



# Media Update

9 December 2015

## World Economic Situation Prospects

MEDIA ADVISORY

*Press Briefing*  
*Thursday, 11:00 am EST*  
*10 December 2015*

### Press Briefing, Thursday, 10 December

*UN Launches new report on global economy*

**What:** Press briefing to present the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2016 report

The *World Economic Situation and Prospects* report is produced annually by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the five UN regional commissions and the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).

The report is the definitive report of the United Nations on the state of the world economy and aims to provide an overview of recent trends in major macroeconomic indicators and analysis of policy options available in different economies, as well as the identification of key uncertainties and downside risks for the stability and growth of the world economy.

The Global Economic Outlook (Chapter I) will be launched at the press briefing and the rest of the Chapters (International Trade; International Finance for Sustainable Development; Regional Developments and Outlook ) will be launched between 18-22 January 2016.

**Who:**

- Mr. Lenni Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN DESA
- Mr. Hamid Rashid, Chief, Global Economic Monitoring Unit, UN DESA

Moderator: Ms. Francyne Harrigan, Chief, Development Section, UN Department of Public Information

**When:** Thursday, 10 December 2015, 11:00 a.m. EST

**Where:** S-237, UN Headquarters, New York or follow on [webtv.un.org](http://webtv.un.org)

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## **WFP**

### **Press Release**

# **“RETURNING HOME: LIVELIHOODS AND FOOD SECURITY OF FATA RETURNEES” REPORT LAUNCHED**

Islamabad (PR): On 9 December 2015, the “Returning Home: Livelihoods and Food Security of Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) Returnees” report was released during an event at the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) premises. This report outlines the results of a study

conducted jointly by WFP and the FATA Secretariat in collaboration with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Rescue Committee (IRC), the Food Security Cluster and the FATA Disaster Management Authority (FDMA).

Secretary, FATA Planning & Development, Shakeel Qadir Khan, was the chief guest on the occasion while WFP Representative, Lola Castro, FAO Representative, Patrick Evans, Country Director International Rescue Committee, Muhammad Adeel Khan, were among the key speakers.

Shakeel Qadir Khan, while commending WFP food and nutrition interventions in FATA, said that the report would serve as a guideline for policymakers to make correct assessments of food, nutrition, rehabilitation and livelihoods challenges being faced by the FATA returnees. He assured the FATA administration's overall support to WFP projects.

Lola Castro said that "since 2008, operations for the restoration of peace and stability in Pakistan's north-western areas have led to the temporary displacement of a significant number of people. As families have been returning in large numbers this year, joint efforts have been undertaken by the Government of Pakistan and the Humanitarian Community to support communities in the rehabilitation of their lives and livelihoods and to improve their access to social services".

Over 1.5 million displaced individuals have been residing in Peshawar or adjoining districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). As a result of improvements in the law and order situation, the Government of Pakistan has initiated the implementation of a Return and Rehabilitation (R&R) Strategy which envisions the return of all TDPs to their areas of origin by 2016.

Krishna Pahari, Head of WFP's Vulnerability Assessment and Mapping Unit said that "facing various challenges in terms of food security and restoration of livelihoods, the assistance of both national and international actors is crucial for the returnee populations."

He further added that, in order to support the returnee populations' sustainable path to stability and prosperity, it is fundamental to have a sound understanding of their livelihoods and food security situation. "The report provides a comprehensive profile of the livelihood and food security in FATA. It is based on information collected during field surveys in six FATA agencies including Bajaur, Khyber, Kurram, Mohmand, Orakzai and South Waziristan," he said.

The report highlights findings such as returnee populations' high vulnerability to food insecurity, a significant decrease in domestic and productive assets, low levels of productivity of household-owned agricultural lands, dependence on unstable sources of income and important gender disparities with women having worse food security indicators in terms of food consumption scores and caloric intake. The report also formulates key recommendations based on priorities identified by returnee households, communities and the overall analysis of the livelihoods and food security situation, which can be of significant value to all actors involved in providing humanitarian and recovery assistance to returnee populations.

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## ILO Press Release

### Textile exporting units in Faisalabad trained on compliance with Labour Standards

**Faisalabad, 9th December 2015:** Textile industries in Faisalabad have pledged to ensure compliance with international labour standards and national labour laws – particularly focusing the safety and health of workers at their workplaces. This was stated by representatives of 12 textile industrial units who attended the first session on ILS Compliance focusing ‘Occupational Safety & Health’ in Faisalabad on 9th December 2015.

ILO is collaborating with the Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) and Oxfam-Novib to implement a series of orientation seminars for the management and workers of 12 selected textile exporting units covering eight thematic areas of international labour standards. These eight areas include (i) elimination of child labour; (ii) prohibition of forced labour; (iii) non-discrimination at workplace; (iv) Promoting freedom of association & collective bargaining; (v) promoting minimum wages; (vi) ensuring employment security; (vii) ensuring proper working hours; and (viii) promoting occupational safety & health at workplaces.

The orientation seminars are targeted at the management and workers of 12 textile units from Faisalabad who have volunteered to enhance compliance with labour standards.

Mr Saad Gilani, Senior Programme Officer, highlighted key international Conventions and the requirements stipulated in these conventions on the selected thematic areas. He also apprised audience about key statistics, situation of national institutions and concepts for compliance.

Mr Javid Kahlon and other officials from the Government of Punjab Labour and Human Resource Department highlighted the salient legal provisions on



the subject and also elaborated easy tips and steps for ensuring compliance with laws without major hassle.

These seminars are part of a three year collaboration between the ILO and PTEA for enhancing ILS compliance in the exporting units of textile industries whereby an 'Integrated Compliance and Reporting (ICAR)' system has been established at Faisalabad level which will identify key gaps in compliance and will provide necessary technical support for ensuring corrective measures at workplaces. A robust communication system will also be put in place to highlight the major compliance initiatives undertaken by the Government and private sector.

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