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# Social Policy and Development Centre

## Annual Report 2014-15

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This report covers the period from June 2014 to June 2015 and gives an account of research and other activities undertaken during this period.

### 1. RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS

The research outputs completed during this period include a *compendium on gender, an annual review, a budget report, eight research reports, a journal article, two policy papers, and eight newspaper articles*. Additionally, to assess the gender sensitivity of SPDC as an organization and its research, a report *The Changing Landscape of Gender at SPDC: An Assessment* was also published. A complete list of research outputs is provided in **Section 4**.

#### 1.1 ANNUAL REVIEW OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PAKISTAN

- a) SPDC launched its 12th Annual Review entitled ‘The State of Social Development in Rural Pakistan’ on September 24, 2014 in Karachi. Around 200 people belonging to international and local non-governmental organisations, diplomatic community, academia and civil society attended the event. The speakers at the launch included Mr. Saeed A. Qureshi, the Chairman of SPDC’s Board of Directors, Prof. Dr. Khalida Ghaus, Dr. Hafiz A. Pasha and Mr. Muhammad Asif Iqbal. The response of the print media was very encouraging and in addition to the coverage by the Daily Dawn, Pakistan Press International, the Business Recorder and a sindhi daily Awam ji Awaz Hila-e-Pakistan, the Express Tribune published a full-page news report. Uptil now, 944 copies of this Review have been distributed.

Following the launch of the Annual Review, on the request of the Sindh United Party (SUP), a presentation on the *Social Development in Rural Areas of Sindh* was given in Karachi on December 16, 2014.

- b) This year’s Annual Review on **The State of Social Services in Urban Pakistan** primarily focuses on the sustainable delivery of urban services and analyzes the systems, processes and institutions that contribute to the performance of service provision in urban areas. The parameters identified for the review include:
- The urban economy
  - The state of urban service delivery
  - Consumers’ perception of service delivery
  - The role of local governments
  - Financing of social service delivery

- Alternate delivery mechanisms (privatisation of service delivery in selected sectors)
- Urban poverty and inequality

To collect feedback on the quality and adequacy of public services from actual users, a nationwide survey with a total sample of 4308 households across four provinces (2388, 1092, 468 and 360 from Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhuah (KPK) and Balochistan respectively) started in February 2015. The survey covers 10 cities in Punjab, 05 in Sindh, 02 in Baluchistan and 04 in Khyber Pakhtunkhuah.

The survey in 15 cities (Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukker, Khairpur, Larkana, Quetta, Mastung, Lahore, Kasur, Multan, Vehari, Bhawalpur, Faisalabad, Sialkot and Gujranwala) has been completed. Currently, the survey team is in the field to cover the remaining two cities of Punjab (Rawalpindi and Minawali) and four of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Peshawar, Charsadda, Nowshera and Haripur). The survey is expected to be completed by mid June.

Thus far the editing and coding of about 3300 questionnaires have been completed. The data entry has been initiated with the help of a specifically designed entry program and so far about 3000 edited questionnaires have been entered in Microsoft ACCESS.

## **1.2 GENDER AND SOCIAL VULNERABILITY TO CLIMATE CHANGE: A STUDY OF DISASTER PRONE AREAS IN SINDH**

The study ‘Gender and Social Vulnerability to Climate Change: A Study of Disaster Prone Areas in Sindh’ concluded in end of February 2015. A consolidated research report has been prepared and three working papers on districts Dadu, Badin and Tharparker have been completed, whereas, work on the working paper on district Thatta is near completion. Four newspaper articles were published in Urdu and Sindhi newspapers and four documentaries have been prepared which are currently in the editing phase. In addition to these, based on the observations of SPDC field survey, five newspaper articles were also published in local Sindhi newspapers by our enumerators.

**a) Dissemination Workshops-SPDC** To share the key research findings of this project, in February this year, SPDC conducted a series of dissemination workshops in all four sample districts (Dadu, Thatta, Badin and Tharparker) of the study. These events were covered by the local media and attended by representatives of the district government, civil society, political parties, professionals working in this field, and community-based organizations. Their details are given below:

**Dadu Workshop** A dissemination workshop was held in district Dadu on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at Bhattai Hotel, Dadu. The event was attended by 38 participants

belonging to the district government, civil society, selected respondents of the survey, professionals working in this field, community-based organizations, and the local media attended the event.

The Assistant Deputy Commissioner of the district, Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Soomro chaired the workshop. Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Principal Economist, SPDC presented the aims and objectives, background and the methodology of the study and shared its key findings. Daily Sindh Express covered the event.

**Thatta Workshop** A dissemination workshop to share the findings of this study was held on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at Makli Gymkhana, district Thatta. The event was attended by 29 representatives of the district government, a leading political party, civil society, representatives of the sample villages, community-based organizations, and the local media.

Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Principal Economist, SPDC presented the key research findings of the Project. Following the presentation, Mr. K.B. Behrani, Deputy District Officer, Social Welfare Department and focal person/representative of NGOs in district Thatta, spoke on the issue of climate change. Daily Kavish and Sindh Express covered the event.

**Badin Workshop** A dissemination workshop was held on Friday, February 20, 2015 at Darbar Hall, DC office, district Badin. The event was attended by 35 representatives of the district government, civil society, representatives of the sample villages, and the local media.

Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Principal Economist, SPDC presented the aims and objectives, background and methodology of the study and shared its key findings. The participants thanked SPDC for highlighting the problems faced by District Badin and congratulated SPDC on conducting a comprehensive study on an important issue.

**Tharparker Workshop** A dissemination workshop in district Tharparker was held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the Bhitai Auditorium. The event was attended by representatives of the district government, civil society, representatives of the sample villages, community-based organizations, and the local media.

Following the presentation, Mr. Muhammad Khan Marri, Manager Programs in local NGO Baanhn Beli spoke on the issue of climate change and the fragile economy of the district. The participants hoped that SPDC's research would help the district government take appropriate measures to mitigate the impact of climate change and the local population in adapting to the changes in weather patterns.

**b) Dissemination Seminar-LUMS** A dissemination seminar hosted by LUMS was held on February 16, 2015 in Islamabad, where the three project partners LUMS, PIDE and SPDC presented findings of their respective researches. Mr. Asif Iqbal and Mr. Danish Mustafa presented the research findings of the SPDC project. A variety of stakeholders including representatives of the government, donors, academia, media and the civil society attended the seminar.

**c) Policy Dialogue-LEAD Pakistan** A policy dialogue was organised by LEAD-Pakistan in collaboration with the Planning Commission on February 17, 2015 at the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, Islamabad. The dialogue was based on the research conducted by the three project partners. From SPDC, Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, and Mr. Manzur Memon participated in the event.

**d) Meeting of the SPDC Project Advisory Committee** A meeting of SPDC's Project Advisory Committee was held on February 10, 2015 at the SPDC office Karachi. The objective of the meeting was to present research findings and discuss various avenues of its dissemination and outreach. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Javed Jabbar. Mr. Naseer Memon, Executive Director, SPO and Mr. Saleem Jalbani, Assistant Chief Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh attended the meeting.

**e) SPDC Request for a No-cost Extension** Request for a no-cost extension till August 2015 to undertake further activities related to dissemination and outreach was accepted. These activities will include translating abridged versions of working papers into Sindhi language and their dissemination; and holding interactive discussions with stakeholders in major city centres of Sindh (Karachi, Khairpur and Hyderabad).

### **1.3 GENDER RESEARCH PROGRAMME**

**In Search of Gendered Development: A Compendium** was launched in Karachi on 21st July 2014, marking the culmination of the Gender Research Programme (GRP) of SPDC.

This Compendium is - a collection of eight research papers on the various gender dimensions having their consequential repercussions for public policy including public spending on health and education; trade liberalization and employment; women and law; socio-economic characteristics of female-headed households; development induced displacement and re-settlement; socio-economic impact of flood; and violence against women.

Around 130 people from international and local non-governmental organisations, the diplomatic community, academia and civil society attended the launch. Mr. Javed Jabbar presided over the event and the speakers included Mr. I.A. Rehman, Ms. Kishwer Naheed, Ms. Tahira Abdulla, and Ms. Mehtab Akber Rashidi.

#### **1.4 CONTRACT RESEARCH**

- a) The study *Third Party Monitoring of CSO Partner Activities under Community Development Programme of Government of Sindh* has been completed. It was based on the monitoring of 27 community development schemes initiated by the Community Development Department, Government of Sindh across 18 districts of Sindh. **(Total Amount: Rs. 6.4 million, Received Rs. 6.25 million)**
- b) A three month study on *Rapid Assessment of Sexual Harassment in Public Transport and Connected Spaces in Karachi, Pakistan* was completed. Commissioned by the Asian Development Bank, it looked into the sexual harassment issues in planning and operations of public transport services for creating safer cities and ensuring inclusive growth. **(Total Amount USD 9,814, Received USD 9,814.)**
- c) A short term consultancy contract with UNDP on *The Political Economy of the Budget* has been completed. As per contract, the final report of the study has been submitted and an article on 'The Political Economy of the Budget' has been published in *Development Advocate Pakistan* Volume 1, Issue 3 of October 2014 and. **(Total Amount: Rs 1.7 million, Received Rs. 1.7 million)**
- d) SPDC signed a contract with the National University of Ireland for providing technical assistance on a three-year multi-country (Pakistan, Ghana & South Sudan) study entitled *Socio-Economic Costs of Violence Against Women and Girls*. SPDC is a partner of National University of Ireland - Galway for conducting this study in Pakistan. The study has been initiated and first draft of the report on formative research is near completion. **(Total Amount: US\$ 61,260)**
- e) SPDC signed a two-month contract with the Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric, NMBU to assist them in their study: *Courting Catastrophe?* Under this study SPDC is responsible for assisting them in fieldwork, training of local field assistants on qualitative research methods, data collection, analysis and report writing. **(Total Amount: Rs. 493,900)**

## **Proposals and Concept Notes Submitted**

1. In response to a Call for Proposals by the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, a concept note of a study entitled ‘Combating Violence against Women: A Research Based Integrated Approach’ was submitted. On acceptance, SPDC submitted a detailed proposal for a three-year project with a proposed cost of US\$ 890,000. A response to the proposal submitted in March 2015 is still awaited.
2. As part of a consortium led by M/s Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Ltd. (Pakistan), SPDC submitted a proposal for USAID’s Sindh Capacity Development Project. The purpose of this project is to support the Sindh Basic Education Program (SBEP) by providing technical assistance to strengthen systems and institutions including the Sindh Education and Literacy Department. It’s a three-year project, and the proposed cost of the project is Rs 69.5 million. Consortium’s proposal has been shortlisted and announcement of the final selection is awaited.
3. As part of a consortium, SPDC submitted a concept note on February 23, 2015 for a two-year multi-donor project entitled ‘Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women (GrOW)’. The consortium includes the Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), Sri Lanka, SPDC, and individual experts from University of Amsterdam, Institute for Development Studies, and University of Peradeniya. It is an initiative of IDRC, DFID and William and Flora Hewlett Foundation that supports research generating new evidence on women’s economic empowerment, gender equality, and economic growth in low-income countries. The aim of the study is to support policies and interventions that improve economic outcomes and opportunities for poor women in these countries. The specific theme of the research call is: How do specific patterns of economic growth and types of structural change affect women’s economic empowerment? The proposed cost for the project is US\$ 478,000/-.
4. A proposal was submitted to IIm Ideas Pakistan (a DFID funded project) for ‘Research on Non-Formal Education Mechanisms for Basic Education in Pakistan’. The proposed study is for 20 months with an estimated budget of Rs.30 million. A response is still awaited.
5. SPDC submitted an Expression of Interest with an Afghan firm S.H. Consultants Ltd. for conducting a study on ‘Afghanistan Rural Enterprise Development Program (AREDP)’.



The objective of the study is to increase employment, income of rural men and women, and the sustainability of targeted local enterprises. It is an Afghan government-led multi-donor funded project and SPDC's potential role is to provide technical assistance to the leading firm for data collection and analysis. The EoI was submitted in October 2014 and a response is still awaited.

6. In response to a call for proposals by Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP), SPDC submitted a proposal for the study on 'Individual Indigenous Philanthropy in Pakistan'. The assignment was to conduct analysis and write a report based on the survey data collected by PCP. It was a three-month assignment with a proposed cost of Rs. 3 million. Despite negotiations the proposal was not accepted since PCP wanted a substantial reduction in the cost, which was not feasible keeping in view the actual input required for the assignment.
7. In response to a call for concept notes by Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia (LANSA) - a consortium funded by DFID, SPDC submitted a concept note on a study entitled *Male Labor Migration to Urban Areas – Restricting or Improving Rural Household Food Security and Nutrition?* The concept note was shortlisted, however, the full proposal, submitted for a 18- month study was not accepted.
8. In response to a call by Think Tank Initiative's (TTI) Opportunity Fund, two proposals were submitted. One in collaboration with LEAD-Pakistan and SaciWaters and the other with the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy-India (NIPFP).

The first proposal is entitled *Cross-regional Study on Ground-Water Extraction and Efficiency of Use: Highlighting the Energy-Water Nexus in Pakistan and India*. The objective of the study is to conduct a comparative research study on the agriculture economy around groundwater use in both India and Pakistan in terms of energy prices, groundwater exploitation, cost of groundwater pumping, and water use efficiencies and to initiate informed public debate on economic and social implications of excessive use of groundwater. It is an 18-month project with a total cost of CAD 277,500.

The second study proposed is entitled, *A Comparative Study of Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in India and Pakistan*. The aim of the study is to understand the similarities and differences between the systems of intergovernmental fiscal transfers in India and

Pakistan with a view to draw lessons for devising a more equitable model of fiscal transfers. It is a 12-month project with a total budget of CAD 294,500.

9. SPDC in collaboration with SDPI submitted a proposal to Southern Voice entitled, *National Level Implications of Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A Case of Pakistan*. The broad contours of the analytical framework include the following:

- Is there any conceptual difference in the ‘national’ and ‘provincial’ development agenda?
- To what extent, the global SDG targets are/will be incorporated in the development framework at federal and provincial level?
- What will be the design of the new implementation strategy both at the federal and provincial levels?
- What are the existing institutional mechanisms that will facilitate SDGs?
- What levels of intergovernmental coordination will be required across all tiers of governments?

The total budget requested for the joint study is US\$15,000/-

10. A proposal entitled *Mapping and Analyzing the Constitutional, Legal, Institutional and Financial Aspects of Extractive Industries Governance in Pakistan-with a Focus on Article 172(3) of the Constitution of Pakistan* was submitted to UNDP-Pakistan. The objective of the proposed study is to develop a comprehensive base paper mapping the implications of the constitutional amendment [Article 172(3)] on extractive industries governance in Pakistan and provide informed perspectives to guide reforms at legal and institutional levels. It is a three month study with a budget of Rs 3.98 million.

## **1.5 COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH**

- a) SPDC signed a contract with the National University of Ireland for providing technical assistance on a multi-country (Pakistan, Ghana & South Sudan) study entitled *Socio-Economic Costs of Violence Against Women and Girls*. SPDC is a partner of National University of Ireland - Galway for conducting this study in Pakistan. It is a three-year project with a total budget of US\$ 61,260. The study has been initiated and first draft of the report on formative research is near completion.

The scope of the study is to estimate the social and economic costs of VAWG, and particularly capture the direct and indirect tangible costs as well as the direct intangible costs of the impact on individual well-being and social cohesion. The research

spearheaded by the National University of Ireland (NUI) is undertaken in three countries – Ghana, Pakistan and South Sudan.

- To create national ownership and provide input on various project activities, a national advisory board consisting of representatives of the federal and provincial governments, leading gender experts, and civil society organizations has been formed. First meeting of the board has been scheduled for August 2015.
- A three member team representing the DFID funded *What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls* programme visited SPDC to discuss the various components of the project activities on May 19, 2015. Both sides briefed each other on the project progress and proposed formulation of a single national advisory board to overlook activities of both the projects in Pakistan.

The team consisted of Prof. Rachel Jewkes, Director, South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), Gender & Health Research Unit and Honorary Professor, School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand; Prof. Judith McFarlane, Nelda C. Stark College of Nursing, Texas Women's University; and Dr. Rozina Karmaliani, Director, School of Nursing and Health, Aga Khan University.

- b) SPDC signed a contract with the Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric, NMBU to assist them in their study: *Courting Catastrophe?* Under this study SPDC is responsible for assisting Dr. Ingrid Nyborg, Associate Professor at the University of Life Sciences, Norway in fieldwork, training of local field assistants on qualitative research methods, data collection, analysis and report writing. Work on the project is underway.

## 2. DISSEMINATION, OUTREACH AND NETWORKING

### 2.1. POLICY ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION (PEC) PROGRAMME, SOUTH ASIA - IDRC

IDRC's Think Tank Initiative (TTI) initiative to strengthen the policy engagement and communications capacity of the TTI-funded institutions concluded in July 2014.

Under this programme, the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) conducted a number of webinars in the months of June/July 2014. These were on communicating with different audiences focusing on policy makers and the civil society; dealing with information overload;

and monitoring and evaluation. The aim of these webinars was to share best practices on developing policy briefs, as well as to consider effective approaches for communicating with different audiences by sharing local insights and experiences. They also looked at different strategies and approaches to capturing and presenting stories of influence/impact and dealing effectively with information overload. These capacity building exercises enabled SPDC's PEC team and members of research staff to learn how to effectively communicate in today's policy environment and make better use of modern technology and tools.

Under the opportunity fund of the Think Tank Initiative, a communication expert with experience in the policy arena was hired to formulate a communication and outreach strategy tailored to SPDC's communications needs. A consultative process was adopted to formulate the strategy and comments on the first draft have already been sent. Additionally, a consultant, who is heading the current affairs department of a leading news channel, and has extensive experience in managing social media, was hired for the overall management of SPDC's social media accounts and to generate activity and promote SPDC research on them.

Moreover, after a thorough review and design process, SDPC's new website was launched and the process to expand SPDC's mailing list, by providing a 'sign up' section on the new website, continues. Recently a three-minute profile video of SPDC was also prepared and uploaded on the SPDC website.

## **2.2. LAUNCH OF UNDP'S THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE BUDGET**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in collaboration with the Social Policy and Development Centre (SPDC), held a half-a-day seminar on 'The Political Economy of the Budget' on Thursday, October 23, 2014, in Karachi. The quarterly magazine (3rd issue), the Development Advocate Pakistan, focuses on a specific development issue in each edition and calls for transparency, accountability and citizen participation in the budget making process.

A panel discussion on the topic was held with Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali, Dr. Ashfaq H. Khan, Mr. Zubair Motiwala, and Mr. Muhammad Sabir. The discussion was moderated by Mr. Khurram Husain, a business and economy journalist, and Mr. Murad Ali Shah, Finance Minister, Sindh, delivered the concluding address. The launch was well-attended by around 180 people from all walks of life including a significant number of politicians and other eminent personalities.

## 2.3. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO OUTREACH

### Dr. Khalida Ghaus

- Participated in a consultative meeting on *Global Gender Strategy*, World Bank, Islamabad, May 21, 2015.
- Spoke on *Financing Education Services in Sindh*, policy dialogue on Sindh Education Budget 2015-16: Financing for Better Results, Institute of Social and Policy Sciences (ISAPS), Karachi, April 28, 2015.
- Chaired a session on *Challenges and Opportunities of a Globalized Curriculum*, International Conference on Universities for Global Citizens, Bahria University, Islamabad, April 22, 2015.
- Gave a talk on *MDGs, Gender Equality, Women Empowerment and Wage Inequality* at a seminar organized by Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), Karachi, March 7, 2015.
- Spoke on *Economic Revival of Pakistan*, meeting of the working group for Revival of Pakistan Economy, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), Karachi, February 23, 2015.
- Panelist, session on *Climate, Energy and the Environment*, TTI 2015: Research Quality, Outreach and Impact, organized by the Think Tank Initiative (TTI)-International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Istanbul-Turkey, February 20, 2015.
- Plenary session on *Assuring Research Quality in Think Tanks*, TTI Exchange 2015: Research Quality, Outreach and Impact, organized by the Think Tank Initiative (TTI)-International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Istanbul-Turkey, February 18-20, 2015.
- Chaired a session on *Tackling Inequality and Gender Dimensions*, Southern Voice Research Conference on Post-2015 International Development Goals and Targets, organized by the Center for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh and Think Tank Initiative (TTI-IDRC), Istanbul-Turkey, February 16-17, 2015.
- Participated in a consultative roundtable on *Developing Standardized GBV Indicators in Pakistan*, National Commission on the Status of Women, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, January 29, 2015.
- Participated in a panel discussion on *Pakistan Denialism: State, Media, Society*, Habib University, Karachi, January 23, 2015.

- Spoke on *Effectiveness of Education*, policy dialogue on Sindh Education Budget 2014-15: Effectiveness of Education Financing, Institute of Social and Policy Sciences (ISPS) and Alif Ailan, Karachi, January 21, 2015.
- Spoke at a policy dialogue on *Education in Emergencies*, Institute for Educational Development, Aga Khan University (AKU-IED), Karachi, January 20, 2015.
- Gave a talk on *Women's Employment and Gender Wage Gap Conundrum*, consultation meeting on Women's Employment and Wages, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, Karachi, December 29, 2014.
- Spoke on *Public Private Partnership*, Global Compact Network Pakistan, Karachi, December 19, 2014.
- Spoke on *Peace, Security, Harmony & Development*, at a seminar organized by the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Karachi, December 10, 2014.
- Spoke on *SAARC and India-Pak Relations*, forum organized by Roznama Basharat, Karachi, December 1, 2014.
- Spoke on *Role and Responsibilities of NGOs*, at a seminar on Role and Responsibilities of Maintaining Peace and Stability, Pakistan Federation of Business & Professional Women Organization, Karachi, November 28, 2014.
- Participated in a forum of the *Citizens' Initiative on Media Issues*, organized by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Citizens' Media Commission of Pakistan, Karachi, November 21, 2014.
- Participated in a roundtable meeting on '*Country Partnership Strategy for Pakistan, 2015-2019*', Asian Development Bank, Karachi, November 12, 2014.
- Spoke at a seminar on *Electoral Reforms in Pakistan: Women's Perspectives*, UNDP, Karachi, October 1, 2014.
- Participated in a conference on *Minorities' Perspective on Challenges and Solutions*, Enhanced Democratic Accountability and Citizens Engagement (EDACE), Karachi, September 30, 2014.

- Spoke on *Transiting into Organic and Vibrant South Asian TTI Collective*, Fourth Think Tank Initiative (TTI) Regional Meeting 2014 on *Asia in the New World: Emerging Research Themes*, Kathmandu-Nepal, June 9-11, 2014.
- Chaired a session on *Strengthening Research Value Chain in Organizations through Networks*, Fourth Think Tank Initiative Regional Meeting 2014 on *Asia in the New World: Emerging Research Themes*, Kathmandu-Nepal, June 9-11, 2014.

#### **Meetings with Donors**

- Dr. Seema Bhatia Panthaki, Senior Program Officer, Think Tank Initiative (TTI)-IDRC, visited SPDC for annual monitoring of the IDRC Project, February 5-6, 2015. During her stay, she met with the members of the SPDC staff and Karachi-based members of the SPDC-BOD.
- Dr. Anindya Chatterjee, Regional Director, TTI-IDRC, New Delhi, India, Islamabad, November 26, 2014.

#### **Meetings to provide input on development issues, exchange views and network**

- Mr. Marc Pierre George, Ambassador of Switzerland, Mr. Emil Wyss, Consul General and Mr. Jordan James Din, Head of Commercial Section, Consulate of Switzerland, Karachi, May 1, 2015. Other members of SPDC staff also attended the meeting.
- Ms. Farhana Iqbal, Chairperson of Standing Committee on Human Rights, FPCCI, Karachi, April 28, 2015.
- Mr. Brian Heath, Consul General, U.S. Consulate, Karachi, April 10, 2015.
- Mr. Emil Wyss, Consul General and Mr. Jordan James Din, Head of Commercial Section, Consulate of Switzerland, Karachi, March 10, 2015.
- Mr. Asad Ali Shah, Managing Partner and Mr. Shahzad Ali, Executive Director, M. Yousuf Adil Saleem & Co, Chartered Accountants and members of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited, Karachi, December 12, 2014.
- Mr. J.T. Kennedy, Political Officer and Ms. Masooma Lotia, Political Specialist, US Consulate, Karachi, December 11, 2014.
- Mr. David Fournier, Counselor Development and Head of Aid, Canadian High Commission, Pakistan and Mr. Louis Verret, Senior Director (Development), Canadian High Commission for Pakistan, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, Karachi, December 7, 2014.

- Mr. and Mrs. Akira Ouchi, Consul General of Japan, Karachi, December 3, 2014.
- Ms. Jana Elhorr, Social Development Specialist, Sustainable Development South Asia Region, World Bank, Washington-DC, USA, Karachi, November 11, 2014.
- Prof. Dr. Piotr Balcerowicz, Chair, South Asia, University of Warsaw, Poland and Dr. Agnieszka Kuszewska, Associate Professor, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Chair, International Politics, Warsaw, Poland, Karachi, October 20, 2014.
- Dr. & Mrs. Tilo Klinner, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Karachi, October 3, 2014.

### **Interviews**

- Interview with the Centre for Study of Science, Technology & Policy (C-STEP), Bangalore-India, with regard to financial sustainability of think tanks, the existing barriers/challenges, and emerging opportunities, for their newsletter, *Aditi Bulletin*, February 19, 2015.
- Interview on the current political situation in Pakistan, Daily Dunya, Karachi, January 12, 2015.
- Interview for the magazine published by the Pakistan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Organisation, Karachi, October 3, 2014.
- Interview on the politics of Pakistan and the current situation, Jung Forum, Jung News, August 18, 2014.

### **Award**

Awarded the *Hazarat Khadija Tul Kubra* lifetime achievement award for research and academic excellence at the Hazarat Khadija Tul Kubra Conference 2014, Karachi, November 30, 2014.

### **Mr. Asif Iqbal**

- Discussant on *Reforming Pakistan's Civil Service*, paper prepared and presented by the participants of the 17th Senior Management Course, National Institute of Management (NIM), Karachi, May 14, 2015.



- Presentation on *Decentralization for Countering Authoritarianism*, at a workshop on Issues of Good Governance in South Asia under the Federal System: Devolution, Development and Democratization, organized by the Area Study Centre for Europe, University of Karachi and the Hanns Seidel Foundation Islamabad, Karachi, April 22, 2015.
- Discussant in a session on *Governance and Human Security*, seminar on Structural Reforms for Inclusive Development, Applied Economic Research Centre (AERC), University of Karachi, Karachi, March 17, 2015.
- Presentation on *Interacting with Data*, TTI Exchange 2015: Research Quality, Outreach and Impact, organized by the Think Tank Initiative-IDRC, Istanbul-Turkey, February 18-20, 2015.
- Presentation on *Gender, Poverty and Environmental Sustainability*, TTI Exchange 2015: Research Quality, Outreach and Impact, organized by the Think Tank Initiative-International Development Research Centre, Istanbul-Turkey, February 18-20, 2015.
- Participated at a seminar on *Key Success Factors of Best Performing Organizations*, ASP-AiD, a USAID funded program, Karachi, January 12, 2015.

**Mr. Muhammad Sabir**

- Presented a paper entitled *Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers and Gender Sensitive Education Financing*, jointly prepared with Dr. Khalida Ghaus at the Southern Voice Research Conference on Post-2015 International Development Goals and Targets, Istanbul, Turkey, February 16-17, 2015.
- Participated in *Balochistan Development Forum*, organised by the Chief Minister's Policy Reform Unit, Government of Balochistan, Islamabad, January 19-20, 2015.
- Presented a paper entitled *Gender Inequality in Labor Force Participation: An Empirical Investigation*, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists, PIDE, Islamabad, December 2-4, 2014.
- Presentation at a seminar on *Contemporary Economic Issues of Pakistan*, Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Karachi, November 27, 2014.
- Participated in a consultative workshop, *Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)*, UNDP, Karachi, October 29, 2014.

- Panelist at the launch of *Development Advocate Pakistan: The Political Economy of the Budget*, UNDP, Karachi, October 23, 2014.
- Participated in a workshop on *Education Specific National MDG Acceleration Framework (MAF)*, UNDP, Islamabad, October 20, 2014.

**Mr. Nadeem Ahmed**

- Keynote Speaker on *Development Paradigm from Rio to Rio+20*, conference on Sustainable Development, organized by Roots for Equity, Islamabad, February 22, 2015.
- Participated in a consultative workshop on *MDG Goal-7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability and its Progress in Pakistan*, conducted by LEAD-Pakistan, in collaboration with IUCN-Pakistan, Karachi, December 11, 2014.

**Ms. Iffat Ara**

- Participated in *Balochistan Development Forum*, organised by the Chief Minister's Policy Reform Unit, Government of Balochistan, Islamabad, January 19-20, 2015.
- Participated in the *30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE)*, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, December 2-4, 2014.

**Mr. Manzoor Memon**

- Participated in the *International Conference on Structural Reforms for Inclusive Development*, Applied Economics Research Centre (AERC), Karachi, March 18, 2015.
- Participated in a consultative workshop on *MDG Goal-7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability and its Progress in Pakistan*, conducted by LEAD-Pakistan in collaboration with IUCN-Pakistan, Karachi, December 11, 2014.
- Presented a paper entitled *Human Capital and Economic Growth: The Role of Governance*, *30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE)*, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, December 2-4, 2014.

**Ms. Naveed Aamir**

Presented a paper entitled *Constraints to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Growth in Pakistan: Remedies for Sustainability*, International Symposium on ASEAN +

Communities: Socio-Political Challenges on Identity and Difference, organised by the ASEAN University Network (AUN), Bangkok, Thailand, July 16-17, 2014.

**Ms. Tabinda Areeb**

Participated in a consultative workshop, *Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)*, UNDP, Karachi, October 29, 2014.

**2.4 MEMBER PUBLIC/PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES/WORKING GROUPS**

- Board of Directors, Institute of Policy Reforms, Lahore.
- Board of Studies of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, Ziauddin University, Karachi.
- Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) of the Enhanced Democratic Accountability and Civic Engagement (EDACE) Project for Sindh.
- Committee on Human Rights, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), Karachi.
- Working Group, Revival of Economy, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), Karachi.
- Regional Integration Group, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI), Karachi.
- Committee for PhD Candidates, Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST), Karachi.
- Executive Committee, Media Women Publishers and Journalists Organization (MWPJO).
- National Panel on the Economy of Tomorrow, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Islamabad.
- Research Advisory Services for Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad.
- Technical Group on Poverty Assessment - Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform, Government of Pakistan.
- Technical Advisory Committee, Social Safety Nets - Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform, Government of Pakistan.

**2.5 PARTNER/MEMBER NETWORKS**

- Member, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Advisory Group
- Member, South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI)
- Partner, Managing Global Governance (MGG) Programme. A programme of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

- Partner, Coalition for Transparency and Access to Information - CTAI, Shehri-Citizens for Better Environment
- Partner, Southern Voice on Post-MDGs, Think Tank Initiative (TTI), International Development Research Centre, Canada.

## 2.6 STAFF PARTICIPATION/COVERAGE ON ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The Managing Director and other staff members participated as guests in several debates and current affairs programmes on issues of gender, development, macro-economic policy, and international and political affairs for state and private sector television channels including PTV, KTV, Metro News, News One, Business Plus, Dunya News, and Abb Tak. The Managing Director has also been speaking on Radio Pakistan, VOA, and Europe Urdu Service.

## 3. CAPACITY BUILDING

### 3.1 Lectures/Briefings

#### **Dr. Khalida Ghaus**

- Lecture on *Threat from Non-State Actors and Implications for Social Development*, to the officers of Command and Leadership Program, Pakistan Army, Karachi, September 26, 2014.
- Lecture on *Pak-US Relations*, seminar organized by the Pak-US Alumni Network Jamshoro in collaboration with University of Sindh, Jamshoro, October 16, 2014.

#### **Dr. Khalida Ghaus, Mr. Muhammad Asif Iqbal and Mr. Muhammad Sabir**

- A briefing on *Improvement of Public Service Delivery in Sindh After 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment*, for the participants of the 16<sup>th</sup> Senior Management Course, conducted by the National Institute of Management (NIM), Karachi, October 15-24, 2014.
- A briefing on *Social Development in Rural Areas of Sindh* at a group discussion organized by the Sindh United Party (SUP), Karachi, December 16, 2014.
- A briefing on *Strategizing and Implementation of Vision 2025* to the participants of 16th Senior Management Course (SMC), conducted by the National Institute of Management (NIM), Karachi, January 2, 2015.

### **3.2. Technical Assistance to the Government of Sindh on 9<sup>th</sup> NFC Award**

a) To get technical advice/assistance on issues related to the 9<sup>th</sup> NFC Award, the Government of Sindh formed a technical committee. Mr. Muhammad Sabir represented SPDC in its various meetings and provided input on issues pertaining to vertical distribution of resources. Based on input received from other technical members and Sindh Revenue Board, he compiled a report on 'Devolved versus Integrated Tax Structure-Evolution of Tax Collection Framework in Pakistan' and also contributed in a report on *Devolved versus Integrated Tax Structure in Pakistan*.

b) On request of the Government of Sindh, an AERC – SPDC working group was formed to provide technical support to the Government of Sindh on the 9<sup>th</sup> NFC Award. So far, two meetings of the group have been held. Mr. Muhammad Sabir prepared notes on inter governmental issues in sharing of tax and non-tax revenues from oil and gas and 1/6th GST goods. He is also working on encroachment of federal government on provincial tax bases.

### **3.3 Staff Pursuing Higher Studies**

1. Mr. Muhammad Sabir received a PhD fellowship from the National University of Ireland (NUI), Galway to undertake research examining the costs of violence against women and girls. He will join in September this year.

2. Ms. Iffat Ara enrolled in a PhD program (Economics) at the Applied Economic Research Centre (AERC), University of Karachi in January 2015. Her course work is expected to be completed in December 2015.

3. Ms. Aasiya Kazi got admissions in Columbia University for a Masters degree in Human Rights Studies, starting in September 2015.

## 4. PUBLICATIONS

### 4.1 LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

#### **ANNUAL REVIEW – SDIP**

##### **Social Development in Pakistan: Annual Review 2012-13 (The State of Social Development in Rural Pakistan)**

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Annual Review No. 12

*Hafiz A. Pasha, Khalida Ghaus, Haroon Jamal, Muhammad Asif Iqbal, Muhammad Sabir, Iffat Ara, Nikhat Sattar, Nadeem Ahmed, Waseem Saleem, Naveed Aamir, Rafea Anis, Tabinda Areeb, Manzoor H. Memon, Aasiya Kazi and Zia-ul-Haq Khan*

#### **SPDC BOOK**

##### **In Search of Gendered Development: A Compendium**

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SPDC Book 3- a publication of SPDC

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT REPORT**

##### **Gender and Social Vulnerability to Climate Change: A Study of Disaster Prone Areas in Sindh**

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CCP No. 1

*Khalida Ghaus, Muhammad Asif Iqbal, Nadeem Ahmed, Manzoor Hussain Memon, Meher M. Norshirwani, Naveed Aamir, Tabinda Areeb, Danish Mustafa, Nikhat Sattar, Mohsin Iqbal, Danish Rashdi and Iffat Idris*

#### **RESEARCH REPORTS**

##### **State of the Economy: An Evaluation of the Federal Budget 2014-15**

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Research Report No. 88

*Hafiz A. Pasha, Muhammad Sabir and Iffat Ara*

##### **Incidence of General Sales Tax in Pakistan: Latest Estimates**

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Research Report No. 89

*Haroon Jamal and Sohail Javed*

## **School Participation in Rural Pakistan: A Situation Analysis**

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Research Report No. 90

*Haroon Jamal*

## **Profiling Rural Pakistan for Poverty, Inequality and Social Exclusion**

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Research Report No. 91

*Haroon Jamal*

## **Health and Educational Status of Children: An Exploration through a Gender Lens**

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Research Report No. 92

*Haroon Jamal*

## **Determinants of Child Schooling, Work and Idleness: The Case of the Punjab Province**

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Research Report No. 93

*Haroon Jamal*

## **Growth and Income Inequality Effects on Poverty: The Case of Pakistan (1988 - 2011)**

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Research Report No. 94

*Haroon Jamal*

## **JOURNAL ARTICLE**

### **Incidence of General Sales Tax in Pakistan: Latest Estimates**

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Article No. 127

*Haroon Jamal and Sohail Javed*

Published Journal of Applied Economic, Vol. 23, No. 2, pages: 73-95, Winter 2013, Karachi, Pakistan.

## **POLICY PAPERS**

### **The Privatization Program**

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Policy Paper No. 24

*Hafiz A. Pasha*

### **Agenda for the 8<sup>th</sup> NFC: Lessons from the 7<sup>th</sup> NFC Award, Post-7<sup>th</sup> NFC Developments and Emerging Issues**

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## **OTHERS PUBLICATION**

### **The Changing Landscape of Gender at SPDC: An Assessment**

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SPDC OP-4

*Aasiya Kazi and Rafea Anis*

## **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

### **1. Betting on Social Development**

Prof. Dr. Khalida Ghaus  
The News, August 14, 2014

### **2. Economic Development and Income Redistribution**

Muhammad Asif Iqbal  
The News, August 14, 2014

### **3. Sindh Budget 2014-15: A Compromise on Development**

Iffat Ara  
Business Recorder, October 03, 2014

### **4. Hell Beyond Hell**

Manzoor Hussain Memon  
The News, February 16, 2015

### **5. Ter Aie Dhagi Wara Tarakiyati Aie Moashi Mansooba**

Manzoor Hussain Memon  
Rozani Sindh Express, Hyderabad, February 19, 2015

### **6. Mutafariq: Thatta ke Saheeli Dehaat aur Samandari Mudakhalat**

Noor-ul-Amin  
Daily Jang, Midweek Magazine, April 01, 2015

### **7. Manchar Dhand: Kheer ji neher ya zeher jo dukh**



Muhammad Iqbal Dars  
Daily Jeejal (Sindhi Magazine, Hyderabad), April 15, 2015

## **8. Badin men Samandari Mudakhalat aur LBOD ki Tabahkari**

Noor-ul-Amin  
Daily Jang, Midweek Magazine, April 29, 2015

*Views on the Politics of Pakistan and the Current Situation, published in Jang Forum, Jang News, August 18, 2014*

Dr. Khalida Ghaus

<http://e.jang.com.pk/08-18-2014/karachi/page5.asp>

*Views on the Situation in Palestine, published in Roznama Basharat, August 22, 2014*

Dr. Khalida Ghaus

[http://epaper.basharat.com.pk/2014/08/22/p6\\_index.php](http://epaper.basharat.com.pk/2014/08/22/p6_index.php)

## **4.2 CITATIONS OF RESEARCH IN JOURNALS, BOOKS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS 2014-15**

### **Journal Articles/Books**

1. Samiul Hasan 2015, "Human Security and Philanthropy-Islamic Perspectives and Muslim Majority Country Practices, Non Profit and Civil Society Studies" book published in 2015 by Springer Link.
2. Muhammad Moj, 2015, "The Deoband Madrassah Movement: Countercultural Trends and Tendencies book published by Anthem Press in March 2015.
3. Nausheen H. Anwar 2015, "Infrastructure Redux: Crisis, Progress in Industrial Pakistan & Beyond" book published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2015.
4. Ghulam Murtaza and M.Z. Faridi, 2014 "Causality Linkages among Energy Poverty, Income Inequality, Income Polarization and Growth: A System Dynamic Modeling Approach" published in the Pakistan Development Review 53:4, Part I Winter 2014 forthcoming issue (30th ADM Conference 2014).
5. Ijaz ur Rehman and Muhammad Shahbaz 2014, "Multivariate-based Granger Causality between Financial Deepening and Poverty: The case of Pakistan" published in [Quality & Quantity](#) November 2014, Volume 48, [Issue 6](#), pp 3221-3241.
6. Multi-Dimensional Income Inequality in Pakistan by Abdul Hamid and Naeem Akram published in International Journal of Economics and Business Research, 2014 Vol.8, No.1, pp.21 – 35.

7. S. Mehrotra 2014 "[Eradicating Poverty: What is new?](#)" published by United Nations as paper for Expert Group for the World Social Situation Survey and Commission on Social Development, UN, DESA, 2014.
8. [Muhammad Shahbaz](#), [Nanthakumar Loganathan](#), [Nooreen Mujahid](#), [Amjad Ali](#) and [Ahmed Nawaz](#), 2015 "[Determinants of Life Expectancy and its Prospects Under the Role of Economic Misery: A Case of Pakistan](#)" published in Social Indicators Research, March 2015 – Springer Link.
9. Faisal Sultan Qadri and Abdul Waheed, 2014 "Human capital and economic growth: A macroeconomic model for Pakistan" published in the journal of [Economic Modelling Volume 42](#), October 2014, Pages 66–76.
10. Faisal Sultan Qadri and Abdul Waheed, 2014 "Human capital and economic growth: A macroeconomic model for Pakistan" published in the journal of [Economic Modelling Volume 42](#), October 2014, Pages 66–76.
11. Erum Khushnood Zahid Shaikh and Mehwish Bhutto, 2014 "Minimum Wage and Socio-Economic Status of Domestic Workers in Urban Hyderabad" published in the Case Studies Journal of Dec-2014 Volume 3, Issue 12.
12. Erum Khushnood Zahid Shaikh and Mehwish Bhutto, 2014 "Minimum Wage and Socio-Economic Status of Domestic Workers in Urban Hyderabad" published in the Case Studies Journal of Dec-2014 Volume 3, Issue 12.
13. Zeba Sathar, Susheela Singh, Gul Rashida, Zakir Shah and Rehan Niazi, 2014 "Induced Abortions and Unintended Pregnancies in Pakistan" published in Studies in Family Planning, Volume 45, Issue 4, December 2014.
14. Fazal Ather and Akhtar Sherin, 2014 "Health System Financing in Pakistan: Reviewing Resources and Opportunities" published in Khyber Medical University Journal Vol 6, No 2 (2014).
15. Sikander Pervez and Zeeshan Mukhtar, 2014 "Determinants of Child Labor: A Case Study of Automobiles Workshops, Fan Industry and Ceramics Industry in Gujrat" published in J. Asian Dev. Stud, Vol. 3, Issue 3, September 2014. Qazi Masood Ahmed, Sulaiman D. Muhammad, Muhammad Noman and Ghulam Rasool Lakhan, 2014 "Determinants of Recent Inflation in Pakistan: Revisit" published in Pakistan Journal of Commerce and Social Sciences, 2014, Vol. 8 (1), 170-184.
16. Sohail Jehangir Malik, Hina Nazli, and Edward Whitney, 2014 "The Official Estimates of Poverty in Pakistan – What is Wrong and Why? – Illustrations using the Government of Pakistan's Household Integrated Economic Survey 2010-11" Working Paper published by USAID and IFPRI in November 2014.
17. Zafar M, Malik A (2014) "Emerging Challenges and Health System Capacity: The Case of Non-Communicable Diseases in Pakistan; A Review" published in the

- Journal of Infectious Disease Therapy, Issue 1, Volume 2: 127. doi:10.4172/2332-0877.1000127.
18. [Martina Celidoni](#) and [Isabella Procidano](#), 2014 “Identification Precision of Vulnerability to Poverty Indexes: Does Information Quantity Matter?” published Social Indicators Research, May 2014 Springer Link.
  19. Muhammad Asla, Arslan Saeed and Saima Altaf (2014) “Median Regression Analysis of Gender-wise Income Gap in Punjab, Pakistan” published in the Asian Online Journal, Vol. 1, No. 1, 15-19, 2014 of ‘Economy’ by Publishing Group.
  20. [Syed Ali Raza](#),[Syed Tehseen Jawaid](#) (2014), “Foreign Capital Inflows, Economic Growth and Stock Market Capitalization in Asian Countries: An ARDL Bound Testing Approach” published in [Quality & Quantity: International Journal of Methodology](#), Springer, vol. 48(1), January 2014.
  21. Muhammad Chani & Sajjad Jan & Zahid Pervaiz & Amatul Chaudhary, 2014. "[Human Capital Inequality and Income Inequality: Testing for Causality](#)," [Quality & Quantity: International Journal of Methodology](#), Springer, vol. 48(1), pages 149-156, January.
  22. Sabeena Jalal and Inam ul Haq, 2014 “Revisiting the three different tiers of the health system of Pakistan and their Implications for the achievement of MDGs by Pakistan” published in the Journal of Pakistan Medical Association, Vol. 64, No.2, February 2014.
  23. Sikander Pervez and Syed Badar-ul-Husnain Rizvi, 2014 “An Empirical Analysis on Determinants of Poverty: A Co-Integration Analysis, published in the Journal of Global & Science Issues, Vol 2, Issue 1, (March 2014).
  24. Nooreen Mujahid, 2014 “Determinants of Female Labor Force Participation: A Micro Analysis of Pakistan” published in the International Journal of Economics and Empirical Research 2014, 2(5), 211-220.
  25. Khalid Zaman & Bashir Khilji, 2014. "[A Note on Pro-poor Social Expenditures](#)," [Quality & Quantity: International Journal of Methodology](#), Springer, vol. 48(4), pages 2121-2154, July.
  26. Abdulkadir Abdulrashid Rafindadi, Zarinah Yusof, 2014 “Do the Dynamics of Financial Development Spur Economic Growth in Nigeria’s Contemporaneous Growth Struggle? A Fact Beyond the Figures” published in the Quality & Quantity (Q & Q), an International Journal of Methodology (Springer) January 2014.
  27. Tang, Chor Foon & Tan, Bee Wah, 2014. "[A revalidation of the savings–growth nexus in Pakistan](#)," [Economic Modelling](#), Elsevier, vol. 36(C), pages 370-377, 2014.

28. Wasim Qazi & Syed Raza & Syed Jawaid, 2014. "[Higher education and growth performance of Pakistan: evidence from multivariate framework](#)," [Quality & Quantity: International Journal of Methodology](#), Springer, vol. 48(3), pages 1651-1665, May 2014.

### **Other Publications**

1. Naseer Memon, 2015 “Battle for award begins” published in The News, Political Economy section; 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015.
2. Daily Times, 2014, “Sit-ins persistence reflects roots of discontent ‘deep’” article published in January 2015.
3. Humera Karim 2014 “Balochistan the Poorest Province of Pakistan” article published online at “pkarticleshub.com” in March 2014.
4. Shahbaz Raza, 2014 “Social Policy and Development Centre: Think Tank Finds Another Hole in Budget” article published by The Express Tribune in July 2014.
5. Business Recorder Report, 2014 “Government Growth Figures Disputed by SPDC” article published in July 2014.
6. Naseer Memon, 2014 “Human Development Declines Further in Pakistan – UNDP Report” article published in The News, Nov 2014.
7. Rizwan Arshad. 2014 “Child Labor in Pakistan” published in February 2014 by Child Labor Protection Society.
8. Qandeel Siddiqui, 2014 “Pakistani or Baloch? A Precursory Study of the Baloch Separatist Movement in Pakistan” published by Centre for International and Strategic Analysis, SISA Report in April 2014.
9. Dr. Virginia Khan and Humera Hussain, 2014 “Strengthening Women Parliamentarians In Pakistan for effective Government” a Mid-Term Project Evaluation Report published by Search for Common Ground and Women’s Initiative for Learning and Leadership.
10. World Bank and IFC, 2014” Women Business and the Law – Removing Restrictions to Enhance Gender Equality” report published by International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/The World Bank, 2014.
11. Faisal Usman, 2014 “Madressa Phenomenon: Reasons and Relations with Extremism” article published by the Rationalist Society of Pakistan in May 2014.
12. ADB Report, 2014 “PAK: Rapid Assessment of Sexual Harassment In Public Transport and Connected Spaces in Karachi” Pilot Project Final Report, December 2014, published by Asian Development Bank.

13. Urban Resource Centre, 2014 “Facts and Figures”, published Monthly Volume 22, No. 1 in January 2014.
14. Business Recorder, 2014 “A Report Totally Lacking in Profundity”, article published on July 12, 2014 (Recorder Report).
15. Naseer Memom. 2014 “Far from Reality” article published in the The News International, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
16. Rakhshinda Perveen, 2014, “A Tax Break for Economic Freedom? A Case of Divorced Mothers, Divorced, Disabled and Never Married (above 40 years) Pakistani Women-Civic Entrepreneur’s Perspective” study supported by Friedrich Naumann Stiftung published by Economic Freedom Network Pakistan in 2014.
17. Naseer Memom. 2014 “Ruins without Relief” article published in the The News International, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### 4.3 PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED

<b>Publications</b>	<b>Number of copies</b>
Annual Reviews-SDIP	944
GRP Research Reports	97
GRP Book	261
Research Reports	2522
Climate Change Project Report	237
Policy Papers	705
Conference Papers	23
Working Papers	40
Others	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>4576</b>

#### 4.4 PUBLICATIONS ACQUIRED

**Government Documents & Reports: 99**

**Journals: 22**

*International: 07*

*National: 15*

**Books: 06**

#### 5. WEB USAGE REPORT

	Months	No. of Hits	No. of Downloads
<b>2014</b>	June	40,247	8,932
	July	45,335	8,189
	August	29,963	5,307
	September	32,977	6,098
	October	114,830	6,457
	November	135,447	10,634
	December	85,851	9,119
<b>2015</b>	January	35,562	6,616
	February	180,44	4,451
	March	40,129	5,258
	April	49,154	6,509
	uptil May 20 <sup>th</sup>	25,457	2,916
	<b>Total</b>	<b>63,4952</b>	<b>80,486</b>

#### 6. STAFF STRENGTH

<b>Technical Staff</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Consultants (Regular/Full Time)</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>Consultants (Part Time)</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>Research Support</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>Administrative Staff (including drivers and helpers)</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>