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Social Policy and Development Centre

Annual Report 2015-16

This report covers the period from June 2015 to June 2016 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 the following:

- Annual Review: Social Development in Pakistan 2014-15: The State of Social Services in Urban Pakistan
- Research Report: State of the Economy: Analytical Brief 2016
- Four journal articles
- Three research reports
- Technical Report and four working papers on Gender and Social Vulnerability to Climate Change: A Study of Disaster Prone Areas in Sindh
- Eleven newspaper articles, three of which were written by junior staff members

1.1 ANNUAL REVIEW OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PAKISTAN

The 13th Annual Review 2014-15 entitled ‘The State of Social Development in Urban Pakistan’ was published and launched at Hotel Avari Towers, Karachi on Wednesday 27th April 2016. [details of the launch are given in section 4.1]. The broader theme proposed for the next Annual Review is achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the context of regional inequality and lack of good governance. This research will cover the following aspects in the context of development framework of SDGs:

- Alignment of SDGs with national development framework – Vision 2025
- Sectoral mapping of SDGs, targets and indicators
- Situation analysis (baseline) of selected sectors (also highlighting inequalities – provincial, gender, etc.)
- A preliminary assessment of the feasibility of targets
- Issues of governance (roles and responsibilities of various tiers of government, inter-governmental coordination, resources, etc.)
- A strategy towards achieving the SDGs

1.2 STATE OF THE ECONOMY: ANALYTICAL BRIEF 2016

An analytical brief entitled ‘Key Issues in the State of Economy’ was prepared and disseminated. This report covers various aspects of the performance of the economy during the period 2015-16 and highlights prospects for the next fiscal year.

1.3 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 October 2015. In all, 07 dissemination seminars were held in districts Dadu, Thatta, Badin, Tharparkar, Hyderabad, Larkana and Khairpur.

Based on district specific findings, a total of five newspaper articles (English 1, Urdu 2, and Sindhi 2) were published. Additionally, four working papers and two journal articles entitled ‘*How to Adapt to the Future When You Can’t Cope with the Present: Mapping [Gendered] Social Vulnerability to Climate Change in Sindh, Pakistan*’, and ‘*Livestock and Marginalization of Resources, the Case of Rural Communities in Disaster Prone Areas of Sindh Pakistan*’ were also prepared. The first was submitted for publication in the Global Environmental Change (a peer-reviewed international journal), whereas, the second is at present being reviewed internally.

Moreover, SPDC also prepared four video documentaries and their abridged version with English subtitles, highlighting the effects of climate variability on the local communities in districts Tharparkar, Dadu, Badin, and Thatta.

1.4 CONTRACT RESEARCH

Ongoing

1. USAID - Sindh Capacity Development Project

As part of a consortium led by Deloitte Pakistan, SPDC signed a contract with USAID for the 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. Under this project, SPDC will also coordinate two independent, third-party research studies during the life of the project. It is a three-year project. The following activities were conducted during the reporting period:

- SPDC assigned two members of its staff to develop the capacity of the staff deputed at the Research and Development Unit, Education and Literacy

Department, Government of Sindh by helping them design and implement the work plan of the newly formed unit.

- A Communication Working Group (CWG) of SBEP partners was constituted and a meeting was held on April 11, 2016 to prepare a draft SBEP Communication Strategy for the project.
- Two meetings of the Project Management Committee (PMC) were held on February 25th and April 8th, 2016 respectively.
- A Research Consultative Group (RCG) consisting of relevant stakeholders was constituted and two meetings were held on December 2, 2015 and April 5, 2016 respectively. The group in its last meeting finalised the following two research themes for SBEP interventions:

a) Public Private Partnership for Better Service Delivery

b) Improving Early Grade Reading through Innovations

- TORs for two research studies related to the Sindh Basic Education program (SBEP) interventions were revised after incorporating comments and updated information on interventions received from the partners. The proposed studies are:

a) Study on Public Private Partnership for Better Service Delivery in Government Schools of Sindh.

b) Study on Improving Early Grade Reading through Innovations in Government Schools of Sindh.

The overall research objectives of these studies are: i) to increase the availability of evidence-based knowledge on education sector reforms in Sindh with particular focus on SBEP interventions for increasing enrolments and improving quality of education in government schools; ii) to assess the potential for replication and scaling up of promising approaches/innovations adopted by the interventions; and iii) to formulate a set of guidelines and recommendations to help policy-makers, planners and practitioners for replicating the interventions and reforms across the sector.

‘Call for Proposals’ for these studies was prepared and advertised with a deadline of end July 2016.

- To discuss the action plan for capacity building of Research and Development (R&D) Unit of Education and Literacy Department (E&LD), a meeting with the

Director Planning, Development and Research was held on May 10, 2016. It was agreed that an orientation workshop will be held involving other directorates/unit of E&LD to brief them on the reactivation of the research unit and the capacity building exercise of the staff at this unit. This will be followed by finalizing and implementing the work plan of the research unit. Two staff members of SPDC are already deployed at the E&LD to provide an on-the-job training to the staff of R&D Unit.

- SPDC organized a one-day workshop on communication strategy for the members of SBEP Communication Working Group on May 13, 2016. The group consists of representatives from E&LD, USAID, and SBEP's implementing partners including the Sindh Capacity Development Project, Sindh Community Mobilization Program and Sindh Reading Program. Purpose of the workshop was to discuss the SBEP Communication Strategy prepared by SPDC. Since SBEP is being implemented by a number of partners that conduct communication activities related to their respective components, there was a need to develop an integrated communication strategy for the program. The strategy document prepared by SPDC outlined a unified SBEP communication strategy to enhance the program visibility, showcase program successes and achievements as well as to improve public perception of GoS/E&LD.
- Technical support was provided to the Project Monitoring Unit to prepare their monthly progress report and quarterly newsletter.

2. NUI Galway - Socio-Economic Costs of Violence Against Women and Girls in Pakistan

SPDC signed a contract with the National University of Ireland for providing technical assistance on a multi-country (i.e. 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.

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 of VAWG 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. The activities conducted during the reporting period include the following:

- 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 was formed. First meeting of the board was held on August 10, 2015, at Hotel Marriott, Karachi. The objectives of the meeting were to: (1) review the conceptual framework, (2) give a feedback on the research design and sampling strategy, (3) provide input on the quantitative and qualitative research tools, and (4) provide input on the research uptake strategy. A detailed report of the meeting was prepared and submitted to NUI.
- To fulfill the ethical requirement/s of research, SPDC formulated a four-member ethics approval committee, comprising of Dr. Kausar S. Khan (Associate Professor, AKU), Ms. Afiya S. Zia (Independent Consultant-Gender Expert), Mr. Niaz Ahmed Siddiqui [Inspector General of Police (Rtd.)], and Dr. Khalida Ghaus. The TOR for the Research Ethics Committee were prepared by SPDC and its first meeting was held on April 7, 2016. At this meeting the members reviewed and discussed the Urdu version of the survey questionnaires and research protocol of the study and gave their suggestions and feedback on ethical considerations for research. SPDC submitted an application to National Bioethics Committee (NBC), Islamabad for ethical clearance of the project.
- Two four-day workshops for training of enumerators were held in Karachi and Lahore in April 2016. The team from Ipsos-MORI Pakistan (responsible for conducting the survey) imparted the training on administering survey questionnaires, whereas, Dr. Kausar S. Khan, Associate Professor, Aga Khan University (AKU), conducted training sessions on gender-based violence and ethical considerations for surveys. SPDC team comprising of Dr. Khalida Ghaus, Ms. Iffat Ara, Ms. Naveed Aamir, and Ms. Rafea Anis attended the training workshop held in Karachi, where Ms. Iffat Ara (SPDC) gave an introduction of the project. Feedback of the SPDC team on the training workshop held in Karachi and the feedback received from Dr. Kausar Khan was sent to Dr. Nata Duvury.
- In order to review the methodological innovation and progress of the project, a meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) was held on June 28, 2016 at the National University of Ireland – Galway (NUIG). The meeting was attended by Project Team at NUIG, National Research Partners from each country (Pakistan, Ghana and South Sudan), TAG members and the team from DFID. Representatives from Ipsos MORI (conducting quantitative survey in three countries) and the International Centre for Research on Women (managing qualitative research in three countries) were also present.

Dr. Khalida Ghaus and Ms. Iffat Ara gave their input regarding the challenges related to this project in Pakistan. The main challenges identified were high refusal rate in the pilot survey and lack of support from Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) in providing sampling methodology. Dr. Khalida mentioned that since the Governments of Punjab and Sindh had passed a protection bill on VAW, research in this area should be high on priority. She added that for a higher response rate, it was suggested that Ipsos-MORI contacts the local authorities/village heads for facilitation in conducting the household survey and for ensuring the protection of the enumerators.

ICRW conducted a workshop on Qualitative Research on June 29, 2016 at NUIG. The plan and structure of qualitative data collection and research was discussed in this workshop. Since, SPDC is responsible for collecting qualitative data for this project in Pakistan, Ms. Iffat Ara gave her input in this regard.

On the same day, a session on Biographic-Narrative Interpretive Method (BNIM) was also held. The training focused on the interviewing methodology for qualitative research and was conducted by Dr. Lisa Moran, Post Doctoral Researcher, UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre, NUI Galway.

3. National Institute of Public Finance and Policy-India (NIPFP) - Comparative Study of Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in India and Pakistan

SPDC in collaboration with the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy-India (NIPFP) undertook a study *Comparative Study of Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in India and Pakistan*. It is an 18-month project that was initiated in February this year.

The aim of this study is to understand the similarities and dissimilarities 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. Currently, a database of key province-wise budgetary indicators is being prepared for quantitative analysis. This includes level-wise social indicators i.e. for primary and secondary education from 1972-73 to 1999-2000.

4. Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung - Linkages of trade and labour standards in key industries active in global supply chains in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar, Pakistan and Vietnam

It is a multi-country project that aims at promoting the implementation of comprehensive labour and social standards, including but also beyond the core labour standards, in export-oriented industries in Asia with respect to selected country specific trade regime. These countries include Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar,

Pakistan and Vietnam. SPDC is a partner of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)-Islamabad, Pakistan in this project.

The first meeting of this project took place in Geneva from June 6-11, 2016 to finalise the TORs. The time frame of the draft study is between June-November 2016 and it is expected to complete in the first quarter of 2017.

Completed

5. UNDP - Recounting Gender Perspective of Budgetary Debate in the Parliament

SPDC signed a micro-capital grant agreement with UNDP to undertake a two-month study 'Recounting Gender Perspective of Budgetary Debate in the Parliament', as part of UNDP's Strengthening Electoral and Legislative Processes Project. The primary aim of this research was to improve the quality of the budget debate with a gender perspective.

The study, using a gender lens, generated baseline data on the nature of budget debates of the past three years in National Assembly and Senate and also highlighted the gaps in the budget debates of 2013, 2014 and 2015. The purpose of the research was to provide evidence which the members of the Women Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) and the Task Force (TF) on Millennium Development Goals could use to promote women empowerment and gender equality agenda.

- A desk review of the budget debate discussions for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 according to women specific and general issues raised by the female parliamentarians was undertaken and data was compiled by name and party affiliation of each female parliamentarian.
- Altogether 15 interviews were conducted with male and female parliamentarians.
- A consultative session with a select group of female parliamentarians was held in Islamabad on December 18, 2015.
- Meetings were held with parliamentary officials of the National Assembly Secretariat and WPC Secretariat to obtain the relevant data.

The study was submitted to UNDP in February 2016.

6. Southern Voice - National Level Implications of Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A Case of Pakistan

SPDC in collaboration with SDPI signed a contract with Southern Voice to undertake a study on *National Level Implications of Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A Case of Pakistan*.

The study involved detailed review of documents and interviews with experts and government officials. After incorporating editor's comments, the final report of the study was submitted by the SPDC-SDPI team for publication.

7. Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric, NMBU - Courting Catastrophe?

SPDC assisted the Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric, NMBU in a study entitled *Courting Catastrophe?* Under this study SPDC was responsible for assisting Dr. Ingrid Nyborg, Associate Professor at the University of Life Sciences, Norway in fieldwork, as well as, training of local field assistants in qualitative research methods, data collection, analysis and report writing.

In June 2015, an analysis workshop was organized at the Research and Development Foundation (RDF), Hyderabad, where findings of the research were shared with the participants from two sample villages of the project. The aim of this workshop was to build an understanding of the participants on environmental issues specific to these villages.

Proposals/Concept Notes Submitted

- 1 On March 26, 2016, two concept notes were submitted to the Strategic Research Program of the World Bank. The first was on Fiscal incentives and performance of large firms and SMEs in textile sector in Pakistan: an empirical investigation and the second was on Primary Data for Returns to Education in Pakistan. A response is awaited.
- 2 A preliminary proposal was submitted to the International Growth Centre on Urban Housing Demand and the Response of Land Market. The proposal was submitted on January 17, 2016.
- 3 An Expression of Interest (EOI) for the project Evaluation of the Technical and Vocational Training Programmes was submitted to Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP), a multi donor support research organization based in Washington DC. The programme will evaluate the National Technical and Vocational Training Policy and the various programmes being implemented under its umbrella. The submission was made on June 14, 2016.

2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENT AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

2.1 Technical Assistance to the Government of Balochistan

SPDC in collaboration with the Women Development Department (WDD), Government of Balochistan organized a capacity development workshop for the officers of the Government of Balochistan on *Demystifying Gender Responsive Budgeting* at Serena Hotel, Quetta, on July 30-31, 2015.

The objective of the workshop was to develop skills of mid-level and senior officials in reviewing, analyzing and preparing budgets using the gender lens. The workshop was attended by 18 officials from departments of Women Development, Health, Education, Planning & Development and Chief Minister's Policy Reform Unit (CMPRU). The workshop was conducted by Mr. Muhammad Sabir (Principal Economist, SPDC) and Ms Iffat Ara (Principal Economist, SPDC).

2.1 Technical Assistance to the Government of Sindh on 9th NFC Award

- The Government of Sindh formed a technical committee to get technical advice/assistance on issues related to the 9th NFC Award. Mr. Muhammad Sabir represented SPDC in its various meetings and provided input on issues pertaining to vertical distribution of resources. Based on these inputs and those received from other technical members and Sindh Revenue Board, a report on 'Devolved versus Integrated Tax Structure-Evolution of Tax Collection Framework in Pakistan' was compiled.
- 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 9th NFC Award. So far, two meetings of the group have been held.
- SPDC reviewed and gave its feedback on the report 'Resource Mobilization at the Federal and Provincial Level' prepared by the Working Group-I, 9th NFC, Government of Punjab, for submission to the NFC Secretariat.
- SPDC is a member of the technical committee constituted by the Government of Sindh to develop indicators for the forthcoming Provincial Finance Commission (PFC) Award Sindh. Two meetings of this Committee were held with the Additional Finance Secretary, Government of Sindh, in December 2015.

2.3 Technical Assistance to the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan

SPDC conducted a three-day capacity development workshop on *Demystifying Gender Responsive Planning and Budgeting*, organised by the Aga Khan Rural Support

Programme (AKRSP), for officers of the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan. The workshop was held at Serena Hotel, Gilgit, on September 15-17, 2015.

The objective of this exercise was to develop skills of government officials in reviewing, analyzing and preparing plans and budgets, using the gender lens. The workshop was attended by 15 participants from departments of Planning and Development, Local Government and Rural Development (LG&RD), Health, Agriculture and Forestry, Government of Gilgit-Baltistan.

- 2.4** To build the capacity of journalists for effective coverage of *Provincial Budgets*, SPDC conducted a capacity development session just prior to the budget for the staff of Express Tribune (an English Daily) on June 11, 2015. This interactive session successfully addressed various queries and confusions of the participants regarding Provincial Budgets and was attended by ten participants along with the heads of Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa desks.
- 2.5** Mr. Arbab Asfandiyar Khan, Director/Chief Economist, Regional Accounts/GDP Wing Bureau of Statistics, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, visited SPDC on January 5, 2016 with his team to discuss the issues related to estimation of regional GDP. The team included Mr. Haseebullah Khan, Economist, KPK and Mr. Muhammad Farooq, Focal Person, Regional GDP, KPK. They also requested SPDC to provide their feedback/ technical comments on the initial estimates of the regional GDP once these were complete.

3. ENGAGEMENT WITH IDRC

- 3.1** SPDC team led by the Managing Director participated in the 5th South Asia Regional Meeting held in Haryana, India, November 17-19, 2015.
- Dr. Khalida Ghaus chaired a thematic session on '*Climate and Environment*' and represented Pakistan at the opening session on '*Challenges and Opportunities for Think Tanks in South Asia*'.
 - Mr. Asif Iqbal made a presentation on 'Urban and Rural Poverty' at a thematic session on 'Poverty, Development, Inclusion & Public Service Delivery in South Asia'.
 - Mr. Manzoor Memon made a presentation on 'Climate Induced Food Insecurity in Tharparkar' at a session on 'Data Points and Visual Maps'.
- 3.2** Dr. Seema Bhatia Panthaki, Senior Program Officer, TTI-IDRC, visited SPDC from December 7-8, 2015 on an Annual Monitoring visit, where she held detailed meetings

with Mr. Jawed Jabbar and members of SPDC staff. She also visited SPDC Office-Islamabad on December 11, 2015.

- 3.3** Building on Think Tank Initiative's (TTI) experience with evaluation and monitoring during Phase One, an evaluation was commissioned to be simultaneously carried out with Phase Two of the program. For this purpose a sample of thirteen TTI funded think tanks was selected from the region.

Dr. Adam Pain, Consultant, TTI-IDRC, Canada visited SPDC from December 8-10, 2015 and held detailed meeting with members of the staff. The overall purpose of engaging with SPDC as a case study was not to evaluate SPDC, but to evaluate the relationship between the provision of TTI support and the strengthening of SPDC.

- 3.4** A teleconference meeting was held with Dr. Samar Verma, Regional Director and Dr. Seema Bhatia, Programme Manager, TTI-IDRC, New Delhi, on March 18, 2016 to discuss the *Post TTI Scenario for SPDC*.

4. DISSEMINATION, OUTREACH AND NETWORKING

4.1. POLICY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

To enhance outreach and communication with partners and other stakeholders in the federal capital, SPDC operationalised its liaison office in Islamabad. Ms. Rabia Sidat was hired for this purpose. She holds a Masters degree in Comparative Politics (Politics and Markets) from the London School of Economics and Bachelors in Business Administration from IBA Karachi and has 5 years of experience in research focusing on gender, governance and internal migration issues.

Following this initiative, Ms. Gillian Cowell (British Council Global Lead Gender and Inclusion) and Ms. Wajiha Irfan (British Council Pakistan Senior Consultant Business Development) visited SPDC Office-Islamabad on a scoping visit for DFID Gender and Culture of Tolerance Programme, on November 4, 2015. On December 8, 2015, representatives of Citizen Engagement for Social Service Delivery Project (CESSD), a member of Cowater International, Ms. Robina Bangash (CESSD Senior Gender Manager) and Ms. Kanwal Iqbal (CESSD PPM-Health) also visited the Islamabad office to gather information on SPDC's work on gender.

- To enhance networking relations with government and civil society organisations, on March 23-24, 2016, SPDC hosted a meeting on the *Economy of Tomorrow*, an initiative of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Pakistan. The meeting was attended by twelve senior representatives of the government, think tanks, and academia.
- The 13th Annual Review 2014-15 entitled ‘The State of Social Development in Urban Pakistan’ was disseminated in April 2016. A launch event was held at Hotel Avari Towers, Karachi on Wednesday 27th April 2016. Around 150 people from international and local non-governmental organisations, diplomatic community, academia, civil society and the media attended the event. The list of invitees for the dissemination seminar was carefully assembled keeping in view the thematic focus of the Annual Review. Experts in relevant fields such as demography, urban planning, community development and sustainability were invited.

A total of 11 representatives from the print media and 08 from the electronic media were present to cover the event [including Pakistan and Gulf Economist, Business Recorder, The News, Express Tribune, GEO TV, Abb Tak, METRO TV, Hum TV, News One, Sindh TV, FM-96, and FM-103]. A press release was distributed to members of the media immediately after the seminar. The launch received extensive coverage in several prominent English, Urdu and Sindhi language newspapers including: The Express Tribune, Business Recorder, Pakistan Press International, The News, Daily News, Nawai Waqt, Daily Ibrat, Daily Ausaf, and Qaumi Akhbar. To date 484 copies of the report have been disseminated.

- An analytical brief entitled “Key Issues in the State of Economy 2015-16” was prepared and electronically shared with around 160 parliamentarians, media personnel and members of various political parties in June 2016. The report was also uploaded on the SPDC website and has been downloaded 1300 times to date. It was covered in Business Recorder, The Express Tribune, and The News. The analytical brief challenged government’s claims of real GDP growth and subsequently generated a debate and discussion around this issue in the print media by experts in this field.
- SPDC became a member of Local Governance Initiative and Network (LOGIN) Asia, a multi-stakeholder platform that brings together practitioners from 11 countries in South and East Asia working in the field of decentralisation and local governance to connect with one another and learn from knowledge exchange. Recently, Mr. Muhammad Asif Iqbal represented SPDC at a LOGIN learning and experience sharing workshop on Civic Engagement, Accountability and Open Governance in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 29 June – 1 July, 2016. The workshop was hosted by LOGIN in collaboration with the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities and the Institute of Development Studies,

University of Sussex. Experts from civil society, state institutions and local government associations from 12 East and South Asian countries participated in the workshop. There were a total of 41 participants of whom three (3) were from Pakistan. This learning event helped participants explore opportunities for working with new and informal civic and political actors.

- In an attempt to reach out to a wider audience and initiate a dialogue on issues of common interest in the national language, a blog section in Urdu language was set up on the SPDC website. SPDC's mailing list is continuously updated with an inclusion of legislators, government officials, members of the international community, and local and foreign non-governmental organizations. Moreover, the social media tools and website are also updated to share recent news and activities.

4.2 ACTIVITIES RELATED TO OUTREACH

Managing Director

- Speaker on 'Accountability for Sustainability' at the Regional Dialogue on 'Starting Strong: The First 1000 days of the SDGs', organized by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI)-UK, in collaboration with the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals; Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), Sri Lanka; the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA); and Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (Cepei), Colombia, from May 18-19, 2016 held in Colombo-Sri Lanka.
- Discussion lead on the findings of the research paper of SPDC and SDPI entitled 'National Level Implications of Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A Case Study of Pakistan', organized by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI)-UK, in collaboration with the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals; Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), Sri Lanka; the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA); and Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (Cepei), Colombia, from May 18-19, 2016 in held in Colombo-Sri Lanka.
- Spoke on 'Parity in Employment' at a session on 'Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls' at the Istanbul Summit-2016: Reconsidering Gender Equality and Peaceful Societies, held from May 7-8, 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Chaired a session on 'Religious Tolerance and Social Cohesion' at a workshop on 'Creating an Environment that Supports Sectarian and Communal Harmony, Religious

Tolerance, Social Cohesion and Peace in Pakistani Society’, organized by the Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS), April 28, 2016, Karachi.

- Keynote speaker at the International Women’s Day Conference organized by the Employers’ Federation of Pakistan (EFP) in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO) under the theme *Pledge for Parity*, Karachi, March 22, 2016.
- Spoke on *Social Indicators* at the Women’s Day function organized by the MQM Women Parliamentarians and Working Women Wing, Karachi, March 8, 2016.
- Spoke at the International Women’s Day seminar on *Bottlenecks to Women’s Empowerment in Pakistan*, organized by the Pakistan Women’s Foundation for Peace (PWFP), Karachi, March 8, 2016.
- Participated in a meeting of the *Advisory Committee* for the report on the *Status of Women’s Economic Participation and Empowerment in the Humanitarian and Development Context*, organized by the Center of Gender and Policy Studies (CGaPS), Islamabad, February 18, 2016.
- Participated in a virtual meeting of the *Project Steering Committee* of Southern Voice, organized by the Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 15, 2016.
- Guest of honor at a seminar on *Kashmir Day*, organized by the Pakistan Institute of Youth Development (PIYD) in collaboration with the Youth Affairs Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi, February 5, 2016.
- Panelist at the Sindh Provincial Consultation on *Understanding the Social Contract*, organized by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung FES, Karachi, January 24, 2016.
- Participated in a roundtable discussion on *The Role of Media in Promoting Peace and Harmony*, organized by Rumi Forum-USA, Karachi, December 17, 2015.
- Attended a lecture on *50 Years of Population Planning in Pakistan!!! Where Are We Standing?*, APNA Institute of Public Health, Jinnah Sindh Medical University, Karachi, December 12, 2015.
- Panelist at a session on *Use of Evaluation for Decision Making and Policy Influence*, at the Third Evaluation Conclave 2015, co-organised by the Community of Evaluators –

South Asia (CoE-SA) and their partner organizations to celebrate the International Year of Evaluation (EvalYear) in Kathmandu, Nepal, from November 26-27, 2015.

- Attended a meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of the *Enhanced Democratic Accountability and Civic Engagement (Sindh) (DAI-EDACE)*, November 5, 2015, Karachi.
- Attended a meeting of the Advisory Group on *Status of Women's Economic Participation and Empowerment in the Humanitarian and Development Context*, Center of Gender and Policy Studies (CGaPS), Islamabad, October 28, 2015.
- Presentation on *Sexual Harassment in Public Transport and Connected Spaces in Karachi*, at a conference on *Promoting-Inclusive Growth in Central and West Asia*, organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Tbilisi, Georgia, October 6-7, 2015.
- Attended an interactive session with General (Rt.) Pervez Musharraf on *Pakistan's Past, Present and Future*, organised by the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR), Karachi, October 2, 2015.
- Participated in the *14th National Meeting of the Pakistan Policy Group (PPG)*, organized by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Islamabad, September 21-22, 2015.
- Keynote speaker at a conference on *Challenges and Change*, organized by All Pakistan Women Association (APWA), Karachi, September 16, 2015.
- Attended meeting of the *Board of Directors* of Institute for Policy Research (IPR), Lahore, June 23, 2015.
- Participated in a meeting of the Expert Working Group on *Developing Standardized GBV Indicators*, organized by the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW), Karachi, June 5, 2015.

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

- *Mr. Roger M. Kull*, Deputy Head of Mission, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), May 31, 2016, Karachi.

- *Ms. Nameera Ahmed*, Filmmaker, Producer, and Director of documentaries on the themes of women's issues, health, education, social issues, and climate change, May 27, 2016, Karachi.
- *Mr. Shafqat Ali Niazi*, participant of the 19th Senior Management Course from NIM-Karachi met Dr. Khalida Ghaus to discuss a research paper entitled "Role of PILDAT in Policy Making", May 4, 2016, Karachi.
- *Mr. Shazad Rizvi*, Senior Sociologist, SI Global Solutions visited SPDC to discuss Safe City Karachi Project, an initiative of Information, Science and Technology Department, Government of Sindh May 3, 2016, Karachi.
- *Mr. Sait Celik*, Director, Rumi Forum, Karachi, April 8, 2016.
- *Mr. Roger M. Kull*, Deputy Head of Mission, *Ms. Stefanie Burri*, Director of Cooperation and *Mr. Benedikt Hurzeler*, Deputy Director Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) visited SPDC to discuss the possible avenues for collaboration between SPDC and SDC, Karachi, April 4, 2016.
- *Mr. Sait Celik*, Director, Rumi Forum, Karachi, March 29, 2016.
- *Mr. Andrew Turner*, Deputy Head of Mission / Counsellor (Political Affairs), Canadian High Commission, Pakistan, visited SPDC on March 21, 2016 to exchange views on the unfolding political and economic situation in Pakistan.
- *Mr. Najam us Saqib*, Programme Manager-Transparent and Effective State Team, SRO for the Sub-National Governance (SNG) Programme and *Ms. Gemma Stevenson*, Private Sector Development Advisor, DFID Pakistan, Islamabad, January 14, 2016.
- *Mr. Udan Fernando*, Executive Director, Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), Colombo, Sri-Lanka, Karachi, January 3, 2016.
- *Mr. Sait Celik*, Director, Rumi Forum, USA, Karachi, December 23, 2015.
- *Ms. Nina Hal Schjelderup*, Deputy Head of Mission and *Thomas Rem Berdal*, First Secretary (Political Affairs), Norwegian Embassy, Karachi, December 1, 2015.
- *Mr. John A. Tuknott*, British High Commissioner / Director UK Trade & Investment, November 4, 2015, Karachi

- *Dr. Naeem-u-Zafar*, Member Social Sector, Ministry of Planning, Development & Reforms, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, October 26, 2015.
- *Ms. Sahar Gul*, Director, Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Chair (SMBB), University of Karachi, Karachi, October 1, 2015.
- *Mr. Sait Celik*, Director, Rumi Forum, Washington-USA, Karachi, September 30, 2015.
- *H.E Ina Lepel*, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Islamabad, September 21, 2015.
- *Ms. Saadia Khairi*, a member of the World Bank Group Senior Management Team, Karachi, September 9, 2015.
- *Ms. Riffat Masood*, Pakistan Ambassador designate to Norway, Karachi, September 3, 2015.
- *Mr. Farid Aalam*, Deputy Director Programs and *Mr. Saud Bangash*, Team Leader, The Asian Foundation, Islamabad, September 3, 2015.
- *Ms. Bismah Adam*, Programme Coordinator, Enhanced Democratic Accountability & Civic Engagement (EDACE) Programme, Islamabad, August 31, 2015.

Interview

Dr. Khalida Ghaus gave an interview to a team from Aga Khan University for a study on **Violence against Women and Girls in South Asia** currently being carried out in Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan, by the Aga Khan University, May 25, 2016, Karachi.

Mr. Asif Iqbal

- Participated in a workshop on ‘Civic Engagement, Accountability and Open Governance’, organized by Local Governance Initiative and Network (LOGIN), June 29 to July 2, 2016, Sri Lanka.
- Participated as a Guest Speaker at the ‘Post Budget Seminar’, organized by Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, June 14, 2016, Karachi.

- Panelist at the *19th Senior Management Course*, conducted by the National Institute of Management (NIM), Karachi, March 14, 2016.

Mr. Muhammad Sabir

- Presented a paper entitled 'Revisiting Gender Wage Gap in Pakistan: A Tale of Labour Market Discrimination', 25th International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Annual Conference, June 24-26, 2016, National University of Ireland - Galway, Ireland.
- Participated in the meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and the Capacity Development Workshop on Qualitative Research organized by the National University of Ireland from June 26 - 29, 2016 in Galway, Ireland.
- Participated in the 2nd Annual mHealth: Behavioral Science and Mobile Technology Conference, June 16, 2016, National University of Ireland - Galway, Ireland.
- Participated in the 30th Annual Irish Economic Association Conference, May 5-6, 2016, National University of Ireland – Galway, Ireland.
- Presentation on *Costing of Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) in Pakistan*, at the launch of Standardized Indicators on VAW, organized by NCSW, Karachi, December 22, 2015.
- Participated in *Pakistan-India Legislators and Public Officials Dialogue on Sharing of Experiences on Governance and Democrac*, organized by PILDAT, Karachi, October 8, 2015.

Mr. Nadeem Ahmed

- Participated in the *2nd Asia-Pacific Alumni Meeting* of the German Federal Foreign Office in Jakarta, Indonesia from February 28 – March 2, 2016.
- Participated in 2nd *Pakistan Governance Forum*, organized by the Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, December 31, 2015.
- Participated in the *Provincial Consultative Workshop: Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Sindh*, jointly organized by UNDP and Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi, December 21, 2015.

Ms. Iffat Ara

- Participated and gave input in the meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and the Capacity Development Workshop on Qualitative Research organized by the National University of Ireland from June 26 - 29, 2016 in Galway, Ireland.

Ms. Naveed Aamir

- Participated in a consultative dialogue on ‘Hisaar Foundation’s National Water Policy’, organized by Hisaar Foundation, June 2, 2016, Karachi.

Mr. Manzoor Memon

- Participated in a two day consultative workshop on ‘Countering Violent Extremism in Karachi’, organized by the Indus Resource Center (IRC), June 21-22, 2016, Karachi.
- Participated in a workshop on ‘Challenges of Labour Standards Compliance in Pakistan’, organized by the Pakistan Workers Confederation in cooperation with Freidrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), June 24, 2016, Karachi.
- Presented a paper entitled *Economic Diversification, Inclusive Growth and Human Development in South Asia*, at the at the 31st Annual General Meeting and Conference on *Vision 2025: Effective Strategies for Transformational Growth*, organized by Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) and Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, December 16-19, 2015.

Ms. Rabia Sidat

- Represented SPDC at the *First LOGIN Asia Pakistan Platform Meeting – 2016*, organized by LOGIN Pakistan, Islamabad, April 13, 2016.
- Attended a meeting at DFID Pakistan to exchange views and network, Islamabad, January 14, 2016.
- Attended a dissemination seminar on *Internal Migration and Urbanization in Pakistan*, organized by UNFPA, Migration Research Group (Trust) and Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, November 4, 2015.

- Attended the *First Meeting of the Advisory Group on 'Status of Women's Economic Participation and Empowerment in the Humanitarian and Development Context*, organized by CGaPs and NCSW, Islamabad, October 28, 2015.

Ms. Rafea Anis

- Participated in the *2nd Asia-Pacific Alumni Meeting* of the German Federal Foreign Office in Jakarta, Indonesia from February 28 – March 2, 2016.
- Attended *Think Tank Initiative's South Asia Regional Meeting 2015*, Sohna, India, November 17-19, 2015.
- Participated in the *Mid-Term Review Consultations*, of the UN Women Programme in Pakistan, UN-Women, Karachi, September 1, 2015.

4.3 MEMBERPUBLIC/PROFESSIONALCOMMITTEES/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.
- Pakistan Policy Group (PPG) Envisioning Afghanistan Post 2014, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).
- Academic Council, Dadabhoj Institute of Higher Education (DIHE)-Karachi.
- Chair, Research Committee (CRC), Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Chair, University of Karachi.

4.4 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
- Member, Local Governance Initiative and Network (LOGIN) Asia.

4.5 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 (e.g. *Saudi-Iran Clash and Pak-India Development; Rangers' Power Extension in Karachi; Prime Minister Modi's Visit; Basic Education in Sindh and Economy; Debate on Environment, Politics and Sports; Policy Formulation of Youth and Economy; and Pak-Russia Relations and Trade*) for the state and private sector television channels including PTV News, PTV World, 24 TV, Voice of America (VOA), Sindh TV, Metro TV, Abb Tak, and KTN NEWS.
- A member of staff participated in Jang Forum on *NFC Award* held on October 01, 2015; 7th NFC Award at Sindh TV; and Punjab Budget for 2015-16 at Business Plus TV.
- Dr. Khalida Ghaus was interviewed by Radio Europe on **Democracy, Ideology and Political Parties in Pakistan**, Karachi, November 10, 2015. The Managing Director has also been speaking on Radio Pakistan, Radio F.M.-93, VOA, and Europe Urdu Service on social and societal issues such as honour killings etc.

5. CAPACITY BUILDING

1. Ms. Iffat Ara and Mr. Muhammad Sabir attended a one day session on Biographic Narrative Interpretive Method (BNIM) on June 29, 2016 at the National University of Ireland – Galway, Ireland.
2. Mr. Nadeem Ahmed successfully completed the *Climate Change and Sustainable Development* module of the SLE Training 2015, organized by the Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, August 17-29, 2015.

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 joined in September 2015.
2. Ms. Aasiya Kazi got admissions at the Columbia University for a Masters degree in Human Rights Studies. She joined in September 2015.

6. PUBLICATIONS

Annual Review

Social Development in Pakistan: Annual Review 2014-15 (The State of Social Development in Urban Pakistan)

Annual Review No. 13

Hafiz A. Pasha, Khalida Ghaus, Haroon Jamal, Muhammad Asif Iqbal, Muhammad Sabir, Nadeem Ahmed, Zia-ul-Haq Khan, Farooque A. Siddiqui, Naveed Aamir , Tabinda Areeb, Manzoor H. Memon, Rafea Anis, Rabia Sidat and Sumrin Kalia

Journal Articles

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Ali Muhammad, Abiodun Egbetokun and Manzoor Hussain Memon

Pakistan Development Review (Papers and Proceedings), Vol. 54, No. 4, (Part II), pp. 529-549, Winter 2015, Islamabad, Pakistan

2. Gender Inequality in Labour Force Participation: An Empirical Investigation

Muhammad Sabir

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3. Simulating the Impact of Income Distribution on Poverty Reduction

Syed Kalim Hyder, Qazi Masood Ahmed and Haroon Jamal

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Research Reports

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Research Report No. 95

Muhammad Sabir, Iffat Ara, Muhammad Asif Iqbal, Nadeem Ahmed and Naveed Aamir

2. Quantifying Sub-National Human Development Indices from Household Survey Data

Research Report No. 96

Haroon Jamal

3. Citizen's Perceptions of Urban Public Services

Research Report No. 97

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Nadeem Ahmed, The News, July 06, 2015 and July 13, 2015

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Naveed Aamir, The News, July 27, 2015

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Noor-ul-Amin, Jang, Midweek Magazine, August 05, 2015

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Shahrukh Jamal, The News, August 10, 2015

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10. Gender budgeting – a pathway to sustainable development

Rabia Sidat and Rafea Anis, The Express Tribune, June 19, 2016

11. Second Opinion: Resetting India-Pakistan Ties

Dr. Khalida Ghaus, Published on web page of the Jinnah Institute for *Second Opinion*, December 14, 2015. <http://jinnah-institute.org/second-opinion-resetting-india-pakistan-ties/>

7. SPDC IN NEWS

1. Khairpur me Nijjie Tahqiqati Adarie Paran Mosumiyati Tabdeeli jee Anwan Hit Seminar: Seminar Social Policy & Development Centre Paran Kotayo Vew Zilei Entezamiya Civil Society en Shehrien jee Barpur Sherkat
Roznama Ebrat, 29 July, 2015
2. Khairpur ma Mosumiyati Tabdeeli ka Hawaly sa Seminar ka Enaqat: SPDC ka Munaqida Seminar ma Muttaliqa Shoboon sa Wabasta Afrat ki Shirkat
Roznama Dunya, 29 July, 2015

3. Social Policy Development Centre ka Tahat Mosumiyati Tabdeeli par Seminar ka Enaqat: Seminar ma Sindh ka Aafat Zada Zilaun ka Mutalia ka Natayej par Roshani Dali Gaei
Roznama Jang, 29 July, 2015
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Roznama Jeejel, 29 July, 2015
5. SPDC Paran Mosumiyati Tabdeelen Jia Hawale San Hyderabad main Seminar
Roznama Sindh, 04 August, 2015
6. Mulk ma Salab ki Wajah Mosumiyati Tabdeeli ha Comishnar Hyderabad Hakumat our Nijjee Edaroon ko Mushtaraka Kirdar ada Karnai ki Zarurat ha Seminar sa Khetab
Roznama Jang, 04 August, 2015
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Daily Dawn, 04 August, 2015
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Roznama Jang, 05 October, 2015
9. Devolution Sans Development
The News, November 16, 2015
10. Women’s Complete Integration essential: For Sustainable Economic Growth
Business Recorder, March 23, 2016
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Pakistan Press International (PPI), April 28, 2016.
12. Pakistan’s urban economy falls 3.5 percent in last six years
Daily News, April 28, 2016.
13. Pakistan’s urban economy falls 3.5 percent in last six years
The News, April 28, 2016.
14. State of affairs: 41 % of country’s idle youth belong to Sindh

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Daily Qaumi Akhbar, April 28, 2016.

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| GRP Book | 14 |
| Research Reports | 712 |
| Climate Change Project Report | 12 |
| Policy Papers | 26 |
| Conference Papers | 7 |
| Working Papers | 8 |
| Others | 22 |
| Total | 1452 |

10. PUBLICATIONS ACQUIRED

Government Documents & Reports: 103

Journals: 16

Books: 05

11. WEB USAGE REPORT

| | Months | No. of Hits | No. of Downloads |
|------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2015 | July | 24,447 | 3,108 |
| | August | 25,661 | 3,919 |
| | September | 20,998 | 3,344 |
| | October | 22,000 | 2,800 |
| | November | 24,219 | 2,292 |
| | December | 21,684 | 1,825 |
| 2016 | January | 40,818 | 2,780 |
| | February | 50,116 | 3,762 |
| | March | 43,143 | 2,763 |
| | April | 37,989 | 2,631 |
| | May | 70,266 | 3,966 |
| | June | 65,172 | 4,265 |
| | Total | 44,6513 | 37,455 |

12. STAFF STRENGTH

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| Technical Staff | 10 |
| Consultants (Regular/Full Time) | 02 |
| Research Support | 04 |
| Administrative Staff (including drivers and helpers) | 13 |
| Total | 29 |
| Technical Staff | 10 |