



NEWSLETTER



Population Research Center

Forman Christian College (A Chartered University)
Lahore

Message from the Dean

It is with great pleasure to share with you the first edition of Population Research Center (PRC) Newsletter. PRC, an interdisciplinary teaching and research center, was established at FCCU in October 2019 to promote demographic and population based research for generating effective policy implications. This newsletter will serve as a platform to share the activities and events of PRC. The second edition of this newsletter (September 2020—December 2020) will be shared in January

2021. PRC has planned to publish this newsletter twice a year (in January and July respectively).

I thank you all for taking the time out to go through this newsletter. Your feedback and comments to improve the quality and contents of this newsletter will be highly appreciated.

Population Facts
The current population of Pakistan is 220 million, which is 2.83% of the total world population



Dr. Sikandar Hayat
Dean, Faculty of
Social Sciences and
Chair of the Advisory
Board of the PRC

1st Edition

(September 2020)

Highlights:

- Orientation session on Demographic studies (p.1)
- Webinar on 'Key findings from PDHS 2017-18' (p.2)
- Research paper on Intimate Partner Violence in Pakistan (p. 3)
- Webinar on tax reforms in Pakistan (p. 3)

December 2019

Population Research Center (PRC) organized an Orientation Session for faculty members from Department of Economics, Geography, Sociology, and Statistics on 17th of December 2019. The topic of the session was "Themes, methodologies,

and related topics in demographic studies" and Dr. G.M. Arif, an internationally renowned demographer, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Sikandar Hayat, Dean of Social Sciences, attended the event as the Chief Guest. Mr. Shahid Mehmood as repre-

sentative of Population Council also attended the event.

Population Facts
Pakistan ranks fifth populated country of the world, with a fertility rate of 3.55.





January 2020

Population Research Center (PRC) visited Population Council, Pakistan to discuss first year plan. They discussed deliverables for the first year and the future course of action. The meeting was held on January 24, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Population Council Pakistan's head office in Islamabad. The meeting was attended by Dr. Ali M. Mir (Associate/Director of Programs & Works), Ms. Samia Ali Shah (Project Director), and Mr. Shahid

Mehmood (Program Manager, Population & Development) from Population Council Pakistan and Dr. Muhammad Vaqas Ali (Director, PRC) and Mr. Jawad Tariq (Coordinator, PRC).



Population Facts

- Life expectancy for both sexes at birth in Pakistan is 67.79 years
- There are 55.8 infant deaths per 1000 live births in Pakistan
- Under-5 mortality in Pakistan is 68.2 deaths per 1000 live births

March 2020

Ms. Zain Fatima Shamsi joined PRC as Administrative Assistant) and Ms. Khizra Nasir and Mr. Daud Rafique joined as Research Assistants. Ms. Shamsi has an MPhil in Business Administration from Kinaird College for Women, Lahore. She has previously worked as Assistant Manager (Coordination) and Database Administrator in Sports Board Punjab. She has also worked as HR Administrator in Hajvery University and as Research Associate in Case Research Center, Sule-

man Dawood School of Business, LUMS.

Ms. Khizra Nasir has a Bachelors in Economics from Lahore College for Women University and is currently enrolled in MPhil Applied Economics at FCCU. Ms. Nasir has previously worked as a Research Fellow in a project of Department of Economics. She has also done internships in Planning and Development (P&D), Government of Punjab and World Wide Fund for Nature Pakistan (WWF).

Mr. Daud Rafique has an MPhil in Economics from FCCU. Mr. Rafique has previously worked as an intern in Bureau of Statistics, P&D where he was responsible for carrying out research tasks and activities. Mr. Rafique has also published a paper in a reputable journal titled "Socioeconomic Determinants of Child Mortality (Under Age one): Reported by Mothers of Reproductive Age in Punjab, Pakistan".

April 2020

A webinar was organized by PRC on 'Key Findings of Pakistan Demographic Health Survey (PDHS) 2017-18 and a way forward'. Dr. Aysha Sheraz was the guest speaker for this webinar. Dr. Sheraz is currently as a Senior Fellow (Research and Survey) at National Institute of Population Studies, Islama-

bad. Dr. James Tebbe, Rector FCCU, attended the webinar and thanked the speaker for her excellent presentation on PDHS. The webinar was attended by more than 40 faculty members from various departments of FCCU.





June 2020

PRC submitted a publication to “Journal of Interpersonal Violence” titled “Predictors of Intimate Partner Violence in married women of reproductive age: Evidence from Pakistan Demographic Health Survey 2017-2018. The study identified demographic, household, and women empowerment factors that predicted emotional, physical, and sexual violence in ever married women of reproductive ages (15-49 years, n = 3965) in Pakistan by performing secondary analysis on Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey, 2017-18. The analysis found that 30.2% women experienced emotional, 24.1% reported less severe

physical, 6.5% experienced severe physical, and 4.3% experienced sexual violence, respectively. The multivariate analysis found that husband’s age, education, wealth, and alcohol consumption were significant predictors of intimate partner violence. Additionally, women’s age, education, and number of children also significantly predicted intimate partner violence. With respect to empowerment variables, ownership of house was a significant predictor of less severe physical violence, ownership of property significantly predicted emotional violence, and autonomy in household purchase decisions was signifi-

cantly related to severe physical violence. The control on husband’s income as a measure of empowerment significantly predicted all four types of intimate partner violence. The beliefs in patriarchy also turned out to be an important factor in determining emotional and less severe physical violence.

Population Facts
Statistics by Punjab Safe City Authority and Punjab Unified Communication Response reveal that 13478 calls reporting domestic violence were received from Lahore only between January and May 2020.

Calls reporting domestic violence increased from 2853 in March to 3079 in April to 3090 in May

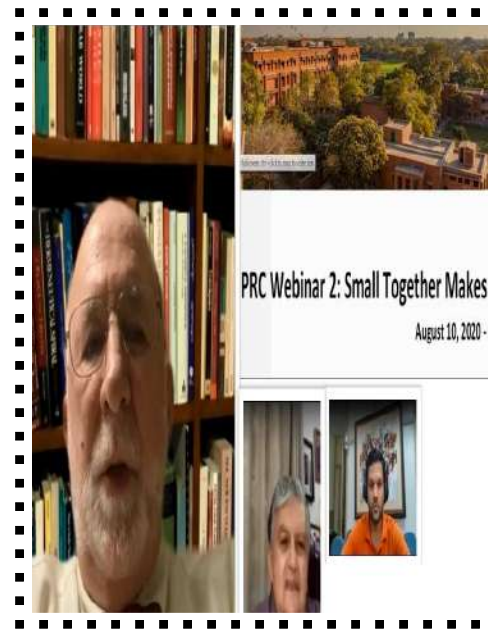
August 2020

PRC organized a second webinar with Center for Learning and Teaching (CLT) in the second week of August and the topic was “Small together makes big”. Dr. Mahmood Khalid, a Senior Research Economist in the Macroeconomics section and an associate in Fiscal Policy and Governance Center of Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Islamabad, was the guest speaker for this webinar. Dr. Mahmood talked about tax reforms from a growth inclusive perspective and discussed plausible reforms required in tax collection framework of Pakistan. The webinar was at-

tended by Dr. James Tebbe who welcomed the participants and guest speaker.

Pakistan Economic Survey 2020

- **Pakistan’s loans increased to Rs 25000 billion and if total debts and liabilities were cumulated, the amount increases to Rs 30000 billion**
- **Growth recorded at -0.4 percent during the fiscal year 2019-20**
- **Fiscal deficit reduced to 4.0 percent of GDP during July-March 2020**
- **Current account deficit reduced by 71% during July-April 2020**



Population Research Center (PRC)

F-104, 105

Hamid Saeed Faculty Block (F-Block)

Forman Christian College (A Chartered University)

Phone: 042 99231581-88

E-mail: prc@fccollege.edu.pk

[https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/
population-research-center/](https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/population-research-center/)

Population Research Center was established in 2019 to conduct, promote and strengthen inter-disciplinary population studies research in Pakistan. PRC is an independent center that was collaboratively created by the Department of Economics, Statistics, Geography and Sociology and is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences. The main purpose of PRC include providing advanced training to students in population studies, generating and disseminating research on population growth and its impact, and spreading awareness on population related issues.



Designed and Compiled by Mr. Daud Rafique

