Preface

Statistics and Data Services Department (SDSD) is responsible for generation, collection, validation, verification, compilation, dissemination and communication of statistics on various banking and financial aspects of Pakistan economy. SDSD makes all efforts to publish accurate and reliable statistics in timely manner. The publication *"Statistics on Scheduled Banks, Microfinance Banks and Development Finance Institutions in Pakistan"* is a reflection of one of such efforts.

The publication is based, largely, on branch wise data collected from the Scheduled Banks, Microfinance Banks (MFBs), and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) operating in Pakistan. This publication does not cover branches in EPZs. The data is collected on various dimensions of Scheduled Banks/MFBs/DFIs' assets and liabilities i.e. deposits, advances, investments and bills purchased & discounted etc. This publication has significant importance as it provides statistics on multiple aspects of banking sector of Pakistan and is widely used by the analysts/researchers and academia working in various disciplines in Pakistan as well as abroad. SDSD has been continuously striving towards data quality improvement, enhancement of the coverage of the data in various dimensions, increase in frequency of data dissemination and reduction in lags involved in compilation/dissemination of various datasets by SBP.

Gender segregated quarterly data on deposits and advances has been included in this publication since December, 2023. This data is useful for developing supportive regulatory policies that can assist the acceleration of financial inclusion in Pakistan. It is also helpful for measuring financial inclusion gaps. Further, the deposits and advances are classified in accordance with International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC Rev. 4.0) developed by United Nations. ISIC Rev. 4.0 facilitates in classifying the data according to economic activities and provides basis for data comparison across countries. Deposits and advances are further bifurcated into foreign and domestic constituents, whereas domestic constituents are stratified into Government, Non-Financial Public Sector Enterprises (NFPSEs), Non-Bank Financial Companies (NBFCs), Private Sector (Business), Trust Funds & Non-Profit Institutions (NPIs), Personal and Others. Advances and investments have been classified by maturity. Statistics on Assets and Liabilities and Profit and Loss accounts of all Scheduled Banks, MFBs and DFIs have also been shared in this publication.

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Comments and suggestions for further improvement in this publication are welcome (Email: feedback.statistics@sbp.org.pk).

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