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Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division

1. Introduction:

- The **Poverty Alleviation Coordination Council (PACC)** created in February 2019 was tasked with the preparation of a poverty alleviation strategy for the government of Pakistan.
- Followed by this, the Government of Pakistan's Social Safety Strategy was launched on **March 27, 2019**, as Pakistan's largest ever poverty eradication initiative.
- Subsequently, the Cabinet approved the creation of the "**Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division**" in April 2019.

2. Functions as per Rules of Business, 1973:

1. Policies regarding social protection with the objective to provide basic necessities of life, such as food, clothing, housing, education and medical relief, for all such citizens, as are permanently or temporarily unable to earn their livelihood on account of infirmity, sickness or unemployment.
2. Policies and strategies regarding poverty alleviation with the objective of improving the quality of life of the poorest segments of society; monitoring implementation of such policies and strategies.
3. Policies for mainstreaming the poverty alleviation and social protection concerns in the public sector expenditure.
4. Establishment of various innovation challenges to design initiatives for poverty alleviation.
5. Coordination with all relevant stakeholders including but not limited to concerned divisions and provincial governments for integration and synergizing of efforts and ensuring that all policies are made with a pro-poor focus.
6. Working with non-government sector to design and implement pro-poor initiatives.
7. Establishment of a time bound and output-based Labour Advisory Council and implementation of the proposals thereof.

8. Collection of Zakat and Usher, disbursement of Zakat and Usher to the Provinces and other areas as per formula approved by Council of Common Interests.
9. Coordination with relevant ministries and provincial governments for poverty alleviation and social protection initiatives.
10. **Administration of:**
 - (i) Benazir Income Support Programme.
 - (ii) Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal.
11. **Administrative matters of:**
 - (i) Trust for Voluntary Organizations.
 - (ii) Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund.
 - (iii) Centre for Social Entrepreneurship.
 - (iv) Centre for Rural Economy.
12. **Poverty Alleviation Coordination Council.**

1. PMDU & PROGRAMMER OFFICE

The detail of official business dealt by Prime Minister's Delivery Unit & Programmer Office is as under:

- **PMDU**

This section is tasked with handling PMDU and PCP matters of PA&SS Division and ancillary Organizations etc. A total of 917 cases containing citizens grievances were received and disposed off during the financial year 2020-2021.

- **PROGRAMMING**

The Programmer deals with the development of software for reconciliation of Central Zakat Fund, matters related to IT etc.

2. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Main functions of this section include:

- Coordinating with international departments/organizations.
- Signing and negotiating MoUs with other countries and international agencies in coordination with MOFA and EAD.
- Facilitating the projection of Pakistan's poverty alleviation initiatives at the global level through international engagements such as conferences and forums such as SCO, UN, OIC, etc.
- This Division has taken the following steps during FY 2020-2021 to enhance international collaboration focusing on poverty alleviation:
 - i. MoU with Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China titled "Cooperation for Poverty Alleviation in the field of Commerce".
 - ii. Hosted the first meeting of the Joint Working Group on Poverty Alleviation of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States, in pursuance of decisions taken at the Moscow Summit of the SCO Head of States.
 - iii. In the process of initiating a Pilot Project on Poverty Graduation through the development of village-level social enterprises in selected districts across the country in collaboration with International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD).

3. COUNCIL & COORDINATION SECTION

The detail of official business dealt by Council and Coordination Section is as under:

- **Parliamentary Business:**

Preparation of Answers of Parliamentary Questions, Motions, Resolutions, point of Orders etc. of the National Assembly, Senate and submission to the quarters concerned. Coordinating for briefing to the Minister/ Advisor alongside preparation of briefs.

Preparation of Working Papers for meetings of the Standing committees of the National Assembly and the Senate, Coordination in conduct of meetings.

During the F.Y 2020-21, 780 cases were received and disposed by this section.

- **Coordination:**

Collection of information/ data/reports from within the Division and organizations under its control and coordination with other Ministries/ Divisions and Departments on official matters.

Coordination for implementation of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee decisions and submission of reports.

- **Litigation:**

Coordination within the Division and with the organizations under its control for preparation of written objections/ para-wise comments alongside their vetting from the Law & Justice Division before submission to the Courts of Law including the Federal Service Tribunal.

Representing/ conducting Litigation matters/ cases in various Courts of law.

Liaison with the offices of the nominated legal counsels and briefing on cases.

Tasks performed during F.Y.2020-21	Total No. of Receipts	No. of Receipts disposed off	No. of Receipts approved (where required)	Disposal %
Coordination & Litigation Business	312	288	120	100%

4. ZAKAT SECTION

- During the financial year 2020-21, an amount of Rs 7929.16 Million was collected throughout the country, which was released to Provinces/Federal Areas in accordance with formula approved by the Council of Common Interests (CCI). The Province-wise detail of Zakat funds allocated and released during the financial year **2020-21** is as under:

Province/Federal Area	% Share	Allocated Budget 2020-21 (In Millions)
Punjab	57.36% of 93%	4229.795
Sindh	23.71% of 93%	1748.404
KPK	13.82% of 93%	1019.103
Balochistan	05.11% of 93%	376.817
ICT	35.14% of 07%	195.041
Gilgit Baltistan	18.57% of 07%	103.071
FATA	46.29% of 07%	256.929
Total		7929.16

- **Allotment of codes to new companies:**

During the financial year 2020-21, 10 codes were allotted to new companies for deposit of Zakat in the central Zakat Fund Account CZ-08. At present, a total of 2480 companies have been allotted Zakat deduction code.

- **Declaration of Zakat Nisab:**

An amount of Rs 46,329 was declared as Zakat Nisab for the year 1441-42 AH, after approval of the Administrator General of Zakat.

5. BUDGET AND CASH SECTION

The main functions of Budget and Cash section are as follows:

- Preparation, compilation and submission of budgetary estimates to the Finance Division.
- Processing cases for re-appropriation of funds.
- Dealing with cases for supplementary grants, savings and surrender of funds.
- Submission of contingency bills to the AGPR and collection of cheques.
- Monthly reconciliation of expenditures with the AGPR.
- **Major activities during 2020-21 (in millions):**

Sr. No.	Head of account	Budget Allocation 2020-21	Re-appropriation (+)	Re-appropriation (-)	Final Budget	Expenditure
1.	A01 Employee Related Expenses	81.030	13.221	8.422	85.829	89.626
2.	A03 Operating Expenses	55.881	1.665	2.865	54.481	54.499
3.	A04 Employee Retirement Benefits	3.500		0.896	2.604	2.599
4.	A05 Grants, Subsidies and Write of Loans/Advances/Others	3.100			3.100	2.600
5.	A09 Expenditure on Acquiring of Physical Assets	7.480		4.272	3.208	2.192
6.	A13 Repairs and Maintenance	1.963	1.900	0.331	3.532	2.124
	Total	152.954	16.786	16.786	152.954	151.642

- **Submission of Contingency Bills:**
 - i. 410 bills were submitted to AGPR.
 - ii. Reconciliation of expenditure with AGPR was done on monthly basis.

The following advances were sanctioned for employees of the Division during Financial Year 2020-21:-

S.#	Name of cases	Number
01.	House Building Advance (HBA)	04
02.	Motor Car Advance (MCA)	03
03.	General Provident Fund (GPF) advance granted to employees	09

6. PLANNING SECTION

- The planning section is tasked with looking after the matters of the Division’s Public Section Development Programmes (PSDP) funded projects. Currently, the Division runs two PSDP projects:
 - i. Tahafuz Program
 - ii. Social Protection Delivery Unit

SEHAT TAHAFUZ PROGRAM

- The Sehat Tahafuz program aims to create a one-window social safety net to protect the vulnerable population of Pakistan from catastrophic health expenditures, and thereby aid the poverty-stricken, who are struggling with health financial shocks.
- The program works through partnerships with public sector hospitals in three main phases. It covers “out of pocket expenditure” associated with pre-approved 900 treatments packages across 21 departments.
- The program concluded its successful pilot phase in June 2021; where it served 274 patients through 2 partner hospitals in Islamabad and Rawalpindi. Given the success of the pilot project, Sehat Tahafuz will be expanded into a full-fledged program for the FY-2021-24.
- In the future, Sehat Tahafuz plans to empanel 14 Public Sector Hospitals in Federal, Punjab, KPK, Baluchistan, Sindh, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Kashmir. Details of hospitals to be empaneled:

Province	City	Hospitals
Federal Capital	Islamabad	Capital Development Authority (CDA)
Punjab	Rawalpindi	Holy Family Hospital
	Multan	Nishtar Medical University and Hospital
	Multan	The Children Hospital and Institute of Child Health
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Peshawar	Lady Reading Hospital, Hayatabad Medical Complex, Khyber Teaching Hospital,
		D.I. Khan
Baluchistan	Quetta	Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto General hospital Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed AL-Nahyan Hospital
		Sindh
Gilgit Baltistan	Gilgit	Provincial Headquarter, Regional Headquarter,
		Azad Jammu Kashmir
Sindh	Karachi	Jinnah Post Graduate Medical College Hospital
Punjab	Okara	District Head Quarter Hospital (Okara)
	DG Khan	District Head Quarter Hospital (DG Khan)
Balochistan	Quetta	Bolan Medical Complex

SOCIAL PROTECTION DELIVERY UNIT

- The Social Protection Delivery Unit was established to lead the delivery of the country's Social Protection Programme and track cadence of delivery across several components.
- The distinctive role and objective of SPDU is to oversee implementation, coordinate, strategize and assess progress of the Ministry's social protection initiatives.
- SPDU is also tracking implementation of the goals and targets established under "Performance Agreement" signed with the Prime Minister.
- SPDU operates through four wings:
 - i. Monitoring and Evaluation
 - ii. Strategic Rollout
 - iii. Advisory Support
 - iv. Communication and Stakeholder Engagement

1) Monitoring and Evaluation Wing:

M&E of SPDU is an integral unit that devises mechanisms for initiatives tracking including establishing routines and processes and coordinating with other ancillary organizations to strategize and develop mechanisms to ensure successful delivery of different social safety programs of the government. Specific functions include:

- Follow-ups on Federal and Provincial Initiatives.
- Managing and updating PMDU portal for Strategy Initiatives.
- Organizing monthly review and planning sessions, consultations with the stakeholders for completion of initiatives.
- Conducting evidence building research and evaluation studies.
- Developing and finalizing Performance Agreement and conducting regular stocktaking to ensure its successful completion.
- Managing dashboards to track monitoring and ensures true visualizations and projection of progress on all social safety programmes under its purview.
- Reviewing governance observatory dashboard template.

- Identifying gaps in the Governance Mechanism and actions planned.
- Ensuring quality assurance and capacity development of ancillary organisations in compliance of Governance Observatory.

Following is the list of few high impact initiatives which are monitored and evaluated by M&E SPDU:

- Amdan Programme (National Poverty Graduation Programme/NPGP) - Livelihood Training and assets transfer
- Interest free loans
- BISP Emergency Cash Transfers
- National Socioeconomic Registry (Live Registry)
- Policy on Orphanages
- Protection against catastrophic expenditures through Tahafuz
- Governance and Integrity Policy
- Benazir Nashonuma, Nutrition Conditional Cash Transfer
- Benazir Taleemi Wazaif Digital - BISP School Stipend
- Education / School for Rehabilitation of Child Labor
- BISP One Window demonstration center
- Benazir Need-based Undergraduate Scholarships
- Rehri-Baan (Street Hawkers) Initiative
- BISP Kafaalat
- Individual Financial Assistance (Medical & Education)
- Pakistan Bait-ul-mal Shelter Homes and Food Vehicles
- Private Sector Engagement Policy
- Labour Expert Group
- Orphan & Widow Support Programme - Conditional cash transfer for mothers/guardians of orphans
- Women Empowerment Centers (WEC) etc.

2) Strategic Roll-Out

Strategic support is set up for designing & detailing initiatives within the priority initiatives that are directly within the ambit of Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety Division, with support on prioritization of key areas and designing pilots and implementation plans.

Important tasks carried out include:

- Developed mechanism for implementation of Private Sector Engagement Policy together with the vision of Corporate Social Responsibility and engaged and facilitated non-government stakeholders to leverage their technical, financial, entrepreneurship and outreach support to amplify impact of the program.

3) Advisory Support

Advisory support aims at providing policy level and technical input and framing trade-offs/ considerations around key topics relevant to the program. Important functions performed include:

- Conducted comprehensive consultative sessions to develop and finalize the policy for the Private Sector Engagement.
- Conducted intellectual work to form Core group of Informal Economy Workers Unit at the Division through extensive external and internal consultations and prepared a report.
- Drafted the Abstract of Tenancy Farming and initiated data mining from provinces. Supported in forming a Labour Expert Group to study application of labour laws to tenant farmers and to make recommendations for formalizing tenancy farming system

4) Communication and Stakeholder Engagement

Communications and Stakeholder Engagement aims at planning, leading, executing, and overseeing all communications and stakeholder engagement activities including areas related to PR and strategic communications for the ministry. Important functions performed are:

- Implementation of multiple tools of communication such as media engagement, SMS campaigns, video documentaries, web and social media campaigns to create awareness among masses regarding different social protection initiatives.

- Development of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and launching of audio version of FAQs of different initiatives.
- Surveillance of electronic media on daily basis and sharing ministry related talk show analysis reports. Ensuring script writing and production of e-newsletter.
- Creation and dissemination of Public Service Announcement.

7. BENAZIR INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME

- Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) was launched in 2008 as a flagship social safety net Programme at the national level by the Federal Government of Pakistan with the vision to:
 - Enhance the quality of life and socio-economic status of the most vulnerable and marginalized segments of society.
 - Make them productive citizens with dignity and respect, with a view to eradicating poverty in the country.
 - Reduce poverty and promote equitable distribution of wealth especially for the low-income groups.
- Wings of BISP implementing core initiatives are given below:

1. Unconditional Cash Transfer Wing:

Benazir Kafaalat Programme:

- The Unconditional Cash Transfers (UCT) also called “Kafaalat” is aimed at cushioning the negative effects food crisis and inflation on the poor, particularly women, through provision of Unconditional Cash Transfers to eligible families.
- The quarterly cash grant has been gradually enhanced by the Government from Rs. 3,000/- per family to Rs. 3,600/- in FY 2013-14 to Rs. 6,000/- in FY 2019-20.
- Currently, the number of Kafaalat beneficiaries stands at around 6.5 million which is to be increased to 8 million by June, 2022.

BISP Emergency Cash Programme Round-1:

- The first phase of BISP Emergency Cash Programme was launched in April, 2020 to help poor families affected by Covid-19.
- An amount of approximately Rs. 180 billion was disbursed to around 14.9 million (including Kafaalat beneficiaries) beneficiaries @ Rs. 12,000/- per beneficiary.

BISP Emergency Cash Programme Round-2:

- Keeping in view the increase in economic hardships due to the 3rd wave of Covid-19, second phase of BISP Emergency Cash Programme was launched on June 16th, 2021.
- Around 48 billion has been disbursed to around 4 million (other than Kafaalat beneficiaries) additional beneficiaries @ Rs. 12,000/- per beneficiary.

Compensation Package for LOC Affectees in AJ&K Region:

- Families living along the Line of Control (LOC) are being provided cash assistance by BISP under Special Relief Package launched in June, 2020.
- Under the cited programme, additional beneficiaries (other than Kafaalat beneficiaries) are being provided emergency cash assistance @ Rs. 24,000/- in two installments of Rs. 12,000/- each. Around 36,000 beneficiaries are identified under the programme.

Financial Inclusion and Financial Literacy Programmes:

- In pursuance of BISP's Financial Inclusion Strategy, it has designed and launched a pilot project for opening of Savings Accounts (Mobile Wallets) and provision of Financial Literacy to Kafaalat beneficiaries.

2. Conditional Cash Transfer Wing:

Benazir Taleemi Wazaif Program:

- Recognizing that many children in BISP beneficiary households and families are not currently attending school, the GoP launched a Co-Responsibility Cash Transfer for BISP beneficiary families in October 2012 for Primary Education. Currently, stipends of Rs. 2000 to girls and Rs. 1500 to boys are being given on quarterly basis.
- A one-time graduation bonus of Rs. 3000 is part of the Taleemi Wazaif programme to encourage girls to complete primary education.
- The Taleemi Wazaif Programme is set to expand to include students from Secondary and Higher Secondary schools from July 2021. The proposed stipend rate of students will be:

Description	Per Boy/per quarter (Rs.)	Per Girl /per quarter (Rs.)
Primary Level	1,500	2,000
Secondary Level	2,500	3,000
Higher Secondary Level	3,500	4,000

- Rs.3.665 Billion has been disbursed under Taleemi Wazaif Programme to 1.24 million children in the Financial Year 2020-21.

Benazir Nashonuma Program:

- To address the problem of malnutrition and stunting among children, BISP has designed a Conditional Cash Transfer intervention to increase the uptake of Health and Nutrition services of its beneficiaries.
- The program aims to address stunting among pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and their children less than 2 years of age through the provision of additional cash of PKR 1500 per quarter per PLW and boy child and PKR 2,000/- per quarter per girl child of BISP beneficiary families.
- In return, mothers must commit to attending regular antenatal health checks and awareness sessions during pregnancy, consuming specialized nutritious food (SNF), and taking their children for immunization and regular health checks.
- Under the program, 81,028 beneficiaries have been enrolled and Rs.236.02 Million has been disbursed so far.
- The program is being implemented in 14 districts of the country. Province wise allocation of districts is as under:

Province	District	No. of FCs
Punjab	Rajanpur	4
	Khanewal	4
KPK/FATA	Khayber	3
	Upper Dir	7
Balochistan	Kalat	4
	Lasbella	3
AJK	Bagh	3
	HattianBala	3
GB	Kharmung	2
	Diamer	4
	Astore	2
Sindh	Badin	6
	Dadu	4
Federal	Islamabad	1
Total	14 districts	50 centers

3. Complimentary Initiatives Wing

Benazir Undergraduate Scholarship Project:

- BISP Undergraduate Scholarships Project, a joint project of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and BISP, seeks to increase access to higher education for talented undergraduate students from low-income families.

- This project provides merit and needs-based scholarships, including tuition fees plus a stipend to cover living expenses, to qualified undergraduate students from low-income families to study in public sector Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of all regions of Pakistan, including Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan.
- 50% scholarships are reserved for the females whereas 2% scholarships are reserved for differently-abled students.
- Currently, 41,000 students have received the scholarship as part of Batch-II of FY 2020-21.
- Total Budget Released for FY 2020-21: Rs8.468 billion

4. F&A Wing/ Budget At A Glance:

(Rs in Million)		
Financial Years	Original Budget	Final Budget
2016-17	115,000	111,500
2017-18	121,000	113,000
2018-19	124,700	118,666
2019-20	180,000	246,849
2020-21	200,000	194,911

5. NSER Wing:

- National Socio Economic Registry (NSER) is an asset based census conducted in 2011 for the first time to assess the socio economic status of the Households (HHs).
- The NSER was updated upon finalization of the instrument i.e. the Poverty Score Card (PSC) in 2019.
- To optimize the coverage and to rectify any discrepancies resulting from human error during survey process, NSER established 506 BISP Registration Centers across country.

6. Human Resource Management (HRM)/ Admn Wing:

- The existing BISP Human Resource is tabulated as under:

Region	Sanction	Filled		Vacant
		Officers	Officials	
Head Office	471	98	289	84
Punjab	1046	124	499	423
Sindh	964	66	222	676
KPK	705	81	372	252
Balochistan	572	42	112	418
AJ&K	209	36	131	42
Gilgit Baltistan	169	25	99	45
Total	4136	472	1724	1940

- Key tasks of the HR wing include:
 - Recruitment process of 882 posts of Compliance Monitors was completed to strengthen the Conditional Cash Transfer wing.
 - Sixty Six (66) officers joined BISP on deputation basis, which improved the overall working and operations of BISP.
 - Hiring of HR Consultancy Firm to carry out a detailed study for rationalization of BISP structure was completed. The firm has already submitted most of its deliverables.
 - Creation of positions for Cyber Security Wing and selection process of its Human Resource i.e. 07 positions was completed.
 - To deal with the discipline matters of BISP Employees, Civil Servants (Efficiency & Discipline), 2020 were adopted from the BISP Board.
 - Continuing with the zero tolerance policy on indiscipline, misconduct & corruption, 36 cases of disciplinary proceedings were concluded/ finalized after fulfillment of all codal formalities as enshrined in the relevant rules, including conduct of formal inquiries.

7. BISP One Window Centre, Islamabad:

- BISP has introduced several programs targeting disadvantaged groups and now established a one window Centre/service in Islamabad.
- This One Window Centre aims to interconnect, strengthen, and coordinate social safety nets for the vulnerable segments of the society in a transparent manner to minimize the potential impacts of unanticipated shocks and duplication resulting from the working in isolation.

8. Internal Audit wing

- BISP internal audit wing prepares risk-based audit plan, undertakes audit execution, reporting and follow up.

9. MIS Technological Enhancements wing

- The major MIS Enhancements during FY 2020-2021 are as under:

S#	Technological Enhancements	Description
1	Web Portals	<p>1- BISP Tracking (8171) On this portal, beneficiaries can find information regarding eligibility and Payment status. This portal also provides a complaint system to address beneficiaries' complaints.</p> <p>2- National Data Exchange Portal NDEP provides integrated information and collaboration ecosystem to enable social sector's data sharing, strategic & tactical planning and decision making.</p>
2	Dashboards and public visibility of Information	Ensuring transparency through access to information on overall BISP achievements.
3	Data Governance	Establishing robust day-to-day and strategic IT policies regarding data handling, information systems etc. that meet global standards for accreditation.
4	Technology Automation	<p>1- Automating systems to ensure Efficiency in Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Payment verification interface developed and implemented for the verification of generated payments from the payment generation system. ✓ PASS Division and BISP site's geo-tagging application developed and deployed. ✓ Next of kin application deployed – 90,000 cases processed, 82,000 cases accepted, 54,000 accounts opened, and 41,000 next of kin beneficiaries served. ✓ GPS/MAC/IMEI tagging of biometric devices used for payments enabled. ✓ Biometric login for POS agents deployed. ✓ System-generated SMS is sent to the beneficiary to ensure accurate and error-free payments. ✓ Specific timings implemented for the transaction (0900 hours to 1700 hours). ✓ Payment to beneficiaries who fail on biometric verification initiated through bank branches. ✓ Payments enabled through biometric ATMs. ✓ First iteration of Payment Interface Module developed. ✓ Payment Complaint Management system of BISP setup with banks for Biometric payment system

10. Media, Communication & Outreach (MC&O) wing

- Eleven (11) Khuli Kachehris have been conducted by BISP where problems and payment related issues of BISP beneficiaries were addressed on telephone
- Daily monitoring of national newspapers, social media for BISP related news.
- TVCs have been prepared and broadcast on mainstream electronic media channels which are meant for the awareness of all stakeholders.

11. Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) wing

- M&E Wing assesses relevance, efficiency, effectiveness of various ongoing and upcoming activities of BISP through process monitoring, evaluation studies and other need-based desk and field monitoring surveys conducted from time to time.

12. International Cooperation and Coordination Wing

- To help Government of Pakistan boost its emergency relief measures, International Development Association (World Bank) negotiated US\$ 200 million concessional lending facility namely “Pandemic Response effectiveness for Pakistan” in 2020. In this respect, BISP has disbursed US\$25 million against as emergency cash transfers to up to 4 million beneficiaries enrolled in programme across the country.
- Crisis Resilient Social Protection Programme (CRISP)- World Bank, amounting to \$600 Million has been signed with the Government of Pakistan in March 2021. The programme development objective is to support a more adaptive social protection system that will contribute to any future crisis-resilience among poor and vulnerable households.
- BISP and Department for International Development (DFID) signed Pakistan National Cash Transfer Programme (PNCTP) amounting to GBP £ 300 million in 2012. The grant spans over a period of eight years (2012-2020).
- In order to provide much-needed fiscal space to the government of Pakistan to boost its endeavors to fight the pandemic, ADB has extended a concessional loan facility amounting to US\$ 200 million under the ‘Emergency Assistance for Fighting against COVID 19 Pandemic. The loan agreement was signed on 5th May, 2020.

13. Procurement Wing

- To administer and execute, all types of procurements, there is a dedicated Procurement Wing in BISP. Major Procurement executed during FY 2020-21:

- i. Hiring of Human Resource Consulting Firm (HRCF): BISP hired a Consulting Firm through open competitive bidding procedure (QCBS) to review the current BISP's Human Resource policies and procedures.
- ii. Hiring of Firm for ISO 27001 Certification.
- iii. Through an open competitive bidding procedure, BISP contracted Pakistan Post Office Foundation for printing of receipts with QR codes for easy scanning and with unique identification of each receipt.
- iv. Procurement of OEM Extended Warranty for HP & Dell Server, Software and Storage Equipment.
- v. BISP procured motorcycles for "Compliance Monitors" working under Conditional Cash Transfer Programme.

8. PAKISTAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION FUND

- Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) is the lead apex institution for community-driven development in the country.
- Since its inception, PPAF has signed agreements with multilateral/bilateral agencies, through Government of Pakistan, involving funding equivalent to USD 1.425 billion with different donors.

Key outputs of PPAF are:

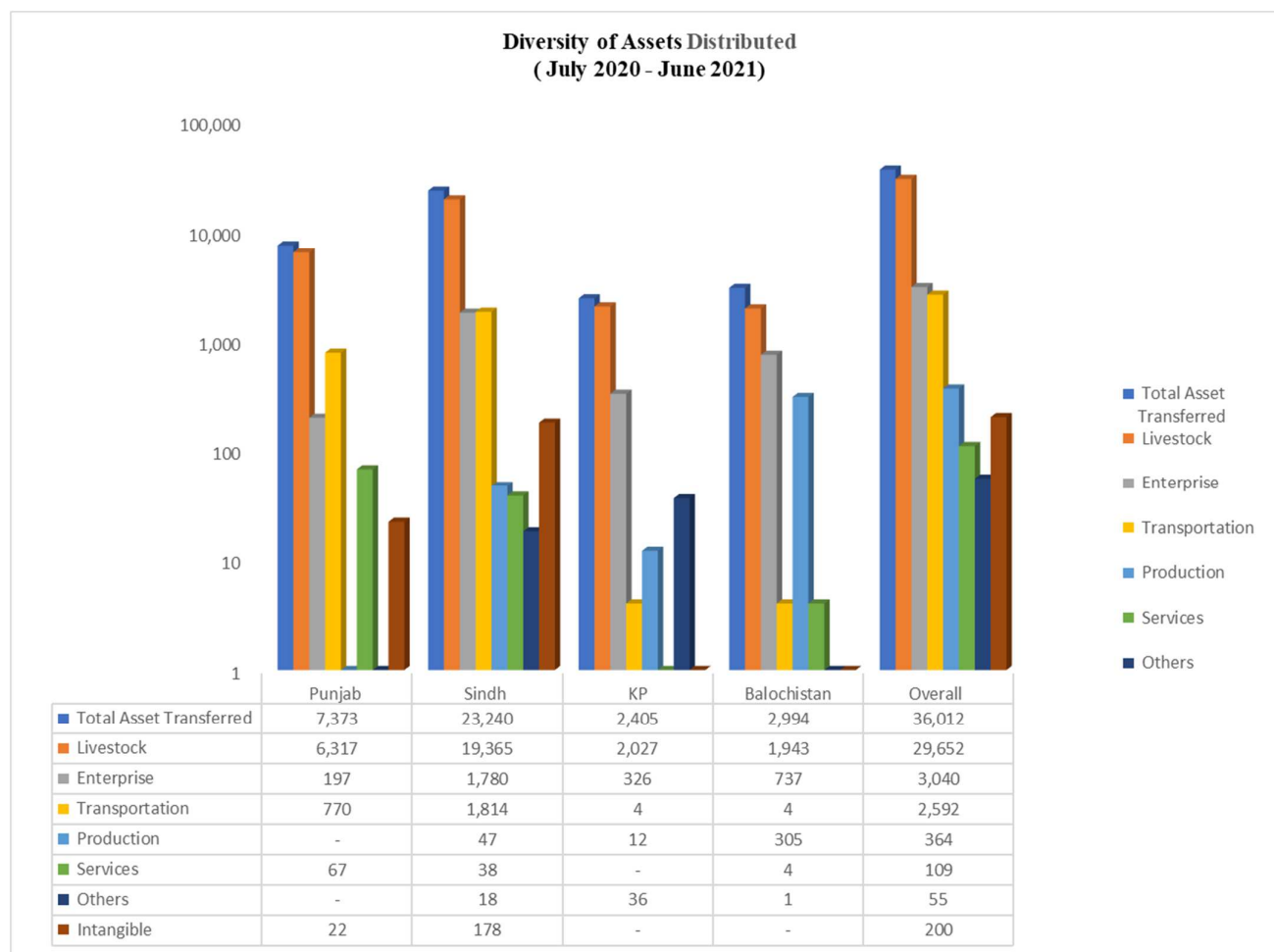
- Since its inception in April 2000 till June 2021, PPAF has disbursed an amount of approximately PKR 233 billion to its Partner Organizations (POs) in 147 districts across the country.
- The National Poverty Graduation Initiative (NPGI) was launched by the Government of Pakistan in 2019; PPAF was designated its lead agency. Under NPGI, the following two major programmes are being implemented by PPAF:

Amdan/National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP):

- The programme is a Government of Pakistan and IFAD funded USD 150 million (Government of Pakistan USD 50 million and IFAD USD 100 Million) initiative.
- The overarching goal of the programme is to assist the ultra-poor and very poor in graduating out of poverty on sustainable basis while improving their overall food security, nutritional status, and resilience to climate change.
- The programme aims at providing livelihood assets and trainings to 176,947 ultra and vulnerable poor households.

Key outputs are:

- During the reporting period, July 2020 to June 2021, a total of 36,012 productive assets have been transferred to the ultra-poor and vulnerable poor households identified as per set criteria.



- Of this, over 92% assets have been transferred to women beneficiaries.
- Since inception of the programme in July 2019 till June 2021, overall 61,066 (92% assets to women) livelihood productive assets have been transferred to the ultra-poor and vulnerable poor households identified as per set criteria.

Interest Free Loan (IFL) Programme:

- IFL is one of the major components of the NPGI being implemented by PPAF through its 24 Partner Organizations. The range of IFLs is Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 75,000.

Key outputs are:

- Under this programme, during the reporting period July 2020 to June 2021, a total of 635,125 loans (47% loans to women) amounting to Rs. 23,539.68 million have been disbursed to borrowers.
- Cumulatively, since the start of the programme in July 2019 to June 2021, a total of 1,416,059 loans (46% loans to women) have been disbursed, amounting to Rs. 50,460.01 million.

Table 1: Interest Free Loan (IFL) Programme Progress

Sr. #	Particulars	Progress for July 2020-June 2021			Cumulative as of June 2021		
		Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
1	Number of loans disbursed to borrowers	336,472	298,653	635,125	766,038	650,021	1,416,059
2	Amount disbursed to borrowers (PKR million)	13,504.61	10,035.08	23,539.68	29,354.63	21,105.38	50,460.01
3	Number of Loan Centers	1,100					

- During the reporting period, July 2020 to June 2021, out of total 635,125 loans disbursed, 47% of loans have been provided to women during the reporting period, July 2020 to June 2021, 635,125 loans disbursed. Provincial breakdown of loans and amount is mentioned in the table below:

Table 2: Province/Region-wise Interest Free Loan (IFL) Progress (July 2020-June 2021)

Province	No. of Loans			Amount Disbursed (PKR million)		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
AJK	8,806	8,655	17,461	347.56	326.78	674.34
Balochistan	1,034	815	1,849	30.78	23.43	54.22
GB	8,065	3,794	11,859	357.17	163.12	520.29
ICT	825	857	1,682	29.36	30.86	60.22
KP	41,419	14,186	55,605	1,361.36	396.18	1,757.54
Punjab	267,318	253,620	520,938	11,060.35	8,552.42	19,612.77
Sindh	9,005	16,726	25,731	318.02	542.29	860.31
Total	336,472	298,653	635,125	13,504.60	10,035.08	23,539.68

Further outputs with respect of PPAF:

- During the reporting period, July 2020 to June 2021, PPAF disbursed an amount of Rs. 7,905.73 million to its POs for various programmes funded by donors and PPAF's own resources. The component-wise financial progress update is given in the table below:

Table 3: Financial Progress Update (July 2020-June 2021)

Sr#.	Programme Components	Financial Progress (Amount Disbursed - PKR million)
1	Institutional Development/Social Mobilization (ID/SM)	1,019.47
2	Livelihood Enhancement and Protection (LEP)	1,777.87
3	Water and Infrastructure (W&I)	96.29
4	Education, Health and Nutrition (EHN)	44.75
5	IFL	4,967.35
Total		7,905.73

- During the same period, a total of 6,848 community institutions were formed and 7,576 community and PO staff were trained (including 39% women) under the Institutional Development and Social Mobilization component.
- Under the Livelihood Enhancement and Protection (LEP) component, 4,249 individuals (36% women) received skills and entrepreneurial trainings and 35,583 productive assets (87% to women) were transferred to ultra and vulnerable poor households.
- Under the Health, Education and Nutrition component, 75 educational facilities were supported during the reporting period, 28,316 students (57% girls) were enrolled, and 142,920 consultation visits by patients (58% women and girls) conducted. A total of 635,125 loans (46% loans to women) were disbursed through the IFL scheme.
- Overall, these projects and interventions benefitted around 1,102,078 poor and marginalized people, including 49.8% women beneficiaries, during the reporting period. The highlights of physical progress are given as follows:

Table 4: Physical Progress Update (July 2020-June 2021):

Programme Components	Physical Progress (No.)
Institutional Development and Social Mobilization:	
· Community Institutions Formed	6,848
· Community and PO staff trainees (39% women)	7,576
Livelihoods Enhancement and Protection	
· Individuals received skills/entrepreneurial training (36% women)	4,249
· Productive assets transferred to ultra and vulnerable poor (87%)	35,583
Water and Infrastructure:	
· Sub-projects completed	222
· Sub-projects beneficiaries (50 % women)	248,309
Education:	
· Educational facilities supported	75
· Students enrolled in programme schools (57 % girls)	28,316
Health:	
· Consultation visits by patients treated under programme health facilities (58 % women & girls)	142,920
Interest Free Loans:	
· Number of Interest Free Loans (46% women)	635,125

PAKISTAN BAIT-UL-MAL (PBM)

- Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM), established through an Act of Parliament in the year 1992, stands among the prominent Social Safety Nets of the country with its eminent humanitarian services via district-level network.
- PBM has its Head Office in Islamabad and Provincial / Regional Offices in Karachi, Quetta, Lahore, Peshawar, Islamabad, Multan and Gigit Baltistan. There are 154 District Offices all over the Pakistan including Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K) and Gilgit Baltistan.
- Bait-ul-Mal Board is the supreme policy making body of PBM.

Following are some of its current programs:

- **Individual Financial Assistance:**
 - Financial aid is provided to deserving individual belonging to three categories: medical, education, general.
 - Details of medical aid given during FY20-21:

Province	Medical (2020-21)	
	No. of Patients	Amount (in Millions)
Balochistan	816	94.37
Gilgit Baltistan	355	31.62
ICT	3417	461.32
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	3072	478.19
Punjab	4438	677.08
Punjab Region-II	2229	328.96
Sindh	2396	399.12
Grand Total	16723	2470.65

- Details of educational aid given during FY20-21:

Province	Education (2020-21)	
	No. of Students	Amount (in Millions)
Balochistan	371	7.085
Gilgit Baltistan	160	4.629
ICT	1666	51.99
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1249	33.77
Punjab	1432	35.97
Punjab Region-II	1410	36.71
Sindh	513	17.58
Grand Total	6801	187.700

- Details of general aid given during FY20-21:

Province	IFA General (2020-21)	
	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (in Millions)
Balochistan	300	5.74
Gilgit Baltistan	183	1.76
ICT	634	12.83
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1048	21.86
Punjab	1480	26.91
Punjab Region-II	767	14.44
Sindh	951	23.87
Grand Total	5363	107.38

- **Shelter Homes:**

- PBM Shelter Homes are established to provide valued but temporary /overnight stay with the two-time meals to homeless individuals.
- 18 Shelter Homes have been established in the first phase, and 13 new Homes will be established by the end of December, 2021.

SHELTER HOME SUMMARY 2020-21				
Meals Summary at Shelter Homes			Stay Summary	
Shelter Home	No. of meals served		Shelter Home	No. of persons (night stays)
Abbottabad	17491		Abbottabad	2157
Bharakau	68860		Bharakau	13747
Chaman	18080		Chaman	72
Charsadda Road Peshawar	5382		Charsadda Road Peshawar	193
G-9 Islamabad	264969		G-9 Islamabad	26939
Gawadar	37694		Gawadar	217
Korangi	30447		Korangi	905
Lasbela	48823		Lasbela	122
Layari	35414		Layari	419
Mandimor	302693		Mandimor	31599
Mardan	13327		Mardan	372
Orangi	58184		Orangi	2089
Quetta	20423		Quetta	1103
Skardu	16448		Skardu	773
Sohrab	29937		Sohrab	106
Surjani	30824		Surjani	1880
Tarlai	108483		Tarlai	21025
Tarnol	78492		Tarnol	14521
Total	1185971		Total	118239

• **Roti Sab Kay Liye Initiative:**

- PBM has launched “*Roti Sab kay Liye*” project for provision of two-time hygienic packed food (Lunch & Dinner) to needy individuals through Mobile Unit in urban and rural areas of Rawalpindi / Islamabad, Lahore, Faisalabad, Peshawar, Multan and Gujranwala on different routes.
- One thousand beneficiaries are provided with packed meal through each vehicle. Presently, 12 such vehicles are operational.

• **PBM Orphanages:**

- At Present, 51 PBM Orphanages are functional throughout the country.
- Each centre accommodates 100 orphans aging 4-6 years.
- Out of 51 Centres, 9 are in Punjab, 5 in South Punjab, 11 in Sindh, 8 in KPK, 4 in Balochistan, 11 in ICT/AJK and 3 in GB.
- At present, 4486 children are enrolled in these 51 Orphanages.

• **Women Empowerment Centres (WECs)**

- Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has established Women Empowerment Centres (WEC) throughout the country at district since 1995.
- These centers are providing free vocational training to widows, orphan & poor girls in modern professional skills.
- 122 WECs have recently been modernized with IT Labs (having 20 Computer in each), throughout the country. Capacity building workshop pertaining to latest programming skills, networking, office automation etc. have also been carried out in collaboration with Microsoft Office Pakistan. Trainees of these centers are also being paid stipend of Rs. 50/day on attendance basis.
- Number of trainees as per courses offered in a WEC is as under:

Province/ Region	No. of WECs			Present Trainees						Passed out trainees
	WEC -IT	WEC	Total	Vocational	Computer	Beautician	Cooking	Decoration	Total	
Punjab	29	7	36	2,055	1,125	174	-	-	3354	47,417
South Punjab	17	1	18	681	542	343	-	-	1,566	17,331
Sindh	31	2	33	1,807	1,037	199	29	-	3,072	50,935
KPK & FATA	23	7	30	1,450	659	20	-	20	2,149	2,149
Balochistan	15	7	22	1,123	365	23	-	-	1,511	33,028
ICT & AJK	9	6	15	712	265	87	-	-	1,064	25,844
Gilgit Baltistan	2	4	6	335	16	-	-	-	351	9,752
Total:	126	34	160	8,163	4,009	846	29	20	13,067	241,113

- **Schools for Rehabilitation of Child Labour (PBM SRCLs):**

- 159 schools for the rehabilitation of Child Labour are functional all over the country.
- The children involved in child labor are enrolled in these schools and receive free education up to primary level.
- Out of 159 SRCL, 46 are in Punjab, 20 are in South Punjab, 37 are in Sindh, 24 are in KPK, 14 are in Baluchistan, 13 are in ICT/AJK and 5 are in G.B. About 17,893 children are enrolled in these schools.

- **Serving the Persons With Disabilities (PWDs):**

- Under this program, PBM provides wheelchairs, white canes, artificial limbs, hearing aids to PWDs.

- **Civil Society/NGOs:**

- The main objective of the Civil Society Wing (CSW) is to provide rehabilitative services to the poor segment of the society through grant-in-aid to the NGOs.
- Year wise amount disbursed to the NGO along with number of beneficiaries during the financial year 2021-21 is as under:

Year	Amount Disbursed (Rs. in Million)	No. of Beneficiaries
2020-21	13.846	6923

- **Cochlear Implants:**

- PBM supports up to One Million grant for the Cochlear Implant Surgeries through various hospitals.

Province	Cochlear Implants (2020-21)	
	No. of Beneficiaries.	Amount (Million)
Balochistan	1	1.000
Gilgit Baltistan	-	-
ICT	38	44.135
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	60	66.66
Punjab	31	31.415
Punjab Region-II	19	19.545
Sindh	6	6.39
Grand Total	155	169.145

10. TRUST FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

- The Trust for Voluntary Organizations (TVO) was created as an indigenous grantmaking organization in 1990 following an agreement between the Governments of Pakistan and the United States of America to establish a Special Development Fund (SDF).
- TVO was set up to tap the potential of non-government organizations (NGOs).

Key outputs from FY 2020-21 are:

- Reconstitution of TVO Board of Directors by Ministry of PA&SS.
- Constitution of sub-committees of TVO Board.
- Hiring of a regular CEO.
- Revision of Policies and Procedures including HR Policy, Financial Management and Procurement Policy.
- External Audit.
- Completed SWOT/Gap Analysis.
- Development of Resource Mobilization Plan.
- Reassessment of potential partners.
- Capacity building of staff.
- Adopted best practices of corporate business/governance.
