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**Progress on the Annual Review & Other Research**

- Research on the Annual Review 2011-12: 'Devolution and Social Development' is underway. Write up of first drafts of chapters has been completed. Report is planned to be finalized by August 2012 and dissemination events will be held in September 2012.
- Research Published: *Four journal articles, four research reports, two conference papers, two policy briefs, one working paper, a book review and fifteen newspaper articles were published.*
- **GENDER RESEARCH PROGRAMME**
  1. **Violence against Women with a Particular Focus on the Cost of VAW: A Case Study of Karachi** – The Research Report has been published and disseminated.
  2. **Gender Aspects of Development Induced Displacement: A Case of Lyari Expressway Karachi** – The Research Report has been published and disseminated. A dissemination seminar for the two GRP studies was held in Karachi on April 3, 2012. The seminar was attended by more than 200 participants and was widely covered by the English, Urdu and Sindhi press.
  3. **Gender Issues in Rural Non-Farm Employment** - Field survey was conducted in eleven districts of Pakistan. The total sample size of the survey was 1,232 households (two respondents a female and a male were interviewed from each household, bringing the total number of respondents to 2,464). The districts were selected from different agro-climatic, cropping zones and geographical areas of Pakistan. Data analysis is underway and report is planned to be finalized by October 2012.
  4. **Socio-Economic Impact of Flood: A Gendered Analysis of District Thatta** - The objective of the study is to analyze the socio-economic bearings of the floods by gender in Thatta -- one of the severely affected districts of Sindh. The study focuses on the effects of the floods on social services, responsibilities of women related to domestic sphere, workplace and community and employment. It involves an analysis of the available empirical information from secondary sources, interviews with key informants and a survey of 500 households. Survey of households is underway and the report is planned to be finalized by October 2012.
- **SOCIAL VULNERABILITY AND CLIMATE CAHNGE (IDRC)**

A research proposal on 'Gender and Social Vulnerability to Climate Change: A Study of Disaster Prone Areas in Sindh' was submitted to IDRC through a competitive bidding process.

The proposal was recommended by international evaluators and has been approved for funding by IDRC. This is a 3-year project with a total cost of Rs. 54 million and will be the first research that SPDC will carry out on environmental issues. It is expected to lay the foundation of integrating environmental issues within SPDC's wider socio-economic agenda. The Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE) will provide a partial funding of Rs. 14 million for this project, whereas, the remaining cost will be covered by IDRC. The project commenced from March 1, 2012. The following activities have been undertaken so far as per work plan:

- Finalization of research team including consultants
- Workshop on Social Vulnerability Assessment Framework for research staff
- Initial meetings with potential partner organizations
- Inception Workshop

## Other Research Projects

- Third-party Monitoring of Survey and Intervention Implementation Rural Sindh, Pakistan: It is a World Bank's project and involves field-based monitoring of survey data collection and education intervention implementation in rural communities in Sindh. This field-based monitoring constitutes an external system of quality control on survey administration and intervention administration undertaken by another firm. The project started in April 2012. Work on the first phase is underway.
- 'Round-II of Ex-post Third Party Validation Exercise of the Government of Sindh's Teacher Recruitment Initiative', World Bank. Initial work was completed last year. However, field work could not be started due to a delay in the recruitment process on part of the government of Sindh.
- Capacity Building of Research Staff of Al-Ebrahim Eye Hospital (assignment funded by Sight Savers International). The assignment was to develop research capacity of the staff of the hospital and to initiate a series of research reports based on data available with them. Based on this data two research reports will be prepared by SPDC. Draft of the first research report on 'Blindness and Poverty: A Case Study of Memom Goth Karachi' is complete while work on the second report is underway.
- 'Third Party Validation - Rapid Flood Damage Survey of Government Schools in Sindh', World Bank. The project has been completed.
- 'Third Party Validation of 27 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)', Government of Sindh (GOS). The final report has been submitted to the Government of Sindh.

## Research Proposals Submitted

- A proposal on 'Institutional Assessment of Social Welfare Department through Common Assessment Framework' was submitted to UNICEF.

## Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

### Dr. Khalida Ghaus

- Participated in a Policy Dialogue on “Monitoring the Implementation of MDG 5 in Pakistan”, Organized by Shirkatgah, June 13, 2012, Karachi.
- Neemrana Dialogue, Lead Speaker on International Developments and Jamu & Kashmir situation & Education, May 19-23, 2012, New Delhi, India
- Participated and spoke in Inception Workshop: Climate Change Adaptation, Water and Food Security in Pakistan, organized by PIDE, May 25-27, 2012, Islamabad
- Participated in 4<sup>th</sup> MGG Partners Workshop organized by German Development Institute and GIZ, April 18-20, Bonn, Germany. Also made a presentation on ‘Conflict, Fragility and LDCs.’
- Spoke on ‘Women’s Rights in Pakistan’, at the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, US Consulate, Karachi, November 30, 2011.
- Spoke on ‘Education and Security’, 3<sup>rd</sup> National Human Resource Development (HRD) Convention, Newport Institute, Karachi, November 26, 2011.
- Spoke on ‘Islam and European Democracy’, International Seminar on ‘Islam in Europe’, Area Study Center for Europe, University of Karachi, Karachi, November 17, 2011.
- Chaired the session on ‘Role of Non-State Actors in the Development and Democracy in South Asia: Recent Trends’, 4<sup>th</sup> South Asia Economic Summit, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka-Bangladesh, October 22-23, 2011.
- Participated in the Round Table Forum on ‘Sustainable Development for Sustainable Peace’, Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO), Karachi, September 26, 2011.
- Gave a lecture on ‘Emergence of NSG and its Implications for Social Development’, Command and Leadership Programme Cadre 2011, 25 Mechanized Division, Pakistan Army, Karachi, September 15, 2011.
- Gave a presentation on ‘Social Impact of the Security Crisis’, at a panel discussion on ‘Socio-Political and Economic Impact of WOT on Pakistan’, National Security & War Course – 2011/12, National Defence University (NDU), Islamabad, September 13, 2011.

**Mr. Haroon Jamal** presented a paper entitled ‘Assessing Poverty with Non-Income Deprivation Indicators’, at the Annual General Meeting and Conference, Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE), Islamabad, December 13-15, 2011.

### Mr. Asif Iqbal

- Participated in Inception Workshop: Climate Change Adaptation, Water and Food Security in Pakistan, organized by PIDE, May 25-27, 2012, Islamabad
- Participated in the workshop on Result Based Management organized by Norwegian Embassy for its partner organizations, Islamabad, April 25, 2012
- Participated in 4<sup>th</sup> MGG Partners Workshop organized by German Development Institute and GIZ, April 18-20, Bonn, Germany
- Participated in the workshop on Human Opportunities and Decentralization, organized by IPP and World Bank, Lahore, January 28, 2012
- Attended the 4<sup>th</sup> South Asia Economic Summit, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh, October 21-24, 2011.

#### **Mr. Muhammad Sabir**

- Participated as a panelist in the launch of Balochistan MDGs Report 2011 held on May 21, 2012 at Serena Hotel, Quetta
- Participated in a validation workshop on “Gender-Responsive Economic Policy Management Initiative in Asia and the Pacific (GEPMI-AP)” co-organized by UNDP and the Korean Institute for Gender Equality Promotion and Education (KIGEPE) held in Seoul, South Korea on May 08 – 10, 2012
- Participated as an external examiner in the assessment process for Health Economics Management (HEM) class of 2012, Health Services Academy, March 2, 2012, Islamabad.
- Presented a paper entitled ‘Progressivity in Public Spending on Health: An Investigation through Gender Lens’, at a seminar on ‘Health Economics and Health Care Financing’, Pakistan Health Economics Network (PHEN), Islamabad, November 16, 2011.
- Conducted a training workshop on ‘Gender Responsive Budgeting’ for Government Officers of Government of Balochistan, Quetta, August 18 to 19, 2011.

#### **Ms. Iffat Ara**

- Delivered a presentation on “Provincial Budget: Role of Women Legislators in Budget Making Process” organised by Legislative Watch Programme for Women Empowerment (LWP-WE) of Aurat Foundation, Karachi on 17 May 2012, Karachi
- Attended the ‘National Consultation Workshop on Gender Statistics in Pakistan’, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Islamabad, February 10, 2012.
- Presented a paper entitled ‘Pak-India Trade in Textile and Clothing: Opportunities and Challenges’, at the Conference on ‘The Situation in South Asia: Global and Regional Implications’, SZABIST, Karachi, November 12, 2011.

### **The Managing Director’s meetings and her input/feedback on various issues improved networking relationships**

- Mr. Ross Hynes and Mrs. Vanessa Hynes, High Commissioner, Canadian High Commission, Karachi, November 21, 2011.
- Ambassador (Rtd.) Dennis Kux, Senior Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, Washington DC, and Co-Executive Director, Council on Foreign Relations, Karachi, November 19, 2011.
- Mr. Azhar Saeed, Chief of Party and Javaid Hasan, Deputy Chief of Party, ASP-AiD, Karachi, November 16, 2011.
- Mr. Tim Linder King, Director of Pakistan Affairs at the US Department of State, Karachi, October 18, 2011.
- Mr. Abdenor Brahmi, Regional Financial Counselor, Embassy of France, Karachi, October 10, 2011.
- Mr. Farooq Ahmed Siddiqui, Deputy Secretary, Government of Sindh, Karachi, September 26, 2011.
- Ms. Stephanie Nolen, Bureau Chief, South Asia, The Globe and Mail, Karachi, September 22, 2011.
- Mr. Sohail Abbasi, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF-Islamabad, Karachi, September 14, 2011.
- Mr. Mustafa Kamal, former City Nazim Karachi, Karachi, February 7, 2012.

## Capacity-Building of Staff

**Mr. Nadeem Ahmed** successfully completed the 'Managing Global Governance Course 2011-Advanced Training & Dialogue Course for Young Professionals from Emerging Powers'. This is a six-month training programme, including study tours to Geneva and Brussels, organized by the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany (BMZ) in collaboration with InWent, GIZ, and DIE, Germany. Full scholarship was provided to participants. SPDC is part of the Managing Global Governance (MGG) Programme of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) which provides exchange and learning opportunities for participants from emerging powers on the challenges of creating a sustainable, equitable and effective global governance architecture.

### **Mr. Muhammad Sabir**

- Training Workshop on 'Understanding the Economic Contribution of Women and Men: Time-Use Data Collection and Analysis for Policymaking', organized by International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFE) and International Association for Time Use Research (IATUR), Beijing, China, June 29-July 1, 2011.
- Training of Trainers Workshop on 'Gender and Economic Policy Management', organized by UNDP in collaboration with Korean Institute on Gender Equality Promotion and Education (KIGEPE), Seoul, South Korea, October 26-30, 2011.

### **Ms. Iffat Ara**

- Training Workshop on 'Understanding the Economic Contribution of Women and Men: Time-Use Data Collection and Analysis for Policymaking', organized by International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) and International Association for Time Use Research (IATUR), Beijing, China, June 29-July 1, 2011.
- Training of Trainers Workshop on 'Gender and Economic Policy Management', organized by UNDP in collaboration with Korean Institute on Gender Equality Promotion and Education (KIGEPE), Seoul, South Korea, October 26-30, 2011.

### **Ms. Naveed Aamir**

- Seminar on 'Leadership for Reproductive Health Paradigm, organized by LEAD- Pakistan, Karachi, November 14, 2011.
- Workshop on 'Maternal and Newborn Health Programme', organized by British Council and Research and Advocacy Fund (RAF), Karachi, September 2011.

### **Ms. Tahira Lubna**

- 'MAX Google Interactive Workshop for the Librarian', DHA Central Library, Karachi, March 12, 2011.
- Workshop on 'Library & Information Management', organized by the Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Centre (PASTIC), University of Karachi, Karachi, April 19-21, 2011.

Additionally, Ms. Nikhat Sattar holds meetings with the younger members of the staff on research writing and communication skills. These meetings have evolved into a capacity building forum and the group meets every few weeks to share their own research through presentations. Learning and development is reinforced through group critiques of presentations and direct feedback from Ms. Sattar. In addition to effective communication strategies that members can utilize for their personal and professional growth, Ms. Sattar also suggests research-specific written assignments. Policy briefs of the Annual Reviews, 'Women at Work' and 'Social Impact of the Security Crisis' have already been published. A synopsis of all the previous Annual Reviews has been written and compiled as a compendium which will be soon printed.

## Member Committees/Task Forces/Working Groups

- National Coordination Committee (NCC) to Implement SAARC Social Charter
- Working Group on Medium Term Macroeconomic Framework for the Next Five Year Plan, Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan
- Task Force on Sindh Revenue Services
- Planning and Co-ordination Group to Implement Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (Phase-II), Planning and Development Department, Government of Sindh
- Pre-STEP Research Advisory Council, Pre-STEP Organization, Islamabad
- National Policy Advisory Group on Strengthening Federalism in Pakistan, Centre for Civic Education Pakistan
- Executive Committee, Media Women Publishers and Journalist Organization (MWPJO)

## Member/Partner Networks

- Member, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Advisory Group
- Member, South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI)
- Member, Governance Institutes Network International (GINI) Governance Curriculum & Executive Education Network
- Member, GINI Network on Collaborative Research on South Asia Taxation Systems
- Partner, Managing Global Governance (MGG) Programme. A programme of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- Member, Board of Directors of Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN)
- Member, Steering Committee of Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN)

## Internships Offered

The Centre offered internships to students from national universities and provided access to its library and allowed use of its facilities to research scholars, including those working on Ph.D. Internships were offered to the following:

1. **Mr. M. Ehsan Nazim**, a student of ACCA, College of Accounting and Management Sciences (CAMS), Karachi.
2. **Ms. Saba Shehzad**, a student of B. Com part-II, University of Karachi, Karachi.
3. **Mr. Rameez Mohsin**, a student of B.S. Honors, Department of Social Work, University of Sargodha, Sargodha.
4. **Mr. Nabilur Rehman**, a student of BS(CS), Usman Institute of Technology, Karachi.

## Staff Participation/Coverage on the Electronic Media

Dr. Khalida Ghaus participated as a guest in various current affairs programmes, on issues of gender, development and international/national affairs, for state and private sector television channels such as INDUS TV, PTV, Business Plus, Sindh TV, News One, CNBC and ARY News. Mr. Muhammad Sabir also participated in a programme on Business Plus, ARY and KNT News.



## List of Publications

### Research Reports

1. Violence against Women with a Particular Focus on the Cost of VAW: A Case Study of Karachi; GRP Research Report No. 5
2. Gender Aspects of Development Induced Displacement: A Case of Lyari Expressway Karachi; GRP Research Report No. 6
3. District's Indices of Multiple Deprivations for Pakistan 2011; Research Report 82
4. An Exploratory Analysis of Inter-Temporal Multi-dimensional Poverty; Research Report 83

### Journal Articles

1. **The Impact of Trade and Financial-Openness on Government Size: A Case Study of Pakistan**  
Article No. 121  
*Muhammad Shahbaz, Hafeez ur Rehman and Naveed Aamir*  
Journal of Quality and Technology Management, Institute of Quality & Technology Management, University of Punjab, Vol. VI, Issue 1, June, 2010, pp. 105-118, Pakistan
2. **Urbanization and Poverty Reduction: A Case Study of Pakistan**  
Article No. 122  
*Muhammad Shahbaz, Naveed Aamir and Muhammad Shahbaz Shabir*  
The IUP Journal of Infrastructure, Vol. VIII, No. 4, December 2010, pp. 23-37, Hyderabad, India
3. **Financial Implications of 7<sup>th</sup> NFC Award and the Impact on Social Services**  
Article No. 123  
*Muhammad Sabir*  
Pakistan Development Review (Papers and Proceedings), Vol. 49, No. 4, (Part II), pp. 387-403, December 2010, Islamabad, Pakistan
4. **Decentralization of GST Services and Vertical Imbalances in Pakistan**  
Article No. 124  
*Muhammad Sabir and Iffat Ara*  
Pakistan Development Review (Papers and Proceedings), Vol. 49, No. 4, (Part II), pp. 479-495, December 2010, Islamabad, Pakistan

### Conference Papers

1. **Neo-Liberal Governance and Poverty in Pakistan**  
Conference Paper No.62; *Nadeem Ahmed and Ayesha Khan*
2. **Challenges and Responses for Democracy and Security: Pakistan's Perspective**  
Conference Paper No.63; *Khalida Ghaus*

### Working Paper

1. **Has Civil Society Failed in Pakistan?**  
Working Paper No. 06; *Nikhat Sattar*

### Policy Briefs

1. **Women at Work - Annual Review of Social Development in Pakistan 2007-08**  
Policy Brief No.01; *Samar Zuberi*
2. **Social Impact of the Security Crisis - Annual Review of Social Development in Pakistan 2009-10**

## Articles in Newspapers

1. **Tijarti Woosat Pazeeri: Women Work Force Per Asaraat Mehdoon Kiyun?**  
*Iffat Ara and Naeema Kazmi*; Jang, Midweek, August 10, 2011
2. **Federal Budget FY12: Unpleasant Arithmetic**  
*Muhammad Sabir*; Business Recorder, Fiscal Review 2011, August 25, 2011
3. **Punjab Compromising on Social Development**  
*Muhammad Sabir and Naveed Amir*; Business Recorder, Fiscal Review 2011, August 25, 2011
4. **Is Sindh Budget Surplus A Mirage?**  
*Iffat Ara*; Business Recorder, Fiscal Review 2011, August 25, 2011
5. **KP Budget: ILL-Defined Priorities**  
*Muhammad Sabir and Mehak Ejaz*; Business Recorder, Fiscal Review 2011, August 25, 2011
6. **Balochistan Ignores Social Development**  
*Rabia Sidat*; Business Recorder, Fiscal Review 2011, August 25, 2011
7. **The Wretched of Sindh**  
*Asgar Soomro*; Daily Times, September 21, 2011
8. **Dolti Maeeshyat Per Aik Aur Kaari Zarb**  
*Naeema Kazmi*; Jang, Midweek, September 28, 2011
9. **Primary Sattah per Sanfi Adam Masawat ki Booland Sharah**  
*Muhammad Sabir and Naeema Kazmi*; Jang, Midweek, October 12, 2011
10. **Chamre ki Sanath - Eid ul Azha.....Mazhab Tehwaar**  
*Naeema Kazmi*; Jang, Midweek, November 02, 2011
11. **The Decline in Sindh**  
*Asgar Soomro*; Dawn, December 20, 2011
12. **Muashi Istehkam ke Raaste Masdoon.....Siyasi Azadi Mazboot Maeeshiyat Ke Bagair Namumkin Hai**  
*Naeema Kazmi*; Jang Midweek, January 11, 2012
13. **Sindh maen Thiyal Taleemi Tabahi Aeen Imdadi Idaran Joon Tarjihaat**  
*Asgar Soomro*; Rozana Kawish, Hyderabad, January 24, 2012
14. **Looking Back in Terror**  
*Rabia Sidat*; The News, Political Economy, February 12, 2012
15. **Poverty of the Budget**  
*Nadeem Ahmed*; The News, Money Matters, May 28, 2012

**Book Review: The Power of Panchayats - Rafea Anis**; Newslite, November 2011

## Citations of SPDC Research in Journal & Other Publications

### Journals/Books

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2. Khalil Ahmad and Ammara Riaz (2011), "An Econometric Model of Poverty in Pakistan: ARDL Approach to co-integration" published in the Asian Journal of Business and Management Sciences Vol. 1 No. 3 [75-84]
3. Awan, Masood Sarwar; Malik, Nouman; Sarwar, Haroon and Waqas, Muhammad (2011), "Impact of education on poverty reduction". Published in: International Journal of Academic Research, Vol. 3, No. 1 (2011): pp. 659-664
4. Masood Sarwar Awan and Nasir Iqbal (2010), "Determinants of Urban Poverty: The Case of Medium Sized City in Pakistan" published in PIDE  
<http://72.9.146.122/pdf/Working%20Paper/>
5. Masood Sarwar Awan, Nasir Iqbal and Muhammad Waqas (2011), "The Impact of Human Capital on Urban Poverty: The Case of Sargodha City" published in the Journal of Sustainable Development in Vol 4, No 1 (2011)
6. Monal Abdel-Baki "The Efficacy of the Egyptian Bank Reform Plan in Mitigating the Impact of the Global Financial Crises" \_ Springer Science 2011
7. Rahman, Mohammad Mafizur & Shahbaz, Muhammad, 2011. "Do Imports and Foreign Capital Inflows Lead Economic Growth? Cointegration and Causality Analysis in Pakistan," MPRA Paper 29805, University Library of Munich, Germany, revised 24 Mar 2011. [Downloadable!]
8. Muhammad, Shahbaz & Qazi, Muhammad Adnan Hye & Muhammad, Shahbaz Shabbir, 2011. "Does Corruption Increase Financial Development? A Time Series Analysis in Pakistan," MPRA Paper 29640, University Library of Munich, Germany, revised 10 Mar 2011. [Downloadable!]
9. Shahbaz, Muhammad & Islam, Faridul, 2011. "Financial Development and Income Inequality in Pakistan: An application of ARDL approach," MPRA Paper 28222, University Library of Munich, Germany. [Downloadable]
10. Tang, Chor Foon & Shahbaz, Muhammad, 2011. "Revisiting the Electricity Consumption-Growth Nexus for Portugal: Evidence from a Multivariate Framework Analysis," MPRA Paper 28393, University Library of Munich, Germany. [Downloadable!]
11. Muhammad, Shahbaz & Faridul, Islam & Muhammad Sabihuddin, Butt, 2011. "Financial Development, Energy Consumption and CO2 Emissions: Evidence from ARDL Approach for Pakistan," MPRA Paper 30138, University Library of Munich, Germany, revised 07 Apr 2011. [Downloadable]
12. M. Shahbaz, A. Iqbal and M.S.Butt, 2011 "Testing Causality between Human Development and Economic Growth: a Panel Data Approach" published in International Journal of Education Economics and Development, Volume 2, No.1/2011
13. Sofia Anwar, Ghulam Shabir and Zakir Hussain (2011), "Relationship between Financial Sector Development and Sustainable Economic Development: Time Series Analysis from Pakistan" published in [www.ccsenet.org/ijef](http://www.ccsenet.org/ijef) International Journal of Economics and Finance Vol. 3, No. 1; February 2011
14. Stephen Asante, Daniel Agyapong and Anokye M. Adam (2011), "Bank Competition, Stock Market and Economic Growth in Ghana" published in International Journal of Business Administration Vol. 2, No. 4; November 2011 [www.sciedu.ca/ijba](http://www.sciedu.ca/ijba)
15. Tichaona Zivengwa, Joseph Mashika, Fanwell K Bokosi and Tendai Makova (2011), "Stock Market Development and Economic Growth in Zimbabwe" published in International Journal of Economics and Finance, Vol. 3, No. 5; October 2011

## Reports/Working Papers

16. Abid Burki et al (2011), "Industrial Policy and its Spatial Aspects and Cluster Development in Pakistan", LUMS, May 2011
17. Abid Burki.(2011), "Exploring the Links between Inequality, Polarization and Poverty: Empirical Evidence from Pakistan", SANEI Working Paper Series No.11-04, South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes, Dhaka
18. Nazish Brohi 2011, "Effects of 2010 Floods on Women in Pakistan: A Scoping Study" by Aurat Foundation's Gender Equity Program
19. Mysbah Balagamwala and Haris Gazdar "Strategic Engagement Abroad and Labor Non-Markets at Home: Globalization and Employment in Pakistan" Collective for Social Science Research-Pakistan, January 2011

### SPDC in the News

- Social Development in Pakistan: 2009-10, Daily *Evening News*, August 4, 2011
- Need Stressed for Women's Economic Empowerment, Daily *Dawn*, April 4, 2012
- SPDC launches studies on displacement, violence against women, Daily *Business Recorder*, April 4, 2012
- Urdu Daily *Nai Baat*, April 4, 2012
- Sindhi Daily *Ibrat*, April 4, 2012
- For development, women displaced, dispossessed, devastated, Daily *Pakistan Today*, April 4, 2012
- Young women are safer in their parents' homes, Karachi study finds, Daily *The Express Tribune*, April 3, 2012

### SPDC Publications Distributed

SDIPs: 115 copies                      GRP Research Reports: 1198  
 Research Reports: 10 copies        Policy Briefs: 875  
 Other Publications: 20 copies

### Publications Acquired

Books/Reports: 77  
 Statistical Reports & Government Documents: 75  
 Journals: 09

### Information System Unit

The SPDC website is regularly updated and all publications are made available for free download. Additionally, SPDC has also been linked to social networking websites such as Facebook and Youtube. GRP Reports and videos of SPDC dissemination events are available on these websites. New improved equipment was purchased, and the exchange server was reconfigured and updated for smooth functioning. During the period from July 2011 to March 2012, the total number of hits on SPDC website were 314,154, and the number of downloads was 32,311.

Web Usage Report: July 2011 to June 2012		
Months	Total Hits	Total Downloads
July	29,150	2,504

August	24,268	2,577
September	24,838	2,623
October	25,871	2,611
November	28,814	2,835
December	25,963	2,564
January	25,085	2,470
February	28,314	2,771
March	30,590	3,305
April	31,436	3,462
May	28,518	3,290
June (till 12 <sup>th</sup> )	11,307	1,299
<b>Total</b>	<b>314,154</b>	<b>32,311</b>

### SPDC Staff Strength

<b>Technical Staff</b> -----	<b>12</b>
<i>IDRC</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>GRP</i>	<i>4</i>
<b>Administrative Staff (including drivers/peons)</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Consultants</b> -----	<b>6</b>
<i>Regular/Full Time</i>	
<i>Mr. Haroon Jamal, Poverty Unit</i>	
<i>Ms. Tehmina Zaib, Publication Unit</i>	
<i>Mr. Asghar Soomro, Communication &amp; Outreach</i>	
<i>Ms. Aasiya Kazi, Gender Unit</i>	
 <i>Part Time</i>	
<i>Dr. Aisha Ghaus Pasha</i>	
<i>Ms. Nikhat Sattar</i>	
<b>Total Staff Strength</b>	<b>36</b>