Preface

State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) produces reliable and timely statistics pertaining to central banking and related areas of interest for the use of policy makers, researchers, academia and other stakeholders. The Monthly Statistical Bulletin (MSB) is a reflection of such efforts. This publication provides a wide range of data disseminated in one place, most of which is also available on the websites of the respective data producers such as SBP and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). It is available on the SBP website at:

<u>https://www.sbp.org.pk/reports/stat_reviews/Bulletin/index.htm</u>. To further facilitate the users, data tables are provided in MS Excel format.

This month's edition includes, for the first time, gender disaggregated statistics on deposits and advances.

Readers are also encouraged to use EasyData (<u>easydata.sbp.org.pk</u>), an intuitive and interactive data portal from where one can access, download and plot time-series data from a collection of more than eleven thousand variables.

Any suggestions for inclusion of a specific data table(s) in this publication or on EasyData can be sent to feedback.statistics@sbp.org.pk with the relevant reference in the subject line.