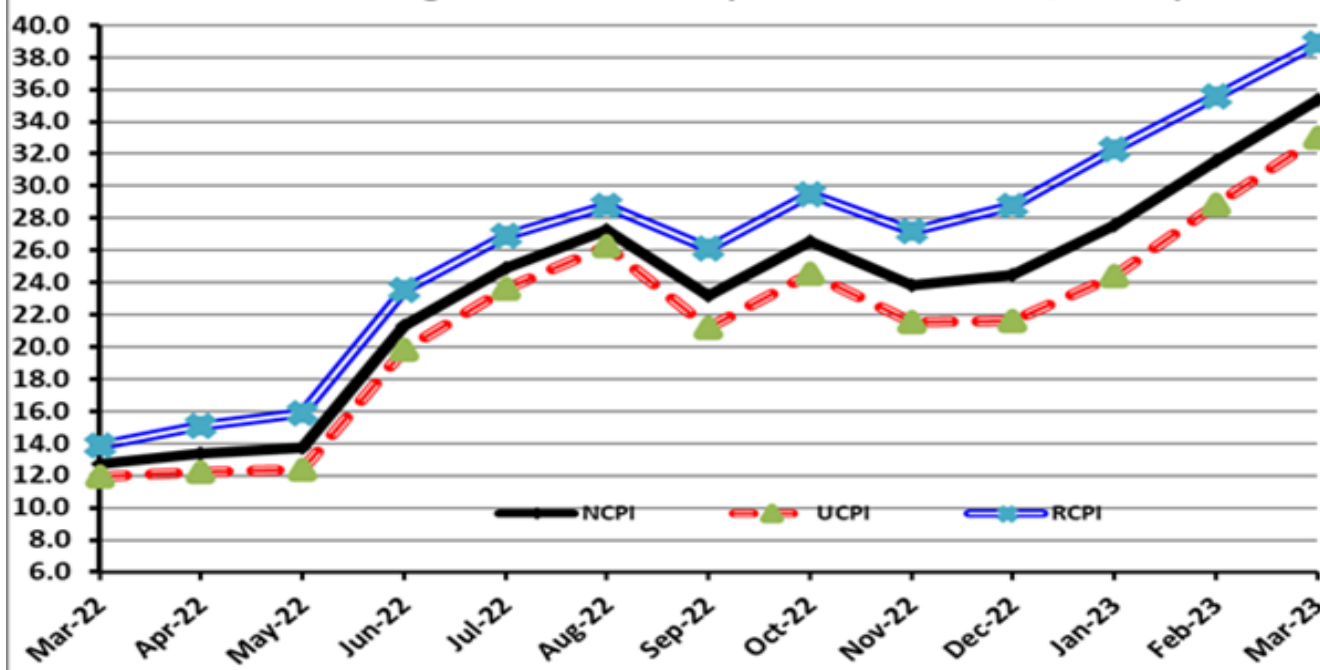
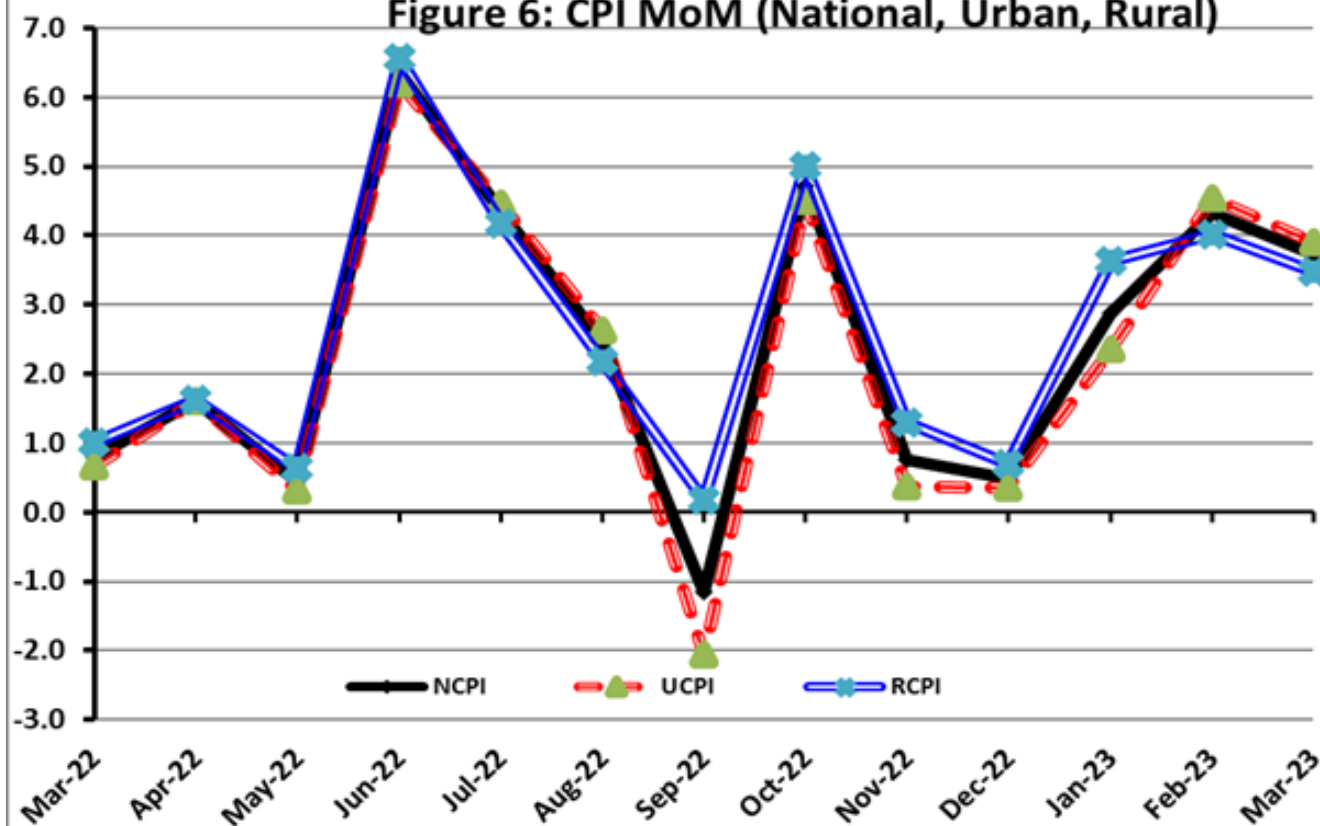


Figure 6: CPI MoM (National, Urban, Rural)



Summary of Provisional Quantum Index Numbers of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (QIM) for January 2023

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The provisional quantum indices of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI) for January, 2023 with base year 2015-16 have been developed on the basis of latest data supplied by the source agencies i.e OCAC, Ministry of Industries & Production, Ministry of Commerce and Provincial Bureaus of Statistics (BoS). The indices for January 2023 and July-January 2022-23 along with growth are as follows: -

- QIM estimated for January, 2023 is 126.85.
- The LSMI output decreased by 7.90% for January, 2023 when compared with January, 2022 and increased by 1.48% when compared with December 2022.
- QIM estimated for July-January, 2022-23 is 115.45.
- Overall Large Scale Manufacturing Sector has shown a decline of 4.40% during July- January 2022-23 when compared with the same period of last year.

July-January 2022-23						Monthly Indices and Growth	
Index for	Growth		Index for	Growth		Growth	
2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	Jan-23	Jan-22	Dec-22	MOM	YOY
115.45	120.77	-4.40	126.85	137.73	124.99	1.48	-7.90

2. The growth of important items/group of items is as follows;

Manufacturing Sector	Weight	Jan-23 / Jan-22	July-Jan-22-23/ July-Jan 21-22
Sugar	3.43	1.10	7.31
Cotton Yarn	8.88	-30.00	-16.45
Cotton Cloth	7.29	-17.66	-8.70
Garments	6.08	32.26	44.47
Petroleum Products	6.66	-1.81	-9.86
Fertilizers	3.93	-23.58	-5.31
Cement	4.65	1.23	-13.06
Iron & Steel	3.45	-8.76	-3.11
Automobile	3.10	-60.45	-34.85

EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

FEBRUARY, 2022

EXPORTS FROM PAKISTAN

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during February, 2023 amounted to Rs.584,156 million (provisional) as against Rs.525,461 million in January, 2023 and Rs.497,273 million during February, 2022 showing an increase of 11.17% over January, 2023 and by 17.47% over February, 2022.

Exports during July – February, 2022-2023 FY2022-23 totaled Rs. 4,287,510 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,519,913 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 21.81%.

Main commodities exported February, 2023 are given below:-

S.No.	Commodities	Volume in Million Rs:
1	Knitwear	73,897
2	Readymade garments	68,044
3	Rice others	59,052
4	Bed wear	52,215
5	Cotton cloth	41,262
6	Towels	22,311
7	Cotton Yarn	14,826
8	Rice Basmati	13,300
9	Madeup articles (excl. towel & bedwear)	13,257
10	Fish & fish preparations	10,221

IMPORTS FROM PAKISTAN

Imports into Pakistan during February, 2023 amounted to Rs. 1,075,784 million (provisional) as against Rs. 1,141,525 million in January, 2023 and Rs. 1,027,152 million during February, 2022 showing a decrease of 5.76% over January, 2023 but an increase of 4.73% over February, 2022.

Imports during July – February, 2022-2023 FY2022-23 totaled Rs. 9,180,174 million (provisional) as against Rs. 8,966,515 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.38%.

Main commodities imported February, 2023 are given below:-

S.No.	Commodities	Volume in Million Rs:
1	Petroleum products	123,393
2	Petroleum crude	102,174
3	Natural Gas Liquified	95,561
4	Palm oil	62,554
5	Raw cotton	36,886
6	Iron & Steel	34,748
7	Plastic Materials	34,307
8	Electrical machinery & apparatus	34,289
9	Medicinal products	28,200
10	Wheat unmilled	26,977

BALANCE OF TRADE

Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in February, 2023 was (-)491,628 million in terms of Rupees. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - February, FY2022-23 were (-)4,892,664 million in terms of Rupees.

Period	Exports	Imports	Balance of Trade
February, 2022	497,273	1,027,152	-529,879
March, 2022	498,845	1,150,786	-651,941
April, 2022	534,423	1,228,815	-694,392
May, 2022	512,962	1,321,609	-808,647
June, 2022	594,985	1,605,666	-1,010,681
July, 2022	493,786	1,093,124	-599,338
August, 2022	548,440	1,337,189	-788,749
September, 2022	561,643	1,219,956	-658,313
October, 2022	525,782	1,010,474	-484,692
November, 2022	531,001	1,145,885	-614,884
December, 2022	517,240	1,156,237	-638,997
January, 2023 P	525,461	1,141,525	-616,064
February, 2023	584,156	1,075,784	-491,628

LIST OF EMPLOYEES RETIRED ON 01-01-2023 TO 31-03-2023

S.No.	Name	Designation	Date of Retirement	Place of Posting
1	MUHAMMAD ARIF-III	Upper Division Clerk	02.01.2023	KARACHI
2	MUHAMMAD JAN	Machine Man	02.01.2023	D.I.KHAN
3	GHULAM RASOOL DAHAR	Superintendent	03.01.2023	KARACHI
4	JINDAL SHAH	Assistant Census Commissioner	04.01.2023	KARACHI
6	MAHMOOD UL HASSAN	Assistant Private Secretary	10.01.2023	LAHORE (Expired)
7	SAIF-UR-REHMAN	Statistical Officer	11.01.2023	ISLAMABAD
10	LIAQAT ALI	Junior Draftsman	19.01.2023	LAHORE
11	SARWAR KHAN	Driver	20.01.2023	LAHORE
12	MUBASHIR AHMED	Assistant Private Secretary	04.02.2023	ISLAMABAD
13	KHALIL AHMED	Chief Statistical Officer	08.02.2023	ISLAMABAD
14	AZIZ-UR-REHMAN	Deputy Census Commissioner	09.02.2023	PESHAWAR
16	FAROOQ AHMAD	Statistical Assistant	19.02.2023	SAHIWAL
17	MAROOP KHAN	Chowkidar	28.02.2023	KARACHI
18	MUHAMMAD KHALID	Census Officer	28.02.2023	LAHORE
19	AWAIS AHMAD	Deputy Census Commissioner	01.03.2023	LAHORE
20	HAZRAT KHAN	Deputy Census Commissioner	02.03.2023	ISLAMABAD
21	SHABBIR AHMAD	Assistant Ministerial	09.03.2023	BANNU
22	MUHAMMAD RIZWAN	Assistant Ministerial	11.03.2023	KARACHI
23	MAMREZ KHAN	Statistical Assistant	11.03.2023	BANNU
24	Muhammad Jan	Statistical Officer	31-Dec-22	Peshawar
21	Muhammad Ilyas	Upper Division Clerk	31-Dec-22	Islamabad
22	Muhammad Javed Khan	Assistant Census Commissioner	31-Dec-22	Islamabad
23	Muhammad Jan	Statistical Officer	31-Dec-22	Peshawar
24	IFTIKAHAR AHMAD	Census Training Assistant	11.03.2023	LAHORE
25	ABDUL KARIM ANSARI	Driver	19.03.2023	LARKANA
26	MUHAMMAD IMRAN	Assistant Census Commissioner	21.03.2023	KARACHI
27	WIZARAT KHAN KHATTAK	Statistical Officer	26.03.2023	KARACHI
28	ABDUL GHANI	Assistant Ministerial	31.03.2023	ISLAMABAD
29	ALLAH DITTA	Assistant Supervisor (DE)	31.03.2023	ISLAMABAD



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