Media Update
16 December 2019

UNDP MEDIA ADVISORY

Invitation to the Launch of National Action Plan + Investment Prospectus - SEforALL, Dec 17, 2019

We are pleased to invite you to the "Launch of the National Action Plan and Investment Prospectus of Sustainable Energy For All (SEforALL)" in collaboration with the Planning Commission. The event will be held on 17th December 2019 from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM at Crystal ball room, Marriot hotel, Islamabad.

Please find attached the invitation. We will be delighted if you could grace the event with your presence.

We look forward to welcoming you.

***

NIPS - PIDE - UNFPA PRESS RELEASE

The National Institute for Population Studies (NIPS), Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) jointly Launch In-Depth Analytical Reports based upon Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey-PDHS (2017-18)

Islamabad, December 16, 2019: The National Institute for Population Studies (NIPS) under the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination (MoNHSR&C), the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) under the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform (MoPDR) and
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) held the official launch of In-Depth Analytical Reports on Unmet Need for Family Planning, Child Marriage & Gender-Based Violence and National Transfer of Account (NTA), based on Pakistan Demographic & Health Survey-PDHS (2017-18), in an event on 16th December, 2019, in Islamabad. The joint launching ceremony was co-hosted by the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination (MoNHSR&C), Ministry of Planning, Development & Reforms (MoPDR) and UNFPA. Ms. Kanwal Shauzeb, Parliamentary Secretary, for Planning, Development and Reform attended as the keynote speaker, Dr. Nasser Mohiuddin, Director General (Technical) represented the MoNHSR&C/ NIPS and Mr. Muqaddar Shah, represented UNFPA at the launch ceremony.

The PDHS based in-depth analyses on unmet need for family planning, child marriage and gender-based violence in support of policy dialogue and formulation have been carried out by the NIPS, whereas, the NTA report is developed by the PIDE, with technical support from UNFPA. The in-depth analyses reports focus upon the factors contributing towards high unmet need for family planning services, socioeconomic factors leading to early and child marriages and gender-based violence in Pakistan. The NTA report demonstrated the linkages of population growth and changing population age structure with economic growth, public finances, and other important features of the macro-economy as well as gender and generational equity.

Representative from UNFPA, in his opening remarks said that population data and evidence of trends are critical for development. Without accurate data, investment and planning in the areas most in need could not be identified. “UNFPA, being one of the world’s largest funders of population data collection since 1980s, has assisted the Government of Pakistan in conducting the population censuses and other large-scale population-based surveys including PDHS, to provide quality data, crucial for developing policies and programs to foster the country’s economic growth, social justice and a measure of access to human rights.” He added.

Dr. Nasser Mohiuddin, DG (Tech), MoNHSR&C/ NIPS, highlighted that PDHS (2017-18) is the most referred report generated by the NIPS and it covers data on a number of demographic indicators including the prevalence of child marriage and gender-based violence in Pakistan. The in-depth analyses reports presented by the senior researchers from NIPS would sensitize the parliamentarians and policy makers on their causative factors and also guide them to address these important social issues.
Ms. Kanwal Shauzeb, Parliamentary Secretary, PDR, in her keynote address said that “The construction of the National Transfer Accounts for Pakistan by PIDE would help in understanding how people at different ages produce and consume, and fulfill their deficit. In addition, it would support the government in better allocation of resources as the NTA deals in detail how public and private finances are allocated and used. Evidence based policy-making is imperative for it to be sound and effective, and NTA provides evidence regarding a lot of important factors including health and education.” she said in her keynote address.

The event was well attended by government representatives, members of parliament at federal and provincial levels, heads of diplomatic missions, representatives of development sector and private sector organizations, representatives from United Nations agencies, and media.

***