

## 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, 2001-02 and questionnaire was improved to address the requirements of new system of National Accounts. Further it was split into two modules in order to obtain better quality of information independently from male and female respondents by the male and female enumerators respectively. The last round of HIES was conducted in 2005-06.

Field activities of the current round of PSLM / HIES Survey were started in July 2007-08 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 have been used which are important and more realistic tool of data analysis. I would like to congratulate Mr. Abdul Hakeem Makhdoom, Director General, FBS and the whole PSLM team for the successful completion of this gigantic task. The report is also available on website of FBS.

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

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