

STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN

STATISTICS AND DATA WAREHOUSE DEPARTMENT

Note on Improvement in the Compilation Methodology of Country-Wise Workers' Remittances

The Statistics and Data Warehouse Department of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) compiles and disseminates data on Workers' Remittances on a monthly basis. The data is collected from banks, exchange companies and Pakistan Post Office.

In an effort to improve data quality, the Department holds periodic consultations with stakeholders on the sources of primary data and definitions, data collection, and reporting methods.

In this context, it was observed that in their submissions to partner banks in Pakistan, some of the money transfer companies and overseas banks had been reporting the country location of their head offices as the origin of the remittance instead of the country of residence of the remitter from which their subsidiaries had originally collected the remittance. While this does not affect the overall level of remittances arriving in Pakistan, it does affect the allocation of remittances by source country.

After consultation, the State Bank of Pakistan has decided to improve the current practice and compile the data according to the original country of the remitter. The workers' remittances data on the basis of original country of remitter will be published through the SBP website, starting from July 2020.

The circular to reporting institutions for this revision has been placed on the SBP website at the following link: <http://www.sbp.org.pk/stats/2020/CL5.htm>