



RESEARCH & TRAINING WING

ENGENDERING

AN ECO-SYSTEM FOR ACTIONABLE RESEARCH & CAPACITY BUILDING

SRPO to RTW

The Research and Training Wing was formerly known as Sindh Regional Planning Organization and was formed under the SRPO Act of 1976. SRPO was responsible for developing district-level plans for P&DD and inform the overall planning for the province. The structure of organization was different from what it is now, and the overall functions of SRPO were not specific and not focused. The SRPO was repealed in 2005 and Research & Training Wing was formed in 2006. The Wing was revitalized & restructured in 2018, and was envisioned as the capacity building body and knowledge hub for P&D Department for evidence-based planning and policy formulation using credible research.

Chief Economist's Message

It has been a sheer pleasure to steer the Research and Training Wing to cater to the capacity development and analytical needs of the Planning & Development Department.

Research & Training Paradigm in FY 2020-21

On the research front, R&T Wing developed a guide for financial and economic appraisal of PC-I proposals for the P&D Department and Provincial Line Departments. The Wing also steered the COVID-19 Impact Study and Development Response Framework to guide the budget strategy for FY 2021-22. A virtual 'Knowledge Repository' of about 20,500 documents was developed and deployed to serve as an integrated electronic catalogue of salient government documents. Capacity building of P&DD and Attached Offices was undertaken with trainings in thematic areas of Monitoring & Evaluation, Effective Presentation, PC-I Appraisal, Writing Skills and Evidence-Based Program Design.

RTW

2021

SRPO

1976

KEY INITIATIVES

ACTIONABLE KNOWLEDGE CREATION & TRANSMISSION



Sindh District Profiles 2021

With the aim of creating a holistic snapshot of key institutional and household indicators of the province at granular level, the R&T Wing of the Planning & Development Department has created 'District Profiles' for Sindh. The overarching idea behind this endeavor is to create disaggregated socio-economic profiles for the districts to delineate a cross-sectional evidence-base that can be effectively utilized for multiple purposes by policy-makers, development practitioners, researchers and other relevant stakeholders.

Knowledge Repository

The Research & Training Wing has developed a centralized Knowledge Repository to address the information needs pertaining to various thematic areas of not only the Planning & Development Department but also the Line Departments, development practitioners, researchers and other relevant stakeholders for research, analysis and other functions. With over 20,500 documents, the 'live' Repository would serve as an integrated electronic catalogue of salient government documents.



Financial & Economic Appraisal of PC-1

The Research and Training Wing has developed a practical guide (Financial & Economic Appraisal of PC 1) to delve into the review of key concepts pertaining to financial and economic appraisals of project proposals. The overarching objective of this Guide is to facilitate a paradigm shift from the focus on scrutinizing the internal consistency of the proposals or the sole emphasis on cost rationalization to ascertaining quantifiable 'returns on investment' indicators.



COVID-19

Macro-economic & Social Impact and Framework for Development Response in Sindh

After the fiscal year 2019-20 ended, P&D Department engaged RTW along with the team of European Union Public Financial Management Support Program for Pakistan in Sindh to develop a comprehensive report that details the macroeconomic & social impact of COVID 19 in Sindh along with actionable recommendations for the Government to undertake strategic short term and medium to long term actions to mitigate the impact.



RESEARCH

KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM FOR CREDIBLE EVIDENCE-BASE

SINDH
DISTRICT
PROFILES 2021

COVID-19 MACRO-
ECONOMIC & SOCIAL
IMPACT AND
FRAMEWORK FOR
DEVELOPMENT
RESPONSE IN SINDH

KNOWLEDGE
REPOSITORY

RESEARCH

SYSTEMATIC
REVIEW OF
GLOBAL HEALTH
SYSTEMS IN
COVID-19

FINANCIAL &
ECONOMIC
APPRAISAL OF
PC-1 MANUAL

MEC BIENNIAL
REPORT FY
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TRAININGS

ENHANCING CAPABILITIES THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING

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EMPLOYEES
TRAINED

Report Writing Skills

The Research & Training Wing partnered with Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development (AHKNCRD) in a three-day online training for developing report writing skills pertaining to public sector development projects.

Evidence Based Programme Design

Research and Training Wing collaborated with Center for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP) virtually to ensure participation from the Government of Sindh in CERP's training keeping in view the COVID-19 SOPs. The four-day rigorous program covered thematic areas pertaining to theory of change, cost-benefit analysis, sampling design, and program evaluation methods. The program focused on how to apply a structured and practical approach to programme design and implementation.

Effective Presentation Skills

R&T Wing collaborated with Pakistan Institute of Management for a two-day training on 'Effective Presentation Skills' that was attended by P&D Officers. The focus was on articulating and presenting ideas with confidence at relevant forums. The overarching focus was on presenting a range of ideas to a diverse group of audience in a coherent manner.

PC-1 Appraisal & Evaluation

Research and Training Wing collaborated with the Institute of Business Administration (IBA-Karachi) for a rigorous and comprehensive training to impart practical knowledge and skills pertaining to the appraisal and analysis of the all the facets of PC-I Project Proposal.

Monitoring & Evaluation

Research and Training Wing collaborated with Center for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP) for training of its P&D officials on 'Monitoring & Evaluation'. The training program was taught by leading M&E specialists and global experts, with the aim to strengthen participants' technical skills pertaining to monitoring and evaluation, qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, and project management.

STRATEGIC INPUTS

FOSTERING KNOWLEDGE TRANSMISSION FOR STRATEGY



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IBA-Karachi and Institute of Business Management (IoBM)

Research and Training Wing signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with **IBA-Karachi and Institute of Business Management (IoBM)** to collaborate on customized capacity building and research initiatives. Previously, MoUs have been signed with SZABIST and NED University of Engineering & Technology.

With continued engagement with academic, capacity building and research institutes, the R&T Wing endeavors to create multiple pathways of actionable knowledge transmission and augmented capabilities of the public sector.

Webinar

Research & Training Wing collaborated with Nanyang Technological University of Singapore

Research & Training Wing collaborated with Nanyang Technological University of Singapore to organize a multi country webinar on '**Social Policies and Community Building in the Age of Digitalisation Post Covid 19 Norm**'. Senior Government Officials from Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines and Thailand to discuss how governments could leverage digital platforms and collaborate with civil society organisations, businesses, social entrepreneurs in designing and implementing social policies and public services to rebuild the community in the new normal. Chief Economist presented Pakistan's evolution of poverty reduction and social protection efforts and Sindh specific poverty reduction strategy and its implications in Post COVID 19 contexts.

Consultations

Pakistan Competitive Cities Index & HR Assessment of SBoS

R&T Wing was also the part of consultations and collation of data for World Bank's '**Pakistan Competitive Cities Index**' for Hyderabad City. Similarly, R&T Wing conducted multiple consultations for formulating the report on '**COVID-19 Impact in Sindh and Development Response Framework**'. Finally, the Wing has also been at the forefront of the '**HR Assessment of Sindh Bureau of Statistics**' for the strengthening of SBoS as evidence-generating arm of P&DD.



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