



Presentation on International Migration Data

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MIGRATION



Definition:

Migration is the movement of people across a specified boundary:

- ❖ **Internal Migration** refers to movement within the country
- ❖ **International Migration** refers to movement across the border from one country to another

DATA SOURCES



i) Labour Force Survey (LFS):

In Pakistan Internal Migration is covered through LFS.

ii) Sources of Data regarding International Migration are:

Administrative Sources:

Following organizations keep record of people coming in going/abroad:

- Ministry of Interior
- Overseas Pakistanis Foundation
- Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment

International sources:

Data regarding refugees is obtained through:

- United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)
- International Organization of Migration (IOM)

SURVEYS OF PBS



In PBS following regular surveys are being carried out:

- i) Labour Force Survey (LFS) which covers only internal migration
- ii) Pakistan Standard of Living Measurement Survey (PSLM) which does not cover internal/international migration
- iii) Pakistan Demographic Survey (PDS) is withheld for last many years, but it is planned that after completion of census this survey will be conducted with questions on internal migration.

PROBLEMS REGARDING COLLECTION OF MIGRANT DATA IN PAKISTAN



- Irregular Migration
- Human trafficking
- Non-availability Data Bank
- Data on Migration is dispersed among different Government agencies.
- In flow of Refugees
- LFS does not cover the data of migrant labour as it is a household survey.

ISSUES REGARDING MIGRANTS DATA



- ❖ Inflow of immigrants to Pakistan is very irregular as since 1979 political instability in the region caused many displaced persons to come to Pakistan.
- ❖ From Afghanistan, about Three Million Refugees came to Pakistan due to Russian invasion in 1979 and afterwards when USA started war in Afghanistan after 9/11.
- ❖ Afghanistan has more than one entry points to Pakistan on common Borders, due to which a big portion of Afghan Population easily come and go back without any registration/documentation .
- ❖ From Iran and Bangladesh people come and go back without any record.
- ❖ These people work in Pakistan but due to non-availability of registration/documentation, it is difficult to have data about such employed persons.

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY



Introduction:

- Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has been conducting Labour Force Survey (LFS) since 1963 on annual basis.
- So far Thirty (31) surveys have been conducted.
- The survey results have been quarterly representative for main aggregates since 2005-06
- Its Sample Size 42,000 households.

Scope:

The survey provides gender disaggregated national and provincial level estimates with rural/urban break down

Periodicity:

Annual for the entire range of estimates while quarterly for the main indicators.



Objectives

The survey aims at the collection of a set of comprehensive statistics on the various dimensions of country's civilian labour force majorly on:

- the number of persons employed, unemployed, and underemployed or out of labour force;
- employment status of the individuals, i.e. whether they are employers, own account workers, contributing family workers or paid employees (regular/casual);
- non-agricultural enterprises employing household member(s) as formal and informal;

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY



SECTION 4: HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION													
All persons 10 years and over								For all persons					
Migration								Migration					
Inter/Intra-Provincial								Rural-Urban					
How long has been living in this district? (Go to Col. 4.19)		Previous district of residence before moving here. (Give name of the district. If abroad give name of the country and skip to Col. 4.18)		Previous residence was located in		Main reason for migration. (For codes see Footnote)		How long has been living in this area (Rural/Urban)? (Go to next person)		Previous residence was located in		Main reason for migration. (For codes see Footnote)	
1. Since birth				1. Rural				1. Since birth		1. Rural			
2. Less than one year				2. Urban				2. Less than one year		2. Urban			
3. 1 year								3. 1 year					
4. 2 years								4. 2 years					
5. 3 years								5. 3 years					
6. 4 years								6. 4 years					
7. 5-9 years								7. 5-9 years					
8. 10 years & over								8. 10 years & over					
(4.15) Code		(4.16) Code		(4.17) Code		(4.18) Code		(4.19) Code		(4.20) Code		(4.21) Code	

Codes for Col. 4.18 and 4.21 :

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|--|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 01= Job transfer | 05=Education | 09=With parents | 13=Returned to his home |
| 02=Found a job | 06=Business | 10=With spouse | 14=Security/Law & order situation |
| 03=Searching for a job | 07=Health | 11=With son/daughter | 15=Other (Specify) |
| 04=Searching for a better agriculture land | 08=Marriage | 12=Change of residence | |

LIMITATIONS OF LFS REGARDING COLLECTION OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION DATA



- Labour Force Survey gathers information on internal migration.
- This a household inquiry which covers only household members, which are present at the time of interview.
- Questions are asked about previous place of residence inside Pakistan/out side the country.
- LFS is related to labour market indicators mainly, International Migration is not in the scope of survey.
- LFS data is available on PBS web site: www.pbs.gov.pk
- After 2014-15, survey is discontinued temporarily due to census work.

LIMITATIONS OF DATA FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES



- Different organizations collect data according to their own requirements
- Collaboration among different administrative units is missing.
- Very little data which available not shared.

FUTURE PLANS



- Currently running surveys do not cover “International Migration” in Pakistan.
- Presently internal migration is being covered in LFS.
- PDS will also cover internal migration in its next round which will start after census.
- Census is going to start in March 2017. In Census questionnaire, only one question about household member residing outside Pakistan has been added.
- A unit has been established in Planning Commission of Pakistan where the goals and indicators regarding SDGs are being analyzed and definitions are being finalized which will be communicated to the concerned organizations and work will be started.

NEED OF SURVEY



- ❖ Instead of adding a module to any survey, it will be better to conduct a new survey with the different scope and sample size
- ❖ LFS is a regular activity of PBS which collects data on internal migration only. Data on International migration through LFS can not be collected as it is a household based survey.
- ❖ Data on International migration can be collected through a different establishment survey with a periodicity of 2-3 years.
- ❖ PBS has capacity to conduct such survey as in past years PBS has carried out Child Labour Survey, Times Use Survey, and Drugs Use Survey in collaboration with International Agencies.
- ❖ For carrying out such survey additional financial resources, training of staff and consultation of experts will be required.
- ❖ With provision of all needed, PBS can conduct this survey besides regular Labour Force Survey (LFS).



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