

**Inception Workshop
Research Studies Based on Time-Use Survey Data**

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1. Introduction:

The Finance Division, Government of Pakistan with technical and financial support of UNDP and Swiss Agency for Development Corporation has initiated the Strengthening Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS) Monitoring Project from 2008 to 2012. The aim of this project is to strengthen institutional capacities for result based monitoring and evaluation of poverty reduction strategies at Federal and Provincial Level.

One of the key outputs of the project has been a time use survey conducted in 2007. The TUS takes exhaustive stock of round the clock activities of the everyday life. It has generated a wealth of data to provide empirical perspective for a wide range of socio-economic pursuits and research objectives. A number of novel uses of the TUS in economic research, including in the areas of macroeconomics, national income accounting, labor economics, social protection, and others can be applied to illustrate the magnitude of this new survey's possible applications.

In addition to the ongoing analysis, the Finance Division, UNDP Pakistan, SDC and The World Bank agreed to commission research papers to further explore the use of TUS data, specifically from social protection perspective. As a part of this effort, researches have been invited to submit proposals for the papers. These papers are meant to contribute directly or indirectly to review national social protection strategy of Pakistan. The contracts for seven such studies have been awarded to researchers keeping in view the feasibility, novelty and relevance of their research proposals. The list of research topics and researchers is given below:

Sr. No	Topics of the Research Studies	Researchers
1	Public Infrastructure, time allocation to unpaid work and poverty alleviation	Dr. Nuzhat Ahmed and Ms. Sana Khalid
2	Occupational class, income level and time poverty among employed individuals	Dr. Najam-us-Saqib, PIDE
3	Time Allocation for Improving Governance in Society: Implications for Enhancing Governance in Social Protection Programs	Yasin Janjua and Maqsood Sadiq
4	Production, Management and Use of Cultural and Social Capital among Pakistanis; A study based on time use	Azeema Faizunnisa
5	Child/Youth Time use Patterns, dependency burden and education:	Cem Mete, Cynthia B. Lloyd, and Dr. Naveeda Salam
6	Female Employment	Ms. Deborah Bundlender
7	Informal Sector Work: Poverty and Social protection	Stefania Rodica Cnobloch & Dr. Naveeda Slalam

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2. Inception Workshop:

Inception Workshop to Launch Research Studies based on TUS Data was held on March 25, 2010 at Islamabad Hotel, Islamabad.

The objective of the workshop was to share the scope of work exercise by the researchers on their allotted studies to a wider audience to generate meaningful debate regarding the research questions and to fill gaps in the scope of research (if any). The workshop attracted participants from a wide variety of stakeholders including policy makers, academia, representatives of non-governmental organizations, researchers, UN Agencies and Development Partners.

The Workshop started with the recitation from Holy Quran. National Project Director PRSMP/ Joint Secretary (EF-P) Mr. Mehmood Akhtar in his inaugural address dilated upon the importance of TUS data and its use in exploring issues related to Social Protection.

To build the discussions around each research topic the researchers were requested to make a brief presentation in their time duration. The presentations were based on the research questions and scope of work, followed by question answer sessions. A brief overview of each research discussion session is given below:

3. Discussion Sessions:

Session # 1	Public Infrastructure, time allocation to unpaid work and poverty alleviation	Dr. Nuzhat Ahmed and Ms. Sana Khalid
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This research is being conducted by Dr. Nuzhat Ahmed, a renowned economist from Applied Economics Research Center (AERC). Dr. Nuzhat in her presentation highlighted the linkage between public infrastructure investment and its consequent effect on reducing poverty by freeing the time locked in some unproductive tasks and its resultant substitution by income generating market activities. Presentation was followed by question answer session. Audience shared some suggestions that include:

- The study can explore important dimensions of fiscal policy to enhance investment in public infrastructure in general and water infrastructure in particular that could save much time of the poor households.

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- Agreement to have single functional definition of time poverty
- Need for complimentary labour policy to utilize time saved from unpaid work at home.
- The study can provide recommendations for Benazir Income Support Programme as they can provide training to women leading to their graduation from BISP.

Session #2	Occupational class, income level and time poverty among employed individuals	Dr. Najam-us-Saqib,
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Dr. Najam-us-Saqib, is an expert economist from PIDE. His research is going to explore research questions related to occupational class, income level and time poverty among employed individuals. He made a brief presentation to the participant about scope of his research and masterfully explained the idea of time poverty. Some suggestions and comments from the participants on his research include:

- Working definition of time-poverty needs to be agreed by all researchers.
- The study may also take into account that the concept of time poverty is not only restricted to the poorer segments of the society but it also extends to the richer people.
- The study may provide doable set of policy recommendations.

Session #3	Time Allocation for Improving Governance in Society: Implications for Enhancing Governance in Social Protection Programs	Yasin Janjua and Maqsood Sadiq
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Mr. Yasin Janjua presented his scope of work on the research study Time Allocation for Improving Governance in Society: Implications for Enhancing Governance in Social Protection Programs. He described various aspects of the research question. Some suggestions and comments from the participants on his research include:

- Analysis needs to underpin full extent of poverty as only then it will bring up and integrated set of implications for Social Protection Strategy.
- Technique of Social audit may be used to further enrich the analysis.

Session 4	Production, Management and Use of Cultural and Social Capital among Pakistanis; A study based on time use	Azeema Faizunnisa
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Miss Azeema Faizunnisa presented her scope of work on the research study on creation of Social capital in Pakistan. She illustrated various aspects of her research questions. Some suggestions and comments from the participants on her scope of work are:

- Technique of Social Network Analysis may be used for analysis.

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- Study may be conducted in three steps including how social capital is produced, impact and how it is used and managed.

Session 5	Child/Youth Time use Patterns, dependency burden and education	Cem Mete, Cynthia B. Lloyd, and Dr. Naveeda Salam
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The researchers are going to explore research questions related to Child/Youth Time use Patterns, dependency burden and education. Dr. Naveeda Salaam made a brief presentation to the participant about scope of their research and explained to the audience the dimension of research questions. Some suggestions and comments from the participants on this research study include:

- Impact of parental education level may also be incorporated in the analysis.
- Parental choice about the nature of school (Public vs. Private) needs to be analysed.
- Exploration of child poverty may also be included in the scope of work.
- The study may also define learning poverty if data permits.

Session #6	Female Employment	Ms. Deborah Bundlender
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Mr. Nouman Ghani in absence of Ms. Debbie Bundlender gave a brief Presentation. He informed that in this study she will explore the linkages of female employment with social protection strategy. The Q/A session that followed a brief presentation of scope of work of the study, highlights following issues:

- Labour Force Survey and TUS are not comparable as they are based on different time frames and parameters.
- The study may also explore the issue of underemployment in context of rural areas.
- The study may also provide some analysis on vulnerable employment if possible.
- The study may also take into account issue of cyclic unemployment.

Session # 7	Informal Sector Work: Poverty and Social protection	Stefania Rodica Cnobloch & Dr. Naveeda Slalam
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The researchers are going to explore research questions related to Informal Sector Work, Poverty and Social protection. Dr. Naveeda Salaam made a brief presentation to the participant about scope of their research. Some suggestions and comments from the participants on this research study include:

- The study may explore analysis of data groups by age and demographic status
- The study may analyse various categories of informal work.

The Workshop was concluded with a vote of thanks from Mr. Sajjad Shaikh, National Project Manager Strengthening poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS) Monitoring Project. He requested the researchers to complete their assignment within sixty days time.

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Agenda

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Time	Sessions	Speakers
9.30	Registration	
9.45	Guests to be seated	
9.45 - 9.50	Recitation of the Holy Quran	Naveed Ahmed
9.50 – 10.00	Welcome Address & Objectives of the Inception Workshop and Formal Opening	Mr. Mehmood Akhtar National Project Director/ JS (EF-P) – Chief Guest
10.00 – 10.20	Research Studies Introduction	Ms. Asma Bashir
10.30- 10.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea break 	
10.45 – 11.15	Scope of Work Research – 1 - 20 minutes Q & A Session: 10 Minutes	Public Infrastructure, time allocation to unpaid work and poverty alleviation Dr. Nuzhat Ahmed and Ms. Sana Khalid
11.15 – 11.45	Scope of Work Research – 2 – 20 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A Session: 10 Minutes 	Occupational class, income level and time poverty among employed individuals Dr. Najam-us-Saqib, PIDE
11.45 – 12.30	Scope of Work Research – 3 – 20 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A Session: 10 Minutes 	Time Allocation for Improving Governance in Society: Implications for Enhancing Governance in Scoil Protection Programs Yasin Janjua and Maqsood Sadiq
12.30 – 12.45	Scope of Work Research – 3 – 20 minutes Q & A Session: 10 Minutes	Production, Management and Use of Cultural and Social Capital among Pakistanis; A study based on time use by Azeema Faizunnisa
12.30 – 1.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch and Prayer Break 	
1.30 – 1.45	Scope of Work Research – 4 – 20 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A Session: 10 Minutes 	Child/Youth Time use Patterns, dependency burden and education: Cem Mete, Cynthia B. Lloyd, and Dr. Naveeda Salam

2.45 – 3.30	Scope of Work Research – 5 – 20 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A Session: 10 Minutes 	Female Employment: Ms. Deborah Bundlender, South Africa by Nouman Ghani
2.45 – 3.30	Scope of Work Research – 6 – 20 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A Session: 10 Minutes 	Informal Sector Work: Poverty and Social protection Stefania Rodica Cnoblach & Dr. Naveeda Slalam
3.30 – 3.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks and Tea 	Sajjad Ahmed Shiekh

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