

### **SOCIAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

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#### 1. RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS

#### 1. USAID - Sindh Capacity Development Project

SPDC is part of a consortium on USAID funded Sindh Capacity Development Project (SCDP). SPDC's component includes coordinating two (02) third-party research studies, dissemination of research and strengthening the capacity of School Education and Literacy Department (SELD) in research and communication.

Following activities were undertaken during the reporting period:

#### Award of two research studies:

The two research studies include *Public Private Partnership (PPP)* for Better Service Delivery and Early Grade Reading Innovations for Quality Education: Prospects for Scaling. Five meetings of the Project Management Committee (PMC) were held to discuss and finalize the award of contracts for research studies.

- For the study on *Public Private Partnership (PPP) for Better Service Delivery*, the top two candidates were invited to make presentations. Included were Dr. Muhammad Babur (consultant) and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). PMC awarded the contract to Dr. Muhammad Babur which is now underway and will be completed in December 2017. Interim report has been submitted by the consultant.
- Early Grade Reading Innovations for Quality Education: Prospects for Scaling: The top two technical proposals were of Idara Taleem-o-Agahi (ITA) and Oxford Policy Management (OPM). The ITA was ruled out due to potential conflict of interest while the price quoted by OPM was significantly higher than the available budget. On the recommendation of PMC, Aga Khan University Institute of Educational Development (AKU-IED) was contacted directly for submission of their proposal. After technical evaluation of the proposal, AKU-IED was awarded the contact. The study is underway and is planned to be completed by January 2018.
- Draft of Research Dissemination Strategy for the above mentioned studies has been prepared by Dr. Shakil Ghori (consultant) through a consultative

process involving stakeholders from government, USAID, and other implementing partners of UDAID. Two consultative sessions were held in this regard. The strategy document will be finalized by the end of September 2017.

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

SPDC is tasked to provide support to Program Management and Implementation Unit (PMIU), established by the Government of Sindh to oversee the implementation of Sindh Basic Education Program. SPDC facilitates regular meetings of SBEP Communication Working Group for the implementation of SBEP Communication Strategy. Editorial and desk-top publishing support to PMIU is also provided on quarterly newsletter and other communication outputs.

#### Capacity Building Support to Sindh Education Department

SPDC is also tasked to provide assistance for capacity building of Research and Development Unit (R&D) of School Education and Literacy Department (SELD).

An orientation workshop on the Activation of R&D Unit of SELD was held on November 17, 2016. SPDC deployed two Research Associates for providing technical support for the unit. However, SPDC has been constrained to provide the support since the relevant staff is not available at R&D. Also, the unit does not have any allocated budget to carry out its regular activities. In this regard, a letter to the Secretary SELD was written in December 2017.

## 2. 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. The scope of the study is to estimate the social and economic costs of VAWG, and particularly capture the direct and indirect tangible costs as well as the direct intangible costs of the impact of VAWG on individual well-being and social cohesion. It is a three-year multi-country project being undertaken in Ghana, Pakistan and South Sudan. The study is a part (component 3) of DFID's What Works Programme (WWP).

The following activities were conducted during the reporting period:

 In response to an application submitted by SPDC, ethical clearance of the project was received from the National Bioethics Committee (NBC), Islamabad.

- Ms Iffat Ara participated in the Capacity Development Workshop and Annual Scientific Meeting of the project from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in Dubai. In a session related to the economic costs of VAWG, she gave a presentation on an earlier study conducted by SPDC entitled 'Socio-Economic Costs of Violence against Women: A Case Study of Karachi'.
- The second meeting of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) was held on March 25, 2017, at the Aga Khan University, Karachi. It was attended by thirty (30) participants consisting of Component 1 (*What Works: The Global Program*) and Component 3 (*Socio-Economic Costs of Violence Against Women and Girls*) of WWP. The participants included the Consortium Director, Ms. Rachel Jewkes, representatives from Overseas Development Institute (ODI), DFID, Ipsos Mori, and AKU. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Fauzia Viqar, Chairperson, Punjab Commission for the Status of Women.
- A contract was signed between SPDC and the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) to undertake qualitative data collection and analysis of the project. Research tools were developed and translated into Urdu by SPDC in accordance with ICRW's Research Guide.

Twenty four in-depth interviews (12 Sargodha & 12 Islamabad), eight participatory focus group discussions (4 Sargodha & 4 Karachi), and eight key informant interviews were conducted (1 Lahore, 2 Islamabad and 5 Karachi). The transcripts of interviews were translated into English for analysis and report writing. Draft report has been submitted to ICRW.

#### 3. Comparative Study of Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in India and Pakistan

SPDC in collaboration with the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy-India (NIPFP) is working on a study *Comparative Study of Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in India and Pakistan*. It is an 18-month project which will be completed by January 2018. The study looks 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.

A database of key province-wise budgetary indicators was prepared for quantitative analysis. A draft working paper on Review of 7<sup>th</sup> NFC Award has also been prepared. Team meeting of SPDC and NIPFP is planned for September 28-19, 2017 in Sri Lanka to discuss the initial results of both the components (Pakistan and India) and to finalize the plan for preparing consolidated report. The project also has a component of

research dissemination that includes conducting policy dialogue, writing newspaper articles and publishing journal articles.

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

It is a multi-country project that aims to promote the implementation of comprehensive labour and social standards, including but also beyond the core labour standards, in export-oriented industries in Asia with respect to selected country specific trade regime. Countries included are Bangladesh, Cambodia, Pakistan and Vietnam. SPDC is a partner of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)—Pakistan in this project.

First draft of the report was submitted to Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)-Islamabad. Summary of the study and key finding were presented at the Regional Conference on "Linking Trade and Shared Prosperity in Global Supply Chains in Asia", which took place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 30 March - 02 April 2017. Moreover, a chapter on Pakistan was submitted for the project's synopsis report.

The country report is being finalized and is planned to be published in September 2017. Two seminars will be held (one each in Islamabad and Karachi) for dissemination of findings to the relevant stakeholders.

#### 5. Vulnerability Assessment Study – GIZ

SPDC undertook a research study on Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment which is being 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.

## 6. LEAD Pakistan – Supporting SDG Acceleration – Policy Choices and Integrated Approaches

SPDC in collaboration with LEAD Pakistan undertook a short-term study on *Supporting SDG Acceleration - Policy Choices and Integrated Approaches*. The study was supported by UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub (BRH).

The study documents and analyses the 'accelerated interventions' that have been identified and implemented in Pakistan and the related challenges of putting in place

policies that support progress towards the multiple SDG targets. First draft of the Pakistan case study entitled 'Strengthening Flood Resilience in Pakistan' was submitted to UNDP in early February 2017. The next stage is peer review when the Pakistan team will provide feedback on case studies from Malaysia and Bangladesh (yet to be received) and vice versa.

Pakistan is one of three pilot case studies in addition to Bangladesh and Malaysia. The three case studies and lessons learned will be summarized and disseminated as part of UNDP's toolkit to support SDG implementation.

#### 7. Annual Review of Social Development in Pakistan

The next Annual Review deals with the framework of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the context of regional inequality and institutional mechanisms for implementation of SDGs. It was suggested by the Board that focus of the review be narrowed by prioritizing the areas and indicators to be covered. The SDGs are clustered around three thematic areas – society, economy and environment. The three areas selected include poverty and inequality, education and health.

The national ownership of SDGs requires that the data ecosystem is mapped to the national indicator framework rather than a global framework. Thus SPDC Annual Review will propose a set of preliminary national indictors in the context of areas identified above and will also provide benchmark values of these indicators.

The building blocks of the review are as follows:

#### 1. Setting the Context

- Sustainable Development Goals in international perspective
- Alignment of SDGs with national development framework Vision 2025
- Sectoral mapping of SDGs, targets and indicators
- Provincial policies and SDGs

#### 2. Assessment of Social Development in the Context of SDGs

- o Poverty and Inequality (income and spatial inequality)
- Social protection
- o Inclusive growth (income growth of bottom 40 percent, employment)

#### Education

- o School characteristics (accessibility, teachers, training, infrastructure, etc)
- o Household characteristics (income, schooling of parents, etc)
- o Outcome indicators (enrolment, completion rates, etc)
- o Alternate delivery mechanisms (Public Private Partnerships)
- Health and Water Supply & Sanitation

- Infrastructure provision
- Outcome/impact indicators
- Water supply and sanitation

#### 3. Financing of Social Service Delivery

- Education, Health and Social Protection
- The role of budgeting (Gender Responsive Budgeting, Performance Based Budgeting)

#### 4. Institutional Mechanism

- Mapping the responsibilities of SDGs
- The role of federal and provincial governments
- The role of local governments

#### 5. The Way Forward: From Aspiration to Achievement

Initial mapping of targets, indicators and data availability has been conducted. The indicators to be included in the analysis are being reviewed. Some complementary indicators will also be added while some could be excluded given the data availability at national and provincial levels. The report is planned to be completed by the end of December 2017.

#### 2 TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT

- In August 2016, Mr. Muhammad Sabir participated in a meeting of the Advisory Committee chaired by Finance Secretary, Government of Sindh (GoS) to provide feedback on proposed PFC simulations at the Finance Department, GoS, Karachi.
- Mr. Muhammad Sabir presented key findings and feedback on the comments received from the federal government and the governments of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan on the report *Devolved vs. Integrated Tax Structure* to Special Secretary Finance, Government of Sindh and a team of NFC consultants, Karachi, August 31, 2016.
- The same were also presented to the Member, NFC, Government of Sindh; Finance Secretary, Government of Sindh and the team of NFC consultants in Karachi on August 29, 2016. In another meeting of NFC Working Group 'Issues Related to Sales Taxation on Services' were presented in Lahore on September 5, 2016.
- Mr. Asif Iqbal worked closely with Punjab's NFC team for developing the case of the province for 9<sup>th</sup> NFC Award. He participated in two NFC meetings as a member of Punjab's team.

#### 3. DISSEMINATION, OUTREACH AND NETWORKING

#### 3.1. POLICY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

■ SPDC became a member of PCSD Partnership – A multi-stakeholder Partnership for Enhancing Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development. It is an initiative of OECD that brings together governments, international organisations, civil society, think-tanks, the private sector, and other stakeholders from all regions of the world committed and working to enhance policy coherence for sustainable development (SDG 17&14) as a key means of SDG implementation.

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. Membership of this partnership will provide opportunities for enhancing the visibility of SPDC at international level.

- SPDC became a partner of the Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran (the largest public university specialized in humanities and social sciences in Iran) for holding their international conference on 'Social Policy in the Islamic World'. The conference will be held in May 2018. The contribution of partners to the conference will be through their faculty members sitting on the academic committee of the conference, peer review of conference papers, promotion of the conference to a wider audience, and other forms of intellectual support. SPDC has initiated electronic sharing of the 'Call for Papers' with the relevant stakeholders.
- Mr. Shams Kazmi a media expert, previously associated with a renowned TV channel has been hired as a Communication Associate. His task primarily is to provide assistance on the USAID Sindh Capacity Development Project for implementation of the communication strategy. Additionally, he is also providing input to SPDC's activities related to communication and outreach.
- As part of IDRC's Think Tank Initiative (TTI), the Data Visualization Workshop and 6<sup>th</sup> South Asia Regional Meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand from December 13-15, 2016. It was co-hosted by SPDC and Sustainable Development Policy Institute. This meeting provided an opportunity for the delegates from 14 South Asian think tanks (Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) for cross learning and possible collaborative ventures. Along with several representatives from each think tank, participants also included policymakers, donor representatives, and other policy stakeholders.

The main objective of the discussions was to highlight the impact on policy research, engagement, and capacity building, in response to changes at national, regional and global levels. Dr. Khalida Ghaus participated as a panelist (via skype) in a session on 'Contextual Changes and its Impact on Think Tanks – Taking Stock of National, Regional and Global Trends'. Mr. Asif Iqbal was a discussant for a technical session on 'Using Data Visualization for Story Telling'.

- The launching ceremony of the book 'Governance Deficit: A Case Study of Pakistan' was held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Hotel Hillview, Islamabad. The launch was jointly organized by SPDC and Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO). Mr. Javed Jabbar, Vice Chairman SPDC and Prof. Dr. Khalida Ghaus, Managing Director SPDC chaired the session. Eminent speakers including Mr. Masood Zaman (Former Cabinet Secretary), Mr. Abdus Sattar (Former Senator), Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan (Chairman NRSP), Mr. Sakib Sherani (Member SPDC BoD, and renowned poet Ms. Kishwar Naheed shared their views about the book. Around 120 people belonging to the civil service, international and local non-governmental organizations, academia, civil society, and the media attended the event. The launch was covered by the Express Tribune (August 23<sup>rd)</sup>, the Daily Dawn (August 19<sup>th</sup>), and the Daily Heights (August 20<sup>th</sup>).
- SPDC became a member of Local Governance Initiative and Network (LOGIN) Asia, a multi-stakeholder platform that brings together practitioners working in the field of decentralisation and local governance to connect with one another and learn from knowledge exchange. Ms. Rabia Sidat attended the following meetings arranged by this network in Islamabad:
  - LOGIN Pakistan Platform follow-up session on 'Functional Assignment', Islamabad, August 22, 2017.
  - Second LOGIN Asia Pakistan Platform Meeting 2017, Islamabad, August 3, 2017.
  - First LOGIN Asia Pakistan Platform Meeting 2017, Islamabad, March 22, 2017.
  - Second LOGIN Asia Pakistan Platform Meeting (Islamabad cluster) 2016, on November 9, 2016.
  - Meeting with LOGIN Pakistan Platform members and Ms. Anne Savary, Programme Manager for Pakistan (SDC Bern). The meeting was organized to see how the network is performing in Pakistan and to discuss a way forward.

- Dr. Lutz Viehweger, Resident Representative, Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Pakistan and Ms. Grace David, Programme Coordinator, KAS-Pakistan visited the SPDC Islamabad office on July 27, 2017. This introductory meeting was requested by KAS-Pakistan to learn more about SPDC's research programme and explore potential collaborative opportunities.
- Capt (r) Ahsan Anwar, Deputy Manager (Coordination), Centre for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS) visited the SPDC Islamabad office on March 2, 2017 to introduce his organization and share a CGSS publication. CGSS is a new thinktank with a mission to improve policy and decision-making through analysis and research.
- Ms. Rabia Sidat had a meeting with Ms. Bella Evidente, Country Programme Manager/Representative, UN-HABITAT in Islamabad on February 6, 2017. Discussion was focused on SPDC's research areas and recent publications.
- SPDC's mailing list is continuously updated with an inclusion of legislators, government officials, members of the international community, and local and foreign non-governmental organizations. Moreover, the social media tools and website are also updated to share recent news and activities.

#### 3.2 STAFF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO OUTREACH

#### Dr. Khalida Ghaus

- Spoke on 'Conflicts, Social Cohesion, and the Role of Teachers in Building Social Harmony', seminar organized by Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies (PIPS) (Islamabad), Karachi, July 19, 2017
- Spoke on 'Issues of Social Cohesion in Pakistan: Role of Teachers', seminar organized by Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies PIPS (Islamabad), Karachi, July 18, 2017.
- Panelist at the Second Policy Dialogue on 'Charity for Goodness', organized by BARGAD Volunteer Network, Karachi, June 20, 2017.
- Participated in a brainstorming workshop on Integrated Decision-Making to Support the 2030 Agenda: An Overview of Research, Tools and Approaches and moderated a session on 'Integrated Approaches to Women's Economic Empowerment', United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangkok, Thailand, June 12-13, 2017.
- Spoke on 'Role of Think Tanks in Promoting Health Related SDGs', Stakeholders Consultation on Health Related SDGs organized by SDPI, Islamabad, May 22, 2017

- Panelist in a session on 'The Importance of Data and Measuring Implementation of the Social Development Goals', conference on Wage, Work and Trade: The Future for Pakistan, International Labor Organisation (ILO), Islamabad, May 10-11, 2017.
- Attended launch of the report 'The State of Individual Philanthropy in Pakistan', Shaheed Zulifiqar Ali Bhutto Institute for Science and Technology (SZABIST) and Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP), Karachi, April 26, 2017.
- Spoke on 'Making a Difference through Leadership and Action', hosted by Pakistan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Organization (PFBPWO), Karachi, March 18, 2017.
- Participated in a *Provincial Consultation* on 'Identifying Priorities for SDGs Framework for Sindh', organized by the Planning and Development Department, Government of Sindh in collaboration with UNDP-Pakistan, Karachi, March 16, 2017.
- Attended a session on 'National Security Perspective', addressed by Lt. General (Retd.) Naseer Khan Janjua, Advisor to Prime Minister, Government of Pakistan, organized by Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (PIIA), Karachi, March 14, 2017.
- Spoke on 'Women Empowerment' at a seminar on International Women's Day: Be\_Bold for Change, organized by SZABIST and Sustainable Development Research Centre (SDRC), Karachi, March 8, 2017.
- Spoke on 'Pakistan ke do Sulagte Masail Corruption Aur Dahshatgardi', Hamdard Thinkers Forum, Majlis e Shura, Hamdard University, Karachi, February 9, 2017.
- Spoke on 'Changing Scenario of World Politics', Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (PIIA), Karachi, January 21, 2017.
- Panelist (via skype) in a session on 'Contextual Changes and its Impact on Think Tanks – Taking Stock of National, Regional and Global Trends, *Data Visualization Workshop and 6th South Asia Regional Meeting (SARM) of IDRC's Think Tank Initiative (TTI)*, Bangkok, Thailand, December 13-15, 2016.
- Speaker in a session on 'Effective Institutions, Capacities and Partnerships for Implementing SDGs: A Provincial Perspective', SDPI's Nineteenth Sustainable Development Conference entitled Sustainable Development Envisaging the Future Together, Islamabad, December 6-8, 2016.
- Presented a paper on 'Human Security and Socioeconomic Development', International Conference on Strengthening Peace and Cooperation in South Asia: Incentives and Constraints, Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), Islamabad, November 22-23, 2016.

- Participated in the Steering Committee meeting of the Southern Voice on Strategy Planning, organized by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh and Initiative Perspective Agricole et Rural (IPAR), Senegal, November 14-15, 2016.
- Spoke at the launch of 'Pakistan Development Update Fall 2016', SZABIST, Karachi, November 11, 2016.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Public Policy: Sources, Formulation & Implementation (Economic Policy)', to grade 20 officers attending the 19th Senior Management Course at the National Institute of Management (NIM), Karachi, August 25, 2016.
- On the 69th independence day of Pakistan, spoke on 'Achievements and Failures' at the Pakistan Institute of Youth Development, Karachi, August 14, 2016.
- Spoke on 'Bilateral Relations between India Pakistan and Geopolitical Transformations across South Asia', 19th Round of Chaophraya Dialogue, organized by Jinnah Institute and Australia-India Institute in Bangkok, Thailand, from August 3-4 2016.
- Spoke on 'Social Media ka Barhta Hua Rujhaan or us ke Asraat', at a seminar organized by the Majlis Shura, Hamdard University, July 14, 2016, Karachi.

#### Meetings with the Donors

- Dr. Peter Taylor, Associate Director, TTI visited SPDC from December 9-10, 2016, on an Annual Monitoring visit, where he held detailed meetings with Mr. Jawed Jabbar, Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali and members of the SPDC staff.
- Dr. Adam Pain, Consultant, TTI-IDRC, Canada visited SPDC from January 30-31, 2017, and held detailed meetings with members of the staff.

Building on Think Tank Initiative's (TTI) experience with evaluation and monitoring during its Phase One, an evaluation was commissioned to be carried out simultaneously with Phase Two of the Program. For this purpose a sample of thirteen TTI funded think tanks was selected from the region. The purpose of engaging with SPDC as a case study is not to evaluate SPDC, but to evaluate the relationship between the provision of TTI support and the strengthening of SPDC.

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

 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.
- H.E. Mr. Marc P. George, Ambassador, Mr. Philippe Crevoisier, Consul General, Swiss Consulate, May 16, 2017, Karachi.
- Ms. Michaela Prokop, Regional Advisor, UNDP-Bangkok and Ms. Naveeda Nazir, UNDP-Pakistan, March 17, 2017, Karachi.
- Mr. Yawar Herekar, Head of Sustainability and Mr. Asad Nasir, JS Bank to discuss the study being conducted by JS Bank, March 6, 2017, Karachi.
- Mr. Brebdan M. Rivage-Seul, Political Officer, US Embassy-Islamabad, March 2, 2017, Karachi.
- Mr. Zeeshan Shah, Director, Baqai University (Institute of Health Management Sciences), March 2, 2017, Karachi.
- Ms. Rifat Sabzwari, CEO, Four Corners Group Private Limited, February 14, 2017, Karachi.
- Mr. Rolf Paasch, Resident Director, and Mr. Abdul Qadir, Advisor, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) to discuss the study Linking Trade and Shared Prosperity in Global Supply Chains in Asia: A Case Study of Pakistan, February 13, 2017, Karachi.
- Attended the 17<sup>th</sup> National Meeting of Pakistan Policy Group (PPG), organized by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), February 2, 2017, Islamabad.
- Mr. Rolf Paasch, Resident Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), February 1, 2017, Islamabad.
- Research on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) presented to Mr. Ignacio Artaza, Country Director, UNDP-Pakistan, February 1, 2017, Islamabad.
- Dinner meeting hosted by the Swiss Consulate General-Karachi in partnership with the Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF), January 19, 2017, Karachi.

- Ms. Mome Saleem and Mr. Kapil Dev, Program Coordinator, Resource Equity, Energy Innovation and Climate Change, Heinrich Boll Stiftung (HBS)-Pakistan, January 18, 2017, Karachi.
- Ms. Marrium Aurangzaib, State Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Government of Pakistan to discuss SDGs on December 2, 2016, Karachi.
- Professor Judith McFarlane, Nelda C. Stark College of Nursing, Houston and Dr. Rozina Karmaliani, Aga Khan University, November 19, 2016, Karachi.
- Ms. Grace W. Shelton, Consul General of the United States of America (USA), November 9, 2016, Karachi.
- Ms. Bria Mathews, Political Officer, US Consulate, November 4, 2016, Karachi.
- Ms. Grace W. Shelton, Consul General of the United States of America (USA), organised by the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR), October 20, 2016, Karachi.
- Mr. Rainer Schmiedchen, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, October 3, 2016, Karachi.
- H.E. Dr. Muhammad Kazem Sajjadpour, Deputy Foreign Minister of Iran, organised by Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR), August 11, 2016, Karachi.

#### Interviews

- Interview by SDPI, Islamabad regarding their study 'Policy Research Institutions and the Health SDGs: Building Momentum in South Asia', July 20, 2017.
- Interviewed by a team from Aga Khan University regarding the curriculum and overall content for establishing a School of Government, Policy and Civil Society at the AKU campus in Karachi, July 21, 2017.
- On January 3, 2017, interview published on the website of 'On Think Tanks', an international platform that brings together information on Think Tanks, through articles, interviews etc. Link to the interview: <a href="https://onthinktanks.org/articles/khalida-ghaus-managing-director-of-social-policy-and-development-centre/">https://onthinktanks.org/articles/khalida-ghaus-managing-director-of-social-policy-and-development-centre/</a>
- An interview on 'Vision 2025' aired by Waqt News, Karachi, August 17, 2016.

#### Mr. Asif Iqbal

- Participated in the Regional Conference on 'Linking Trade and Shared Prosperity in Global Supply Chains in Asia', organized by FES Office for Regional Cooperation in Asia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia from March 30-April 02, 2017.
- Participated in the Provincial Consultation on Identifying Priorities for SDGs Framework for Sindh, organized by the Planning and Development Department, Government of Sindh in collaboration with UNDP-Pakistan, Karachi, March 16, 2017.
- Delivered lecture on 'Poverty Alleviation Policies, Strategies and Practices in Pakistan', at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Mid Career Management Course for the Government Officers, National Institute of Management, Karachi, March 3, 2017.
- Discussant for a technical session on 'Using Data Visualization for Story Telling', Data Visualization Workshop and 6th South Asia Regional Meeting (SARM) of IDRC's Think Tank Initiative (TTI), Bangkok, Thailand, December 13-15, 2016.
- Participated in a workshop on 'Civic Engagement, Accountability and Open Governance', organized by Local Governance Initiative and Network (LOGIN), June 29 to July 2, 2016, Sri Lanka.

#### **Muhammad Sabir**

- Attended a consultative meeting on 'Analysis of Priorities of Provincial Budget and How to Make it People Centred', organised by National Organisation for Working Communities (NOWC) in collaboration with the National Commission on Human Rights (Sindh), Karachi, April 10, 2017.
- Participated in a consultative session entitled 'Sindh Growth Strategy and World Bank Group's Potential Engagement in Sindh Province', organized by the World Bank Group, Karachi, January 25, 2017.

#### Ms. Iffat Ara

- Participated in a focus group discussion on 'Gender Analysis for the preparation of Gender Strategy', organized by USAID & Management Systems International (MSI)-Pakistan, Karachi, April 5, 2017.
- Poster presentation on 'Integrating Gender in Education: A Sample Study of Sindh Province', at the IMF Conference on Gender and Macroeconomics, IMF headquarters, Washington DC, USA, March 23-24, 2017.
- Participated in the First Seed Community Meeting India-Pakistan Project, organized by Freidrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), July 16, 2016, Kathmandu (Nepal).

#### Ms. Rabia Sidat

- Participated in Second meeting of Pakistan Policy Institutes Network, organized by Riphah PPIN, Islamabad, May 19, 2017.
- Attended the 'Launch Ceremony of Project: Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism (PACT)', organized by NACTA and UNODC, Islamabad, April 25, 2017.
- Participated in the 'National Conference on Situation of Violence against Transgender Community in Pakistan', organized by Blue Veins, Islamabad, March 29, 2017.
- Participated in the 'National Consultation on Pakistan's Water Challenge', organized by LEAD, Islamabad, February 8 2017.
- Attended the '19th Sustainable Development Conference' organized by SDPI, Islamabad, December 7-8, 2016.
- Mr. Manzoor Memon participated in the 'Data Visualization Workshop and 6th South Asia Regional Meeting (SARM)' of IDRC's Think Tank Initiative (TTI), in Bangkok, Thailand from 13th to 15th of December 2016.

#### Ms. Naveed Aamir

- Participated in 'Stakeholder's Consultation on Health related SDGs', organized by SDPI at Hotel Movenpick, Karachi, May 22, 2017.
- Attended the 17th Annual Population Research Conference 'Investing in Family Planning for Sustainable Development Goals 1 to 6', organized by the Population Association of Pakistan in collaboration with IBA, Karachi, November 25-26, 2016.
- Attended the Annual International Conference 'Transforming Economic Development: Policies and Strategies', Applied Economics Research Centre (AERC), University of Karachi, November 22-24, 2016.

**Ms. Tabinda Areeb** participated in the 'Data Visualization Workshop and 6th South Asia Regional Meeting (SARM) of IDRC's Think Tank Initiative (TTI), Bangkok, Thailand, December 13-15, 2016.

**Ms. Rafea Anis** participated in a roundtable meeting on 'Women Leadership in Trade Policy', organized by USAID, Karachi, January 24-25, 2017.

## 3.3 MEMBER PUBLIC / PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES / TASK FORCES / WORKING GROUPS

- 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.

#### 3.4 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.

#### 3.5 STAFF PARTICIPATION ON ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The Managing Director participated as a guest in current affair programmes on political issues, issues of development, macro-economic policy, gender, and international affairs for state and private sector television channels including PTV, GEO News, KTN News, 24 News, News One and Europe Radio.

#### 4. CAPACITY BUILDING

- Ms. Rafea Anis attended a training workshop on Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL), organized by SDPI in collaboration with IDRC's Think Tank Initiative, from July 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the UESCAP office, Bangkok, Thailand.
- Mr. Manzoor Memon attended a three day training workshop on 'Carbon Sequestration in Forest, Rangelands and Agricultural Ecosystems in Pakistan', organized by WWF-Pakistan, July 19-21, 2016, Karachi.

#### 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:

- 1. Ms. Adeela Samon, a Ph.D student at the Department of Economics, University of Karachi, Karachi.
- 2. Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, pursuing a Bachelors degree in Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi.
- 3. Ms. Alina Zuberi, enrolled at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) for a BSc. in Economic and Politics.
- 4. Ms. Maleeha Teizoon Kisat, enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley for a BSc. in Government and Economics.

#### 5. PUBLICATIONS

#### **Research Reports**

Poverty and Vulnerability Estimates: Pakistan, 2016 Research Report No. 99 Haroon Jamal

Political Economy of Social Development in Pakistan Research Report No. 98 Zafar H. Ismail

State of the Economy: Analytical Brief 2017 Analytical Brief: A Reflection on the State of Economy and Federal Budget 2017-18

#### **Newspaper Articles**

#### 1. NFC: Political Economy at Work

Muhammad Sabir DAWN, February 20, 2017

#### Augmentation in the negative

Nadeem Ahmed The News, August 22, 2016.

#### 2. Sustainable Development Goals: A way forward

Asif Iqbal

The News, August 14, 2016

#### **Interviews Published**

- An interview on **NFC Award** by Mr. Muhammad Sabir published in Jang Forum, April 3, 2017

Link: http://e.jang.com.pk/04-03-2017/karachi/pic.asp?picname=16\_01.jpg

- **Kaisi Hogee Trump Sarkaar**, a discussion by Dr. Khalida Ghaus published in Jang Forum, January 16, 2017

Link: <a href="http://e.jang.com.pk/01-16-2017/karachi/pic.asp?picname=16\_01.jpg">http://e.jang.com.pk/01-16-2017/karachi/pic.asp?picname=16\_01.jpg</a>

#### **SPDC in Press**

#### 1 Poverty Challenge Amidst Data Deficit

DAWN, May 22, 2017

#### 2 Call for Introducing Performance Budgeting in Sindh

DAWN, April 11th, 2017

#### 3 A Mirage of Autonomy

The News, April 2, 2017

#### **4 Provinces & Human Development**

The Express Tribune, January 13, 2017

#### 5 Pakistan's Casino Economy: A Blueprint for Inequality

DAWN, September 29, 2016

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- 6. Prof. Yu ShuHong, PhD (C.) Malik Zia-ud-din and LLM Khalid Mahmood Ranjha, 2017 "Social Protection Schemes in Pakistan: Assessment of Existing Programs"

- published in the Academic Journal of Business, Administration, Law and Social Sciences Vol. 3 No. 2 July 2017.
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#### 7. PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED

Publications	Number of copies
Annual Reviews-SDIP	603
Research Reports	1758
GRP Book	92
Others	32
Total	2485

Additionally, for a wider and more efficient dissemination, publications were also distributed electronically both nationally and internationally.

#### 8. PUBLICATIONS ACQUIRED

Government Documents & Reports: 89

Journals: 10

#### 9. WEB USAGE REPORT

		No. of Hits	No. of Downloads
	July	47,843	2,714
	August	623,51	4,183
16	September	44,688	3,089
2016	October	50,444	4,300
	November	64,376	6,524
	December	141161	5,339
	January	176,752	10,799
	February	123,743	3,256
	March	132,445	4,471
2017	April	138,717	5,179
70	May	517,08	3,048
	June	194,880	13,092
	July	196,786	15,425
	August	131,537	2,444
	Total	1,443,372	83,863

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