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This report covers the period July 2013 to June 2014 and gives an account of research and other activities undertaken during this time-frame.

During this period, SPDC undertook a strategic planning exercise to develop a vision and plan for the future. For this purpose an external consultant was hired and a draft strategic plan has been prepared.

1. RESEARCH POLICY AND ANALYSIS

The research outputs completed during this period include *two research reports, one working paper, 09 newspaper articles and an op-ed piece*. A list of research outputs is provided in **Section 5**. Additionally, to assess the gender sensitivity of SPDC as an organization and its research, report on **Gender in SPDC Research** has been prepared.

On request of UNDP, SPDC also prepared a background paper on '**Democracy and Inclusive Development: Achieving MDGs**' for the Speaker of the National Assembly to participate in the 7th SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians Conference held in Maldives in December 2013.

1.1 ANNUAL REVIEW OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PAKISTAN

The theme for the forthcoming Annual Review is **the State of Social Development in Rural Areas of Pakistan**. Final round of editing has been completed. The report is planned to be launched in August 2014.

1.2 POLICY BRIEFS

Work on four policy briefs is in progress. These are:

1. Local Government Laws of the Four Provinces
Hafiz A. Pasha and Asif Iqbal
2. Social Protection Programs in Pakistan
Hafiz A. Pasha and Iffat Ara
3. The Privatization Program
Hafiz A. Pasha and Nadeem Ahmed
4. Agenda for 8th NFC
Hafiz A. Pasha and Muhammad Sabir

Two of them will be shared/launched in Lahore and two in Islamabad under SPDC's Inter-active discussion series.

1.3 GENDER RESEARCH PROGRAMME

- i) *A study on the Working and Living Conditions of Female Domestic Workers in Pakistan* was initiated. Based on a survey of 250 respondents in Karachi and Lahore, the research undertakes a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the socio-economic profile of domestic female workers. It highlights the existing challenges/problems faced by these women and factors that determine their wages. It will be launched in the last week of June in Karachi.
- ii) *A study of Socio-Economic Characteristics of Female Headed Households in Pakistan: Round-2* was initiated. This study undertakes a comparative analysis of overall well being of the female headed households (changes in socio-economic conditions of women at the household level, changes in the level of female empowerment, improvement/deterioration in their decision-making and intra household extent of discrimination between male and female child) with the help of indicators collected in Round 1. In addition to a comparative analysis of some key variables, it also looks at the availability of social protection mechanisms for female headed households in Pakistan.

Based on household survey of 1600 households in 13 districts of Pakistan (Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Nowshera, Karachi, Khairpur, Quetta, Jehlum, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Haripur) the study is in its final stages of finalisation and will be launched in Karachi in the last week of June.

- iii) **Book:** A book 'Compendium of Gender Studies' based on all the research reports produced under the Gender Research Programme (GRP) has been completed and will be launched in Islamabad on June 17th 2014.
- iv) **South Asian Regional Conference on Women, Work and Poverty, Islamabad, 17-18 April, 2014**

Under the Gender Research Programme of SPDC, a two-day South Asian Regional Conference on the theme of **Women, Work and Poverty** was held in Islamabad on 17th and 18th of April. The speakers invited were from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Afghanistan and from within Pakistan. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms was the Chief Guest whereas, H.E. Cecilie Landsverk, Ambassador, Royal Norwegian Embassy-Islamabad was the Guest of Honor.

The discussion that followed was of a high quality and 288 people attended the conference on day-1, whereas, the number of participants on day-2 was 150. The conference was well represented by bureaucracy (including that of KPK), academicians, activists, policy influencers, representatives of the diplomatic community, think tanks, media, policy planners, teaching institutes, NGOs and many more. Following are some of the government departments that were represented: Planning Commission of Pakistan;

Zakat, Ushr, Social Welfare, Special Education & Women Empowerment Department (KPK); Cabinet Secretariat, Climate Change Division, Government of Pakistan; Bureau of Statistics, Planning & Development Department (KPK); Ministry of Law, Justice & Human Rights, Islamabad; Federal Board of Revenue (FBR); Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry; and National Commission on the Status of Women.

Despite Easter holidays, a number of people from the donor community and embassies were present. These included participants from: Action Aid-Pakistan; Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); The Asia Foundation; Asian Development Bank (ADB); International Labour Organization (ILO), Pakistan; Friedrich Naumann Stiftung-Germany; World Bank (WB); DFID-Pakistan; CIDA-Canada; United States Embassy-Pakistan; Embassy of Denmark-Pakistan; Embassy of France-Pakistan; Embassy of Japan-Pakistan; Royal Norwegian Embassy-Pakistan.

On both days, the event was extensively covered by the English and Urdu print media - which can be accessed on the following links. These include the Express Tribune, The Frontier Post, Pakistan Observer, The Statesman, Daily Times, Business Recorder, Roznama Sarkar, Roznama Duniya, Roznama Baat, Roznama Jinnah, Roznama Insaaf, Roznama Pardes, Roznama AUSAAF, and Jahan Pakistan.

PTV also aired a 25 minute documentary based on all seven sessions of the conference.

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

The research project on ‘Gender and Social Vulnerability to Climate Change: A Study of Disaster Prone Areas in Sindh’, funded by IDRC-Canada and RNE-Islamabad, looks into the gender dimensions of socio-economic vulnerability to climate change among rural communities of disaster prone areas in Sindh. It aims to assess the adaptive capacity of men and women at community level and the social capital available; formulate gender specific policy recommendations for inclusion in disaster management and climate change adaptation strategies and plans; and build awareness and understanding among stakeholders including communities, civil society, media, academia, government and international development partners.

Climate Change Adaptation, Water and Food Security in Pakistan (CCW) Project consists of three partner organizations namely SPDC, PIDE and LUMS-WWF.

Field Survey for Primary Data Collection

For household survey conducted in each district, two adult members from each household (one female and one male) were interviewed (one of them include head of the household).

Additionally, prior to the household survey, a preliminary community profiling for each village was also conducted.

- **District Dadu:** Household survey was completed. Altogether 17 villages were selected with a sample size of 350 households. In all 32 focus group discussions (16 for males and 16 for females), were completed.
- **District Tharparkar:** Household survey in district Tharparkar has been completed. A total of 15 villages with a sample size of 307 households were selected for the survey. A total of 30 focus group discussions were conducted (15 for males and 15 for females).
- **District Badin:** Household survey in district Badin was completed. Altogether 15 villages were selected for the survey. The total sample size was 301 households. A total of 30 focus group discussions, 15 for males and 15 for females will be completed in June 2014.
 - Software program for data entry of household survey was developed and data entry for districts Dadu and Badin has been completed.
 - Ms. Meher Nawsherwani, a Sociologist has been hired as a consultant to work on the qualitative analysis of focus group discussions (FGDs).

Secondary Data Collection:

Secondary data collection from various government departments is an on-going activity. Relevant publications from the Sindh Bureau of Statistics, Planning and Development Department, Government of Sindh and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Government of Pakistan have been acquired. The publications provide some district-wise data on various socio-economic variables. Relevant data from Pakistan Meteorological Department, Government of Pakistan on climate variability has also been acquired.

Capacity Building of Research Staff:

The project also aspires to contribute in broadening existing expertise of SPDC staff mainly by working towards the formulation of the conceptual framework of social and climate vulnerabilities, incorporating gender aspects, interactions with experts, and conducting analysis.

Short-term training courses/workshops: Mr. Manzoor Memon, was sent on a short term training on “Building Resilient Communities: Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR)” organized by the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), Philippines. The training was conducted from July 2 – 11, 2013 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The course mainly focused on Community-Managed Disaster Risk Reduction

(CMDRR) framework which establishes the relationship between disaster and development.

Two members of SPDC team participated in a three-day regional climate change workshop organised by WWF in collaboration with Global Climate Adaptation Partnership (GCAP), UK. The workshop was held on December 10-12, 2013 in Karachi, which was attended by associates from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Iran and Pakistan.

Training of enumerators for conducting field research/survey:

- A three-day training workshop for field enumerators to conduct household survey was held on April 1-13, 2013 in Dadu. Participants were given training on overall methodology with particular focus on household questionnaire. The training also included field testing of the questionnaires. Total participants included 8 males and 13 females. The participants were mostly university graduates with some experience of field work and community mobilization.
- One-day training session was held for field enumerators to conduct a preliminary community survey in district Badin. The training was held on August 31, 2013 at SPDC office in Karachi. Altogether, 2 males and 2 females were trained.
- A two-day training session on September 19-20, 2013 was held in Dadu for conducting focus group discussions. Altogether, 4 males and 5 females were trained.
- A three-day training workshop for field enumerators to conduct household survey was held on September 24-26, 2013 in Badin. Participants were given training on overall methodology with particular focus on household questionnaire. The training also included field testing of the questionnaires. Total participants included 10 males and 9 females.
- A two-day training of enumerators to conduct household survey in District Tharparkar was held on March 28-29, 2014. The participants were given training on overall methodology with particular focus on household questionnaire. The training also included field testing of the questionnaires. Total participants included 10 females and 16 males.
- A one-day training session for focus group moderators and facilitators for District Tharparkar was held in Karachi on May 12, 2014. Altogether 6 males and 6 females were trained.

Mid-Term Review Workshop Hosted by SPDC in Karachi:

SPDC hosted a two day mid-term review workshop on ‘Climate Change Adaptation, Water and Food Security’ in Karachi from December 15-16, 2013. The aim of this workshop was to bring together Pakistan based partners, SPDC, PIDE and LUMS-WWF

to discuss progress on their respective studies. They shared preliminary findings; identified challenges and constraints along with possible solutions; and discussed the communications and dissemination strategy for the project.

Mr. Javed Jabbar was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session, attended by around 70 participants, consisting of government officials, environmentalists, researchers and educators, whereas, around thirty experts from all over Pakistan participated in the workshop.

The workshop included informal meetings during which each organisation made presentations on their project background, research aims, outputs and challenges. A mid-term review report based on the two-day activities of the meeting has been prepared.

Based on the observations of SPDC's field survey, three newspaper articles were published in local Sindhi newspapers by our enumerators.

1. Johi Taluka ain Taareekhi Pase-Manzar
Mohram Ali Channa, Daily Hilal Pakistan, July 2, 2013
The same article was also published in Sindh Sujag on same date
2. Mahroomiat
Gulshad Kalhor, Daily Jeejal, December 14, 2013
3. Dadu Zila Main Taleem Ji Tabahi Ain Upa
Bushra Memon, Daily Sindh Express, December 15, 2013

1.5 CONTRACT RESEARCH

- *Third Party Monitoring of CSO Partner Activities under Community Development Programme of Government of Sindh*: The study is based on the monitoring of 27 community development schemes across 18 districts of Sindh. These schemes were initiated by the Community Development Department, Government of Sindh. The Post Compliance Report for the project has been submitted by SPDC. **(Total Amount: Rs. 6.4 million, Received Rs. 5.44 million)**
- SPDC was contacted by the Asian Development Bank to undertake a study on '*Rapid Assessment of Sexual Harassment in Public Transport and Connected Spaces in Karachi, Pakistan*'. The study looks into the sexual harassment issues in planning and operations of public transport services for creating safer cities and ensuring inclusive growth. It is a five month study and the contract is expected to be signed by May 31, 2014. **(Total Amount Rs. 1.0 million)**.

1.6 COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

- '*Courting Catastrophe? Humanitarian Policy and Practice in a Changing Climate*' is a research project that will critically examine the scope and practical ways in which humanitarian responses may contribute to adaptation to climate change. Dr. Ingrid

Nyborg, Associate Professor, University of Life Sciences, Norway is leading the research in Pakistan. She visited SPDC and expressed her interest in collaborating with SPDC to conduct the study in Sindh. A memorandum of understanding will be signed to establish institutional linkages between SPDC and the University of Life Sciences, Norway.

- Under Southern Voice initiative, an Occasional Paper on ‘Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers and Gender Sensitive Education Financing’ authored by Dr. Khalida Ghaus and Mr. Muhammad Sabir has been submitted to the Southern Voice Secretariat, Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh.

2 DISSEMINATION, OUTREACH AND NETWORKING

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

Think Tank Initiative-IDRC aims, to strengthen the policy engagement and communications capacity of the TTI-funded institutions. For this purpose, the Policy Engagement and Communications (PEC) Programme was developed by Practical Action Consulting (PAC) and Institute of Development Studies (IDS) Knowledge Services (KS). Some sixteen South Asian Think Tanks are the beneficiaries of this programme. As a result, a three-member PEC team was constituted at SPDC (*Rafea Anis, Researcher; Aasiya Kazi, Researcher and Yasir Taqi, Manager Information Systems*). Skills of the IDS team will be leveraged across the programme depending on the needs of individual think tanks. The programme started in September, 2013 and will conclude in July, 2014. At its inception meeting in Thailand, a profiling exercise was carried out to identify SPDC’s priorities for improving its communications and outreach programme. This was further developed through a consultative meeting between SPDC senior staff members and the facilitator identified for SPDC by the programme. A workplan highlighting SPDC’s policy engagement and communications needs was developed and submitted to IDS. Ms. Shivani Bhardwaj, an advocacy and gender mainstreaming specialist is the SPDC facilitator for this programme. She is currently the regional coordinator for the Policy Engagement & Communication (PEC) Programme, South Asia.

Under this programme, a joint session with SDPI was held on April 19, 2014 in Islamabad to identify indicators for monitoring PEC activities / strategy for think tanks. Three staff members from SPDC and four from SDPI attended this session, facilitated by two members of the IDS/PAC team.

On April 21-22, 2014 the PEC facilitator held a session with senior researchers at SPDC on behavioural change towards use of PEC tools. It was decided that a training session on evidence literacy will be held in first week of June, which will be a virtual event that SPDC will participate in from their workstation.

To help review and redesign SPDC website, a **Website Analysis Guideline** was provided by IDS followed by a webinar and virtual meeting with Information Systems Manager, IDS, and Information Literacy Manager, IDS, to guide SPDC through activities involved in creating /re-engineering a website. Later a mock-up of SPDC's new website was also shared with them for feedback and suggestions which have been incorporated.

In response to the TTI-PEC Opportunity Fund, a proposal to hire an outreach and communications person at SPDC, to formulate and implement a communications strategy was recently approved.

Two members of staff, Ms. Tabinda Areeb, Economist and Mr. Shahrukh Jamal, Project Assistant signed up for a free online course on 'Journalism with Data', currently in progress.

Workshop on Developing a Strategic Approach to Policy Engagement and Communications, February 16-17, 2014, Kathmandu, Nepal

The aim of the workshop was to help participants develop a strategic approach to policy engagement and communication at their organizations. Two members of the PEC team, *Ms. Rafea Anis and Ms. Aasiya Kazi*, attended the two-day workshop. Through presentations, discussions and training activities, participants set a PEC goal for their think tank i.e a vision statement; assessed their think tank's PEC capacity; identified three critical areas where capacity should be increased at their think tanks; undertook stakeholder mapping; mapped policy processes (formal and informal) and the knowledge landscape in relation to their PEC goals; highlighted the best ways to communicate with some of their key audiences (tactics and outputs) along with communications pathways, timing and resources; and developed a draft communications plan.

Around 28 participants from South Asian think tanks attended the workshop.

2.2. MEMBER PUBLIC/PROFESSIONAL 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.
- 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).

- Technical Group on Poverty Assessment - Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning and Development, Government of Pakistan.
- Technical Advisory Committee, Social Safety Nets - Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning and Development, Government of Pakistan.
- National Panel on the Economy of Tomorrow, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Islamabad.
- Research Advisory Services for Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad.
- 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.

2.3. EVENTS

- a) For the ‘Post-Budget Analysis’, a seminar was held in Islamabad in collaboration with Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT), July 11, 2013.
- b) An interactive discussion on the theme ‘Proposed Agenda for Sustained Economic Revival’ was organised in Islamabad on September 14, 2013. The public discussion was preceded by a talk delivered by Dr. Kaiser Bengali. The event was presided over by Mr. Saeed Qureshi, Chairman, SPDC Board of Directors. Members of the civil society, government officials, international donor community and print and electronic media were in attendance. The talk was followed by an engaging question and answer session in which participants shared their views on the proposals and raised several questions about the implementation mechanism of such an agenda for sustained economic revival.
- c) SPDC hosted a two day mid-term review workshop on ‘Climate Change Adaptation, Water and Food Security in Pakistan’ Karachi from December 15-16, 2013.
- d) Governance Institutes Network International (GINI) and the Social Policy and Development Centre (SPDC), a partner of the GINI network, collaborated to conduct a seminar on ‘Mis-governance-Radicalization Nexus in Pakistan’ on April 2, 2014 in Karachi. The research explores the link between mis-governance and radicalization in Federally Administered Tribal Areas, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the former Malakand Division. Panelists at the event included Prof. Dr. Khalida Ghaus, Mr. Daniyal Aziz, Mr. Najmuddin Shaikh, Dr. Huma Baqai and Mr. Usama Bakhtiar Ahmed.

- e) Under the Gender Research Programme of SPDC, a two-day South Asian Regional Conference on the theme of ‘Women, Work and Poverty’ was held in Islamabad on 17th and 18th of April.

2.5 STAFF PARTICIPATION/COVERAGE ON ELECTRONIC MEDIA

In addition to regular participation on Radio-Pakistan and Voice of America (VOA), the Managing Director and other staff members participated as guests in debates and current affair programmes on issues of gender, development, macro-economic policy and international affairs for state and private sector television channels including PTV, Sindh TV, Business Plus, and NEWS One.

2.6 SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Dr. Khalida Ghaus

- Chaired a session on ‘Women and Climate Change Vulnerability’, at the South Asian Regional Conference on Women Work and Poverty, Social Policy and Development Centre (SPDC), Islamabad, April 17-18, 2014.
- Panelist at a seminar on ‘Mis-governance-Radicalization Nexus in Pakistan’, organized by GINI in collaboration with SPDC, Karachi, April 2, 2014.
- Keynote speaker at the symposium on ‘Women’s Education: An Investment in Future’, organized by Jinnah University for Women, Karachi, March 29, 2014
- Spoke on ‘Education and Women Empowerment’, at the Defence Authority College for Women, Karachi, March 7, 2014.
- National Conference on ‘Climate Change’, Habib University, Karachi, January 25, 2014.
- Presentation on ‘Emerging Issues in Social Science Research in Pakistan’, at the National Conference on Strategies for Social Science Research and Teaching in Pakistan, University of Karachi, January 23, 2014.
- Provincial Consultative Workshop on Pakistan Vision 2025 and 11th Five Year Plan (2013-18), Planning and Development Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi, January 4, 2014.
- Presentation on ‘Gender Issues’, Aga Khan University, Karachi, October 24, 2013.
- Presentation on ‘Think Tanks & Policy Engagement Experiences’, inception meeting of the Policy Engagement and Communications Programme, IDRC, Bangkok, Thailand, September 26-27, 2013.
- Presentation on ‘Democracy, Human Rights and Media’ at a seminar on Competing Approaches to Democratization? Developing World and European Union in

Comparison, Area Study Centre for Europe, University of Karachi, September 24, 2013.

- ‘Political Economy of Water Sharing’, paper presented at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES), Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Sri Lanka, September 2-4, 2013.
- Neemrana Dialogue, Lead Speaker on ‘International and Regional Developments’, New Delhi, India, August 17-21, 2013.
- Attended launch of ‘Who’s Telling Our Story: A Situation Analysis of Women in Media in Pakistan’, UKs Research Centre in collaboration with Danish International Development Agency (DIDA), Karachi, July 10, 2013.
- Presentation on ‘Understanding Vulnerability’, at the dissemination workshop and meeting on Climate Change and Water in South Asia, organized by IDRC and SaciWATERS, Kathmandu, Nepal, June 19-20, 2013.

Mr. Asif Iqbal

- Presented a paper ‘Gender and Social Vulnerability to Climate Change’, at the South Asian Regional Conference on Women, Work and Poverty, SPDC, Islamabad, April 16-19, 2014.
- Attended the ‘Pakistan Water Summit’, organized by the Planning Commission of Pakistan, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, March 20, 2014
- Presentation on ‘The Critical Role of MDGs in Mobilizing Integrated International Action on Inequality and Discrimination Based on Gender’, Area Study Centre for Europe, University of Karachi, October 31, 2013.
- Panelist at the launch of ‘Sindh MDGs Report 2013’, organized by UNDP and Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi, June 19, 2013.

Mr. Muhammad Sabir

- Presented an analysis of ‘Sindh Health Budget’ at a ‘Pre-budget Seminar on Health Sector’, organized by Save the Children Fund, Pakistan, Karachi, May 21, 2014.
- Panelist at a ‘Pre-Budget Seminar 2014-2015 for Balochistan’, organized by Search for Common Ground (SFCG) in partnership with United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and Chief Minister’s Policy Reform Unit (CMPRU), Government of Balochistan, Quetta, May 6, 2014.
- Presented a paper ‘Labour Market Discrimination and Gender Wage Gap: The Role of Occupational Segregation’, at the ‘South Asian Regional Conference on Women, Work and Poverty’, organized by SPDC, Islamabad, April 17-18, 2014.

- Presented an analysis of the ‘Sindh Budget-2013-14’ at a conference on ‘Understanding: Sindh Budget – Past & Future’, organized by NOW Communities, Karachi, December 20, 2013.
- Participated in ‘1000+ National Consultation Conference on Pakistan Vision 2025 and 11th Five Year Plan 2013-18’, organized by the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, November 22, 2013.

Mr. Nadeem Ahmed

- Presented a paper ‘Structural Poverty and Female Headed Households in Pakistan’, at the South Asian Regional Conference on Women, Work and Poverty, SPDC, Islamabad, April 16-19, 2014.
- Attended a consultative workshop on ‘Climate Change Adaptation, Water and Food Security’, organized by LUMS/WWF-Pakistan, Lahore, April 26, 2014.
- Alumni Meeting on ‘Global Ethics’, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Germany, November 7 to 10, 2013.
- Presented a paper ‘Water a Source of Power Accumulation’, 6th South Asian Economic Summit (SAES), Colombo, Sri Lanka, September 02-04, 2013.
- Attended a meeting on ‘Climate Change and Water in South Asia’, organized by IDRC in collaboration with SaciWATERS, Kathmandu, Nepal, June 19-21, 2013.

Ms. Iffat Ara

- Made a presentation on ‘Characteristics of Youth Population in Balochistan’ at a ‘Pre-Budget Seminar 2014-15 for Balochistan’, jointly organised by Chief Minister’s Policy Reform Unit (CMPRU), Government of Balochistan and UNDP, Quetta, May 6, 2014.
- Presented a paper ‘Gender Dimension of Demographic Transition: a Tale of Productive and Idle Youth in Pakistan’, at the South Asian Regional Conference on ‘Women, Work and Poverty’, organised by SPDC, Islamabad, 17-18 April 2014.
- Made a presentation on ‘Situation of Youth and Sindh Budget 2013-14’, at a seminar on ‘Understanding Sindh Budget Past and Future’, organised by NOW Communities, Karachi, December 20, 2013.
- Presented a paper ‘Trade Liberalisation and Female Labour Force Participation’, 2013 Annual Conference of International Association for Feminist Economists (IAFFE), Stanford University, California, July 12-14, 2013.

Mr. Manzoor Memon

- Participated in ‘Regional Climate Change Conference 2013’, organized by World Wide Fund for Nature, Pakistan, Karachi, December 10-12, 2013.

- Participated in book launch and policy dialogue on ‘Gender Dimensions of Climate Change in Sindh’, organized by Shirkat Gah, Karachi, November 28, 2013.

Ms. Naveed Aamir, attended a seminar ‘Interface between Political Leadership and Opinion Makers’, organized by the Population Council and UNFPA, Karachi, December 12, 2013.

Ms. Rafea Anis

- Attended a workshop on ‘Developing a Strategic Approach to Policy Engagement and Communications’, TTI-IDRC, Kathmandu, Nepal, February 16-17, 2014.
- Attended a seminar on ‘Core Labour Rights and the Compliance Gap’, Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (PILER), Karachi, December 11, 2013.
- Participated in the inception meeting of ‘Policy Engagement and Communications Programme’, IDRC, Bangkok, Thailand, September 26-27, 2013.

Ms. Aasiya Kazi

- Attended a workshop on ‘Developing a Strategic Approach to Policy Engagement and Communications’, TTI-IDRC, Kathmandu, Nepal, February 16-17, 2014.
- Attended a seminar on ‘Core Labour Rights and the Compliance Gap’, Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (PILER), Karachi, December 11, 2013.

Ms. Elli Borge, attended a consultative workshop on ‘Climate Change Adaptation, Water and Food Security’, organized by LUMS/WWF-Pakistan, Lahore, April 26, 2014.

Ms. Tayyaba Mohsin, attended the ‘Regional Climate Change Conference 2013’, organized by World Wide Fund for Nature, Pakistan, Karachi, December 10-12, 2013.

2.7 MEETINGS TO PROVIDE INPUT/FEEDBACK AND IMPROVE NETWORKING RELATIONSHIPS (MANAGING DIRECTOR)

- Meeting of Board of Studies (BOS), Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, Ziauddin University, Karachi, May 20, 2014.
- Meeting of Board of Studies (BOS), Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, Ziauddin University, Karachi, May 13, 2014.
- Mr. Shahid Fiaz, Director of Programs, the Asia Foundation-Pakistan, Karachi, April 24, 2014.
- Ms. Shiwani Bhardwaj, Regional Coordinator, Policy Engagement and Communication Programme (PEC), South Asia, Karachi, April 22, 2014.

- Mr. Michael Dodman, Consul General, US Consulate and Mr. Roberto Franceschinis, Consul, Consulate of Italy, Karachi, November 21, 2013.
- H.E. Mr. Niclas Trouvé, Special Envoy for Pakistan and Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden, Karachi, October 31, 2013.
- Mr. Olivier Weber, Grand Reporter, Vanity Fair Magazine and Mr. Ashraf Khan, Correspondent, AFP, Karachi, October 28, 2013.
- Mr. Babur Javed, Programme Manager, Certification, Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP) and Mr. Naveed Yousaf, Senior Programme Officer, Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP), Karachi, 9-10 October, 2013. The purpose of their visit was to share the PCP Evaluation Report with SPDC and inform of the renewal of the NPO Certification by PCP.
- Dr. and Mrs. Tilo Klinner, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Karachi, October 2, 2013.
- Prof. Dr. Amanat Ali Jalbani, Vice President Academic & Dean Faculty of Management Sciences, SZABIST, Karachi, September 6, 2013.
- Ms. Aisha Shaukat, Partnership Coordinator, Care International-Pakistan, Karachi, August 15, 2013.
- Mr. Akihiro Takashima, Deputy Director, South Asia Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Karachi, July 5, 2013.

2.8 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)
- Partner, Managing Global Governance (MGG) Programme. A programme of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- Partner, Southern Voice on Post-MDG (2015) International Development Goals

3. CAPACITY-BUILDING

Mr. Asif Iqbal, delivered a lecture on ‘Poverty Alleviation in Pakistan’, at the 14th Senior Management Course, National Institute of Management, Karachi, November 13, 2013.

Mr. Muhammad Sabir, participated as a lead trainer in Gender-Responsive Economic Policy Management course, co-organized by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Korean Institute for Gender Equality Promotion and Education (KIGEPE) and

the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Seoul, Republic of Korea, October 20 – November 2, 2013.

Ms. Iffat Ara, participated in a training programme on ‘Trade and Investment’, organized by Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development, Karachi, September 2013.

Mr. Manzoor Memon attended a training on ‘Building Resilient Communities: Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR)’, organized by International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), Phnom Penh, Cambodia, July 2 – 12, 2013.

4. INTERNSHIPS OFFERED

SPDC offered internships to students from various universities and provided access to its library and allowed use of its facilities to research scholars/students. Internships were offered to the following:

Ms. Riffat Ansari

Currently, enrolled at the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMAP), Karachi.

Ms. Salwa Iftikhar

Currently, enrolled at the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMAP), Karachi.

5. PUBLICATIONS

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State of the Economy: Imperatives for Fiscal Policy in the Federal Budget of 2013-14

Hafiz A. Pasha

State of the Economy: An Ambitious Budget 2013-14

Hafiz A. Pasha, Muhammad Sabir, Asif Iqbal and Iffat Ara

Working Papers

Proposed Agenda for Sustained Economic Revival

Kaiser Bengali

Newspaper Articles

1. Contingency Planning

Dr. Hafiz A. Pasha, Business Recorder, September 25, 2013

2. IMF Intrusions

Dr. Hafiz A. Pasha, The News, September 29, 2013

3. The SRO Blues

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Publications	Number of copies
Annual Reviews-SDIP	179
GRP Research Reports	284
Research Reports	1082
Policy Briefs	42
Database Reports	391
Working Papers	371
Others	29
Total	2378

5.4. PUBLICATIONS ACQUIRED

Books: 28

Government Documents & Reports: 188

Journals: 25 --- International: 09; National: 16

6. WEB USAGE REPORT

Months	Total Hits	Total Downloads
July	47,102	9,349
August	36,414	7,822
September	47,013	8,337
October	40,088	8,602
November	39,412	8,467
December	26,204	6,034
January	44,454	9,014
February	40,869	8,437
March	48,853	9,465
April	56,834	9,929
May	38,024	7,638
Total	465,267	93,094

The SPDC website is currently being redesigned to make it more dynamic. The new website is expected to be launched in August this year.

7. STAFF STRENGTH

Technical Staff	16
Regular Research Staff	7
Project Research Staff	7
Consultants -- Full Time	2
Technical Support Staff (<i>Library, Informations Systems</i>)	6
Finance	3
Administration (<i>including drivers and office helpers</i>)	10
Total	35
Consultants -- Part Time	5