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## ANNUAL REPORT

2017-2018

This report covers the period from July 2017 to June 2018 and gives an account of research and other activities undertaken during this period. During the reporting period, focus of the program activities remained on contract research projects, dissemination/outreach and soliciting new contracts. Three on-going projects were completed while work on two new projects was initiated. Regarding the work on Annual Review, first draft of chapters have been completed.

Research publications during the reporting period, covered a variety of areas including fiscal federalism, violence against women, trade and compliance of labour standards, vulnerability to poverty and sustainable development. Altogether, five research reports, four research and policy briefs, one opinion piece and one country profile (on SDGs) were published. Moreover, three dissemination/outreach events were organized including two talks on fiscal federalism and a roundtable on drivers of economic growth in Sindh. A training workshop for enumerator was also conducted in Quetta on the economic cost violence against women.

### RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS

#### ON-GOING RESEARCH/PROJECTS

##### 1. **Engaging Think Tanks to Facilitate Punjab Planning & Development Department on SDGs Localization**

Under this UNDP project, SPDC is providing technical support to the Social Cluster Groups constituted by the Government of Punjab. Project initiated in January 2018 will be completed by December 2018. SPDC team prepared a draft report on SDGs localization. The analysis included: identifying data gaps, determining baseline, developing methodology for prioritization of SDGs in Punjab, stocktaking of relevant government strategies, policies and development plans and identifying inter-intra and forward-backward linkages of cluster-specific targets across all SDGs.

##### 2. **Study on Tobacco Taxation in Pakistan**

SPDC joined international research partnership on tobacco tax policies led by the University of Illinois, USA. The project, started in February 2018, aims to analyze the macroeconomic impacts of tobacco use in the country. Research protocols, methodology

and secondary data collection was completed during the reporting period. The project will conclude in December 2018.

### **3. NUI Galway - Socio-Economic Costs of Violence Against Women and Girls in Pakistan**

SPDC is a partner of National University of Ireland - Galway for conducting the study *Socio-Economic Costs of Violence against Women and Girls* in Pakistan. It is a three-year multi-country project undertaken in Ghana, Pakistan and South Sudan. The project is in its concluding phase.

The activities carried out during the reporting period included: a two-day training workshop for ten enumerators in Quetta; collection of qualitative data through 24 in-depth interviews, eight participatory focus group discussions and eight key informant interviews; analysis of quantitative and qualitative data; and preparation of qualitative report and draft country report.



Training of enumerators in Quetta.

### **4. USAID - Sindh Capacity Development Project**

The project will conclude in July 2018. Major activities during the reporting period included completion of two research studies and strengthening the capacity of School Education and Literacy Department (SELD) in research and communication.

### ***Research studies***

*Public Private Partnership (PPP) for Better Service Delivery:* The broader objective of this study is to provide evidence based knowledge in relation to the implementation of Public Private Partnership through private-sector education management organizations for better service delivery in government schools in Sindh.

*Early Grade Reading Innovations for Quality Education: Prospects for Scaling:* This research aims to study the efficacy of intervention of USAID’s Sindh Basic Education Program (SBEP) for improving early grade reading in government schools. It also explores the contribution of teaching practices and the home literacy environment towards students’ reading skills.

### ***Capacity Building Support to SELD***

SPDC organized Research Capacity Development Program for SELD officials. The 12-week training was conducted by the Aga Khan University Institute of Educational Development (AKU-IED). The participants included staff members from Directorate of Curriculum Assessment and Research (DCAR), Sindh Textbook Board (STBB), Provincial Institute of Teachers Education (PITE), Sindh Teacher Education Development Authority (STEDA) and the Directorate of Teachers Training Institutions and the Curriculum Wing.



A participant of training program receiving certificate from USAID’s Deputy Mission Director and the Secretary SELD.

### ***Support to PMIU to enhance advocacy and communication capabilities***

SPDC provided support to Program Management and Implementation Unit (PMIU), established by the Government of Sindh to oversee the implementation of Sindh Basic Education Program. SPDC facilitated regular meetings of SBEP Communication Working Group for the implementation of SBEP Communication Strategy. Specific activities during

the reporting period included production of three short videos on SBEP interventions and re-designing of SBEP's website. Both of these activities are underway and will be completed in July 2018.

## **5. Annual Review of Social Development in Pakistan**

The forthcoming Annual Review deals with the framework of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the context of regional inequality and institutional mechanisms for implementation of SDGs. Draft chapters of the report have been prepared.

### **Completed Projects**

#### **1. 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*. The study looked into the similarities and dissimilarities between the systems of intergovernmental fiscal transfers in India and Pakistan with a purpose to draw lessons for devising a more equitable model of fiscal transfers. The project was completed successfully. Major activities during the reporting period included: two team meetings of SPDC and NIPFP held in Sri Lanka; two events conducted for dissemination of initial results in Islamabad and Karachi; and preparation of research outputs including a consolidated report, national report and three policy briefs.

#### **2. Vulnerability Assessment Study – GIZ**

SPDC undertook a research study on Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment which was financed by the German Society for International Cooperation – GIZ. The study estimated the vulnerability to poverty in the selected areas of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. A survey of over 800 households was conducted in the four districts –Rahim Yar Khan, Sargodha Nowshera and Lower Dir. The study, initiated in October 2016 was completed in August 2017. Final report of the study has been submitted to GIZ.

#### **3. Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) - Linkages of trade and labour standards in key industries active in global supply chains**

It was a multi-country project concluded in November 2017, which mainly targeted to promote the implementation of comprehensive labour and social standards in export-oriented industries in Asia. Countries included are Bangladesh, Cambodia, Pakistan and Vietnam. SPDC was a partner of FES–Pakistan in this project. Research outputs included a

chapter on Pakistan published in the project's synopsis report entitled *Who Benefits from Trade?* and Country Report entitled *Trade and Compliance of Labour Standards in Global Supply Chains*. Moreover, a dissemination seminar was held in Karachi. Presentations by SPDC staff were also made in the Sustainable Development Conference held in Islamabad.

## **New Proposals**

- a. A proposal entitled 'Engaging Think Tanks to Facilitate Sindh Planning & Development Department on SDGs Localization' was submitted to UNDP-Pakistan. A response is awaited.
- b. A proposal on 'Decent Work and Economic Growth – SDG 8: A Case Study of Pakistan' was submitted to Southern Voice. The proposal was not granted.
- c. A proposal entitled *From Gendered Vulnerability to Resilience: Climate Uncertainty and Disasters Risk Reduction in Pakistan* has been submitted to IDRC. The consortium led by SPDC includes Institute of Social and Environmental Transition – Pakistan, King's College London, Hisaar Foundation and Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund. Response is expected by the end of June 2018.
- d. A proposal entitled *Perspectives on the Role of Civil Society in Karachi* has been submitted to Hum Awaaz – a USAID funded initiative.
- e. Two proposals one on Income Inequalities and the other on Potential of Sales Tax on Services are being submitted to the Planning Commission.
- f. Subsequent to the meetings with Head of Development Cooperation, Canadian High Commission (CHC) – Islamabad, a note on potential areas of research was shared with CHC. The areas identified in line with Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy include: a) cost of violence against women and b) labour laws with particular reference to core labour standards and their implications for women's employment.
- g. Initial contacts have been established with Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia to jointly work on a research proposal on demographic dividend in Pakistan and Indonesia.

## **2. DISSEMINATION, OUTREACH AND NETWORKING**

### **POLICY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

- SPDC became a member of PCSD Partnership – an initiative of OECD where through a multi-stakeholder platform the members of the PCSD Partnership work together to share knowledge and experiences to address the policy implications of SDG implementation, mobilize political will to adapt institutional mechanisms, track

progress, and assess the effects of policies on sustainable development. Under this initiative, **SPDC contributed a write-up on Pakistan's progress on SDGs, which has been published in OECD Report on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development 2018.**

- SPDC was one of the partners of the Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran (the largest public university specialized in humanities and social sciences in Iran) for holding international conference on 'Social Policy in the Islamic World' – May 12-13, 2018. Dr. Khalida Ghaus as a member of the International Academic Advisory Board of the University, provided support by reviewing the abstracts submitted for the conference. She also presented a paper on 'Nexus between Social Policy Failure and the Rise of Extremism in Pakistan' and chaired a session on 'Role of the Third Sector in Social Policy'.



Participants of International Conference on Social Policy in the Islamic World, Tehran

- SPDC organized a talk on 'Fiscal Federalism in Pakistan: Emerging Issues', on January 10, 2018 in Islamabad. Mr. Saeed A. Qureshi, Chairman, SPDC, BoD chaired the discussion, whereas Dr. Pervez Tahir was the guest speaker at the occasion. Another talk on the above topic was also organized in Karachi on January 17, 2018. Dr Kaiser Bengali was the guest speaker at the occasion. Both the events were attended by senior government officials, representatives from civil society organizations, the corporate sector, and academic institutions.





Mr. Saeed A. Qureshi and Dr. Pervez Tahir addressing to Seminar on Fiscal Federalism (Islamabad)

- IDRC’s Seventh Regional Meeting of the South Asian Think Tanks was held on February 5-7, 2018 in Dhaka on the theme of “Remaining Relevant in the Policy World: Sustainability Challenges of Think Tanks.” More than 100 participants from 18 think tanks based in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar came together to exchange ideas and learnings, discuss challenges and opportunities, share successes and most importantly to develop a post-TTI strategy in order to sustain the network as the eight years of TTI support is coming to end in 2019. Dr. Khalida Ghaus spoke on ‘Stories of Change’ giving a stock of TTI experience and its contribution to SPDC. Moreover, she participated as panelist in three sessions, ‘Sustainable Think Tank Project’; ‘Do we Meet again? Future of the South Asian Network’; and ‘Role of Southern TTs in Global Knowledge Ecosystem’. She also participated as a discussant in sessions on ‘Think Tanks in South Asia: The Last Jedi in SDG Challenge’; and ‘Elements of Post-TTI Strategy’.
- Two meetings of Dr. Khaida Ghaus were held with Mr. Daniel Joly, Head of Development Cooperation, Canadian High Commission (CHC) – Islamabad – to discuss the prospects of SPDC working with CHC. A detailed account of staff activities related to outreach is presented in Annexure-I.
- SPDC is part of the Economy of Tomorrow – an initiative of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Pakistan. FES in collaboration with SPDC held a book launch of *Growth and Inequality in Pakistan* (by Dr. Hafiz A. Pasha) and a roundtable on the *Drivers of Economic Growth in Sindh*. The event was held in Karachi on April 12, 2018.



Mr. Saeed A. Qureshi, Dr. Hafiz A. Pasha and Dr. Khalida Ghaus – Roundtable on Drivers of Economic Growth in Sindh

## **2.2 REPRESENTATION IN PUBLIC / PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES //WORKING GROUPS AND NETWORKS**

SPDC is a member of Core Group and a number of committees established by SDG Support Unit, Planning and Development Board, Government Sindh (GoS). SPDC is also a member of Steering Committee on Sindh Social Protection Policy. SPDC's networking relationships cover a range of national and international institutions including OECD's Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development, International Food Policy Research Institute, South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes, Southern Voice on Post-MDGs and Local Governance Initiative and Network (LOGIN) Asia. Details of SPDC's membership of various public/professional committees/task forces and networks are provided in Annexure – I.

## **2.3 STAFF PARTICIPATION ON ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

The Managing Director participated as a guest in current affairs programmes on political issues, issues of development, macro-economic policy, gender, and international affairs for state and private sector television channels including PTV News, Sach TV, PTV, TV One, News One, Hum News, Radio Pakistan, and Europe Radio. For example, she participated in a talk show on PTV News Pakistan - Iran Trade (March 13, 2018) and a discussion on Pak-USA and PAK-India relations on Such TV (April 17, 2018).

## **3. CAPACITY BUILDING**

With regard to the study on cost of violence, on-the-job training was provided to SPDC's research staff in developing tools for qualitative data collection, conducting FGDs and in-

depth interviews, qualitative data analysis and writing report. An online training session was also conducted on the use of NVIVO – software for qualitative analysis.

Mr. Asif Iqbal and Ms. Rafea Anis attended training on *Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL)*, organized by SDPI in Thailand in collaboration with IDRC's Think Tank Initiative. Moreover, Mr. Rizwanullah Khan attended a 3-day training workshop on *videography/filming*, organized in Karachi by USAID – Pakistan.

SPDC offers internships to students from various universities and provided access to its library and allowed use of its facilities to research scholars/students. During the reporting period, internship was offered to Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, pursuing a Bachelors degree in Social Sciences & Liberal Arts at Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi.

## 4. PUBLICATIONS

### RESEARCH REPORTS

#### **A Study of Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in India and Pakistan**

*Muhammad Asif Iqbal, Muhammad Sabir, et al*

This study analyzed the systems of inter-governmental fiscal transfers in India and Pakistan. Particularly, it examined the individual and aggregate country level fiscal behaviour of federating units (provinces/states) in response to changes in design of intergovernmental fiscal transfers and the grants formula; analyzed whether changes in design of intergovernmental fiscal transfers have a positive or negative impact on public investments by provincial/state governments for promoting social development; and explored the links between fiscal transfers to states/provinces and gender equality.

#### **Strengthening Fiscal Federalism in Pakistan**

*Muhammad Sabir, Muhammad Asif Iqbal, et al*

The study reviewed the evolution of fiscal federalism and its institutional structure in Pakistan, analyzed tax assignment and dependency of provinces on fiscal transfers and examined the impact of higher resource transfers to provinces after 7<sup>th</sup> NFC Award on social development and gender equality.

#### **Explaining Spousal Physical Violence through Dimensions of Women Empowerment: Evidence from Pakistan**

*Haroon Jamal*

This research investigated whether women's empowerment, defined alternatively, protects women against spousal physical violence. Nationally representative data of Pakistan

Demographic and Health Survey 2012-13 was used to quantify the nature and direction of relationship between dimensions of women's empowerment and the incidence of spousal violence in the context of Pakistan.

### **Trade and Compliance of Labour Standards in Global Supply Chain: A Case Study of Pakistan**

*Dr. Khalida Ghaus, Manzoor H. Memon and Muhammad Asif Iqbal*

The study explored the labour and trade nexus in Pakistan with specific focus on the status of compliance with international labour and social standards, the implications of non-compliance and the power relationships that exist within the global supply chains – the textile sector was selected as a case study.

### **Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment with regard to Social Protection**

*Muhammad Asif Iqbal, Haroon Jamal and Manzoor Memon*

This study carried out an empirical investigation of poverty, vulnerability and the capacity of the people to cope with the shocks in selected districts of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). It also quantified the coverage of various social protection schemes in the sample areas. The study was conducted in four districts – Rahim Yar Khan and Sargodha from Punjab and Lower Dir and Nowshera from KP.

## **RESEARCH AND POLICY BRIEFS**

1. A Reflection on the State of Economy and Federal Budget 2018-19  
*Muhammad Asif Iqbal, Muhammad Sabir, et al*
2. Fiscal Implications of 7<sup>th</sup> NFC Award  
*Muhammad Sabir*
3. Empowering Local Governments  
*Madiha Shekhani*
4. Agenda for Devolved Tax Collection  
*Muhammad Sabir*

## **OTHERS**

An opinion piece entitled '**Women 'Social' Empowerment: The Nexus between Education and Health**' will be published in the 15<sup>th</sup> Edition of Development Advocate Pakistan (DAP) – a publication of UNDP, Pakistan.

Pakistan: Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

*Dr. Khalida Ghaus and Muhammad Asif Iqbal*

[Contribution to OECD Report on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development 2018]

### **SPDC IN PRESS**

Various events organized by SPDC were covered by electronic and print media. Coverage of print media is mentioned below:

- SPDC Joins International Research Partnership on Tobacco Tax Policies  
*The Pakistan Times, May 11, 2018*
- Women urged to raise voice against harassment  
*Business Recorder, March 15, 2018*
- SPDC Suggests a host of reforms to boost federalism  
*Business Recorder, January 18, 2018*
- Government urged to allow provinces collect indirect taxes  
*The News, January 18, 2018*
- SPDC Suggests a host of reforms to boost federalism  
*Business Recorder, January 18, 2018*
- Trade, Compliance of Labour Standards in Global Supply Chains Launched  
*Business Recorder, December 1, 2017*

SPDC's research is also cited in journals, books and other publications. Details are provided in Annexure – II.

Regarding SPDC's website, there have been 1.28 million hits and 76.6 thousand downloads during 2017-18. The number of hits and downloads are 39 percent and 45 percent higher than the previous year, respectively.

| <b>5. STAFF STRENGTH</b>                           |           |
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| Technical Staff                                    | 10        |
| Consultant (Full time/Regular)                     | 1         |
| Technical Support                                  | 4         |
| Administrative Staff (including drivers & helpers) | 11        |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>26</b> |

## ANNEXURE –I

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### STAFF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO OUTREACH

#### Dr. Khalida Ghaus

- Presented a paper on “Nexus between Social Policy Failure and the Rise of Extremism in Pakistan” International Conference on “Social Policy in the Islamic World”, organized by Allameh Tabataba’I University (ATU), Tehran-Iran, May 12-13, 2018, SPDC is co-hosted.
- Chaired a session on “Role of the Third Sector in Social Policy” International Conference on “Social Policy in the Islamic World”, organized by Allameh Tabataba’I University (ATU), Tehran-Iran, May 12-13, 2018, SPDC is co-hosted.
- Spoke on “ Social, Cultural, People to People” India-Pakistan Neemrana Initiative (Track-II Dialogue) held on April 28-30, 2018, Islamabad
- Chaired a session on “Constitution and Citizenship” workshop on Engaging on Freedom of Faith and Interfaith Harmony in Pakistan organized by Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS), April 20, 2018, Karachi
- Key Note Speaker on “Constitutional Provisions on Freedom of Faith and Minority Rights” workshop on Engaging on Freedom of Faith and Interfaith Harmony in Pakistan organized by Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS), April 20, 2018, Karach
- Spoke on “Equity in Education” Policy Dialogue on Equity in Education: Experience Sharing, Moot Points and Policy Asks, organized by Institute of Social and Policy Sciences (I-SAPS) and Unicef, April 19, 2018, Karachi
- Spoke as a panelist on ‘Public Spaces for Women in Pakistan: Need for Democratization’, International Conference on *Creating Inclusive Organizations and Public Spaces*, LUMS, Lahore, March 30-31, 2018.
- Spoke on ‘Indian Defense Budget and Indo Pak Relations’, discussion forum organized by RABTA Forum, Karachi, March 21, 2018.
- Spoke as a panelist on ‘Promoting Gender Equality through ILO Conventions 100 & 111’, seminar on *International Women’s Day*, Employees Federation of Pakistan (EFP), Karachi, March 21, 2018.
- Attended a seminar on ‘Paigham-e-Pakistan as Base for National Narrative to Counter Violence, Extremism and Terrorism’, organized by Islamic Research Institute (IRI) and International Islamic University (IIU), Islamabad, March 20, 2018, Karachi.
- Spoke as a chief guest on ‘Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace’, at a seminar organized by Ziauddin University, Karachi, March 14, 2018.
- Spoke at the book launch of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, ‘Education, Struggle & Achievements’, by Muhammad Ali Sheikh, Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi, February 24, 2018.

- Moderated a session on 'Love Thy Neighbor: India-Pak Relations', Karachi Literature Festival (KLF), Karachi, February 11, 2018.
- Spoke in the following sessions in the 7<sup>th</sup> TTI Regional Meeting, organized by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 5-7, 2018
  - Sustainable Think Tank (STT) Project
  - Do we meet again? Future of the South Asian TTs
  - Stories of Change
  - South Asia: The Last Jedi in SDG Challenge
  - Elements of a Post-TTI Strategy
  - Role of South TTs in Global Knowledge Ecosystem
- Spoke on 'Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace', at a seminar on *Awareness Regarding Protection Against Harassment of Women at Workplace*, organized by the Provincial Ombudsman (Mohtasib), Sindh, Karachi, January 31, 2018.
- Spoke as a panelist on 'Women and Gender Issues in Pakistan', at the Festival of Arts and Ideas, Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), Karachi, December 10, 2017.
- Spoke on 'Status of Labor and Human Rights in Pakistan in the Context of International Obligations', Roundtable Session organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and FES, Islamabad, December 7, 2017.
- Spoke on 'Feminism and Democracy', at the Second Sindh Literature Festival (SLF), Karachi, October 29, 2017.
- Spoke on 'Conflicts, Social Cohesion, and the Role of Teachers in Building Social Harmony', Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies (PIPS) (Islamabad), Karachi, July 19, 2017
- Spoke on 'Issues of Social Cohesion in Pakistan: Role of Teachers', Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies PIPS (Islamabad), Karachi, July 18, 2017.

### ***Meeting with Donors***

- Dr. Seema Bhatia Panthaki, Senior Programme Officer, TTI, visited SPDC from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, on an Annual Monitoring visit, where she held detailed meetings with Mr. Javed Jabbar, Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali and members of the SPDC staff.
- Ms. Anita R. Florijin, Director, and Ms. Nazneen Khan, Program Development Officer, Family Educational Services Foundation (FESF), to discuss TORs of the study on Civil Society in Karachi, May 22, 2018, SPDC-Karachi
- Ms. Nazneen Khan, Program Development Officer, Family Educational Services Foundation (FESF), to discuss study conducting on Civil Society in Karachi, May 8, 2018, Karachi

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

- Attended meeting of the Selection Board of Sind University, March 25 2018, Jamshoro, Hyderabad.
- Mr. Nawaf Khan, Research and Event Coordinator, PIPS-Islamabad, February 16, 2018, Karachi.
- Ms. Lura Dix, Head of Indo-Pak Team and Second Secretary, Political, British High Commission, Islamabad, to discuss recent developments in the region in general and Indo Pak relations in particular, February 16, 2018, Karachi.
- Mr. Mishal M. Al Ansari, Consul General of the State of Qatar, December 11, 2017, Karachi.
- Ms. Sanouber Abbasi and Ms. Attiya Babi, Community Midwifery team from IDSP, Quetta to discuss technical support in the compilation of Impact Study of IDSP's Community Midwifery Program, December 8, 2017, Karachi.
- H.E. Mr. Perry Calderwood, High Commissioner and Mrs. Byram D. Avari, Honorary Consul for Canada, November 30, 2017, Karachi.
- Mr. Daniel Joly, Head of Development Cooperation and Ms. Elizabeth Baldwin, Head of Political Affairs, Canadian High Commission, Islamabad, to discuss women's empowerment and protection of their human rights in Sindh, November 29, 2017, Karachi.
- Dr. Farzana Shaikh, Associate Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House, London met with SPDC team to discuss collaborative work on a CPEC project, November 18, 2017, Sindh Club, Karachi.
- Mr. Christopher Johnston, Pakistan at Global Affairs Canada and Mr. Joseph Sebatu, First Secretary Development, Canadian High Commission Islamabad, to develop an understanding of Pakistan's current development & humanitarian challenges, October 4, 2017, Karachi.
- Ms. Grace Shelton, Consul General and Mr. John Robinson, Chief of the Political & Economic Section, US Consulate, August 9, 2017, Karachi.
- Mr. Adam Zerbinopoulos, Chief Political Unit, U.S. Consulate, August 9, 2017, Karachi.
- H.E. Mr. Marc P. George, Ambassador, Mr. Philippe Crevoisier, Consul General, Swiss Consulate, July 27, 2017, Karachi.



- Dr. Rashid Aftab, Director, Riphah International University, July 17, 2017, Islamabad.

### **Interviews**

- *Women Executives in Think Tanks in South Asia Series* published on the Think Tanks webpage, March 22, 2018.
- *Curriculum and Overall Content for Establishing a School of Government, Policy and Civil Society at the AKU*, Aga Khan University, Karachi, July 21, 2017.
- *'Policy Research Institutions and the Health SDGs: Building Momentum in South Asia'*, for a study of SDPI, Islamabad, July 20, 2017.

### **Mr. Asif Iqbal**

- Attended the 7<sup>th</sup> TTI Regional Meeting 'Remaining Relevant in the Policy World – Sustainability Challenges of Think Tanks', Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 5 to 7, 2018.

### **Ms. Tabinda Areeb**

- Attended the 7<sup>th</sup> TTI Regional Meeting 'Remaining Relevant in the Policy World – Sustainability Challenges of Think Tanks', Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 5 to 7, 2018.
- Made a presentation on 'Significant Challenges around Data Collection on Gender Violence Issues', *Gender for Research and Organizational Excellence* organized by CPD and BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, Bangladesh, February 4, 2018.
- Attended the launch of 'The EVAW/G Alliance – Sindh Chapter', Legal Rights Forum and UN Women, Karachi, December 07, 2017.

**Ms. Madiha Shekhani** attended the launch of 'The EVAW/G Alliance – Sindh Chapter', Legal Rights Forum and UN Women, Karachi, December 07, 2017.

### **Mr. Shabbir Ahmed**

- Attended the 'NFC Conference, 2018', organized by Pakistan Research Institute of Market Economy (PRIME), Karachi, January 25, 2018.
- Attended the 'Metropolitan Competitive Index', organized by Pakistan Research Institute of Market Economy (PRIME), Karachi, December 19, 2017.
- Attended the discussion on 'Child Health', organized by GAVI and SDPI, Karachi, December 10, 2017.

- Attended the launch of 'Pakistan Development Update Fall, 2017, organized by World Bank, Karachi, November 09, 2017.

### **Mr. Wasim Saleem**

- Attended a seminar on 'National Security Policy Vision for Pakistan', Center for Global & Strategic Studies, Islamabad, December 18, 2017.
- Attended a session on 'Redefining Prosperity Paths in Changing Global Economy; Opportunities and Challenges for Pakistan', 33rd PSDE Conference, PIDE, Islamabad. December 12, 2017.
- Attended a seminar on 'Raising Civil Society Awareness and Capacity on SDG Goal 16', Transparency International Pakistan, Islamabad, December 12, 2017.
- Participated in a session on 'Leaving No One Behind: South Asia's Biggest Development Opportunity', Twentieth Sustainable Development Conference, SDPI, Islamabad, December 06, 2017.

### **MEMBER PUBLIC / PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**

- SDG Sub-Committee on Industries, Commerce and Labor, SDG Support Unit, Planning and Development Board, Government Sindh, Karachi.
- Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, SDG Support Unit, Planning and Development Board, Government Sindh, Karachi.
- Punjab Economic Forum (PEF), Punjab Economic Research Institute, Planning and Development Department, Government of Punjab.
- Core Group to oversee Formulation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Planning and Development Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
- Vice Chairman and member Board of Governance, Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR).
- 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 for PhD Candidates, Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST), Karachi.
- Research Advisory Services for Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad.

- Pakistan Policy Group (PPG) Envisioning Afghanistan Post 2014, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).
- Academic Council, Dadabhoy Institute of Higher Education (DIHE)-Karachi.
- Chair, Research Committee (CRC), Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Chair, University of Karachi.
- Policy Advocacy Group on Formation of NTM / NTBs, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Karachi.
- Pakistan Policy Network (PPN), RIPHA Institute of Public Policy, Islamabad.
- Steering Committee on Sindh Social Protection Policy, Planning and Development Department (P&DD), Government of Sindh, Karachi.
- Academic Council, Malir University of Science & Technology, Karachi.

#### **PARTNER/MEMBER NETWORKS**

- Member, PCSD Partnership – A Multi-stakeholder Partnership for Enhancing Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (an OECD’s initiative)
- 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

## ANNEXURE -II

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### SPDC RESEARCH CITED IN JOURNALS, BOOKS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

#### Journal Articles/Books

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