

PREFACE

The Household Integrated Economic Survey - HIES was started in 1963 and continued to be carried out 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 further 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 last round of HIES was conducted in 2004-05 as a sub-sample of Pakistan Social Living measurement (PSLM) 2004-05 district level survey

The field activities of the current round of PSLM / HIES Survey was started in July in order to study both social as well as economic indicators related to the households. The report of PSLM survey on social indicators has already been released. 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.

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

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