



State Bank of Pakistan

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Project on

Collaboration among the Data Producers and Users



**Statistics Department
State Bank of Pakistan**

Project Background

Policymaking, research for innovation, testing of hypothesis in the field of science and economics, and decision making at various levels need strong support of numeric base. In order to cope with the growing need for reliable data and to fulfill the international obligations, the role of data compiling agencies is becoming more important. Besides their role at individual level, a high degree of cooperation and coordination among these institutions is required for creation of a coherent statistical system, efficient use of the available databases and working on virgin areas of development harmonized with the international standards of quality and dissemination.

Although there exists a certain degree of informal co-operation among data producers and a decentralized data support to the data users, there is pressing need for mutual trust and a framework that allows and encourages a well-organized coordination among all stakeholders. As a first step in this direction, the Statistics Department of State Bank of Pakistan initiated the Project “Collaboration among the data producers and users”, a partnership of policymakers, analysts, and statisticians from all over the country. The project will focus on promoting high-quality statistics, making these data meaningful for research and designing sound policies. The main objective of the project is “to formulate a setup in collaboration of all statistical organizations and stakeholders to integrate efforts for effective and efficient production and usage of the statistics and to create harmony in the needs and availability of statistics”.

Under the project, the Statistics Department of State Bank of Pakistan will conduct users-producers workshops at Karachi and Islamabad. A Steering Committee of coordinators would be set up for conducting the workshops. All data compiling agencies would be invited to participate in the workshops through their nominated Coordinators for the Steering Committee. Each organizational Coordinator will be responsible for participation of his organization in the workshops, presentations on the nature and compilation methodologies of important data and implementation of the workshops’ recommendations. Technical Committees, comprising of members from the relevant organizations and users will be constituted for all major sectors to identify country-wide gaps in data needs and availability based on presentations in the

workshops. The Committee will devise strategies for filling the gaps, improvements in the methodologies, eliminate duplications and provide proposals for implementation of the workshops' recommendations. The recommendations would be communicated to the relevant organizations for implementation through the nominated coordinator.

Objectives

The main objective of the project is “to increase collaboration among all statistical organizations, to make efforts for effective and efficient production and usage of the statistics and to create harmony in the needs and availability of statistics“. The project will focus on:

- improving interaction among data compilers and users;
- identifying country-wide gaps in the data availability;
- identifying shortfall in scope and coverage of the data compiled by various organizations;
- recommendations for bringing harmony in data needs and availability; and
- follow-up the implementation of recommendations.

Duration

July 05- June 06

The Structure

The project will be implemented through the following teams.

- a. Project Team
- b. Steering Committee
- c. Technical Committee.

The composition and responsibilities of each committee are as follows.

(a) Project Team (PT)

Statistics Department, State Bank of Pakistan is responsible for overall implementation of the project through a project team consisting of members from Statistics Department, State Bank of Pakistan. The team is headed by a Joint Director and is responsible for the managerial functions of the project. The team will work till the completion of the project and may carry its role till the process of bridging the gaps is completed. Names and contact numbers of team members are as under:-

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(b) Steering Committee (SC)

The Steering Committee (SC) will comprise of the representatives (coordinators) officially nominated by the respective organizations. The committee would be responsible for:

- the overall participation of the respective organization in the process;
- providing input to prepare a comprehensive list of data users/stakeholders;
- arranging the participation of respective organization in the user-producers workshops and presentations on the methodology, scope, coverage of important data compiled by their organizations;
- providing nominations for the technical Committees;
- assisting Technical Committees in finalizing recommendations based on users' input/feedback in the workshops;
- implementation of the recommendations for bridging gaps;
- reporting progress on implementation of the recommendations to project team; and

- establishing data transfer protocol among data compiling agencies/organizations.

The Steering Committee (SC) would comprise of the following:-

- ◆ Dr. Azizullah Khattak, Director Statistics, State Bank of Pakistan - SBP
- ◆ Dr. Ishaque Ahmed Ansari, Joint Director Statistics, SBP
- ◆ Mr. Naseer Ahmed, Joint Director Statistics, SBP
- ◆ Nominee from each data-compiling agency

The committee would be chaired by Mr. Riaz Riazuddin, Economic Advisor, SBP. List of members of steering committee is given in Annexure-I.

(c) Technical Committee (TC)

Five Technical Committees, one for each of the five data sectors specified under Special Data Dissemination Standards (SDDS) of IMF, namely Real, Fiscal, External, Financial and Socio-Demographic sector. Each Committee would be headed by a member of the Steering Committee and its members will be drawn from compilers and users working on data of the respective sector. Technical Committees would be constituted in the first meeting of Steering Committee.

The composition of a technical Committee would be as following:

- Head:** A member of the Steering Committee
- Members:** One from Research Department/Economics Policy Department, of State Bank of Pakistan
- One member involved in compilation of the data
- Two users

Each committee will be responsible for identification of gaps in the relevant data series on the basis of feedback from the users during presentations in the workshops. The committees would examine the feasibility and implication of the suggestions provided by the users and will consolidate the input for submission to the Steering Committee for final review. The committee will also be responsible for devising data transfer mechanism among the data compiling agencies and users.

Activity Plan

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Date of Commencement</u>
1.	Draft Preparation of Project Plan	July 2005
2.	Draft Preparation of detailed activity Plan	15 August 2005
3.	Presentation to DMT	07 August 2005
4.	Finalization of Project and activity plan and approval by DMT	10 October 2005
5.	Identification of the Stakeholders	13 November 2005
6.	Nomination of coordinators for Steering Committee	20 December 2005
7.	First meeting of Steering Committee and formation of technical committee	16 February 2006
8.	First Seminar at Karachi, first meeting of Technical Committees, Draft suggestions by the Committees	February-March 2006
9.	2 nd Seminar at Islamabad, first meeting of Technical Committees, Draft suggestions by the Committee	March 2006
10.	2 nd meeting of SC (Review the suggestions provided by the Technical Committees)	March 06
11.	Joint meeting of Steering Committee and Technical Committees at Islamabad	1 st week of May06
12.	Finalization of recommendations	3 rd week of May 06
13.	2 nd meeting of Steering Committee and technical committee with final recommendation	1 st week of June 06
14.	Preparation of report	3 rd week of June 06
15.	Submission of Report	End of June 06

Composition of the Steering Committee

Annexure – I

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Annexure-II

Technical Committees and their Composition

