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Preface

It is with great pleasure that I present the first Yearbook of Social Protection Department, Government of Sindh for the year 2023-24. This publication is a testament to the department's commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in promoting the well-being of vulnerable populations and empowering marginalized communities.

As we strive to build a more equitable society in a world increasingly susceptible to climate related risks, the Social Protection Department also focusses on Adaptive Social Protection to build resilience of the vulnerable population particularly in the face of climate-related shocks. Our mission is to provide social protection services that foster resilience, dignity, and self-sufficiency. To our beneficiaries, we pledge our unwavering dedication to delivering accessible, effective, and responsive services.

The past year has been marked by significant achievements and strategic partnerships with World Bank, Benazir Income Support Program, Food & Agriculture Organization & European Union and we look forward to achieving more in the next year. I extend my gratitude to the officials of Social Protection Department, Sindh Social Protection Authority, partners, and stakeholders who have been pivotal to the department's success. Their unwavering commitment to social protection has been instrumental in building a social protection system in Sindh that is efficient, inclusive and sustainable. Going forward, we aspire for a robust social protection system with universal coverage, equipped to safeguard the socio-economic security of every individual, fostering a resilient and equitable society.

Rafique Mustafa Shaikh

Secretary Social Protection Department

Acronyms

AAP	Accelerated Action Plan
ASP	Adaptive Social Protection
BISP	Benazir Income Support Program
CCT	Conditional Cash Transfer
CERC	Contingent Emergence Response Component
CM	Chief Minister
DAC	Departmental Audit Committee
EU	European Union
FAO	Food & Agriculture Organization
FCDO	Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office
GoS	Government of Sindh
H&N	Health & Nutrition
MCSP	Mother & Child Support Program
MNCH	Maternal, Newborn and Child Healthcare
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
P&LW	Pregnant & Lactating Women
PM&IU	Project Management & Implementation Unit
PPHI	Peoples Primary Healthcare Initiative
PPSSPS	Peoples Promise Sindh Social Protection Strategy
PSPA	Punjab Social Protection Authority
SERRSP	Sindh Enhancing Response to Reduce Stunting Project
SP	Social Protection
SPD	Social Protection Department
SPSU	Social Protection Strategy Unit
SRSO	Sindh Rural Support Organization
SSPA	Sindh Social Protection Authority
SSPAB	Sindh Social Protection Authority Board
SSPDSS	Strengthening Social Protection Delivery System in Sindh
WFP	World Food Program
WB	World Bank

1. Introduction

Social Protection Department¹ was established by Government of Sindh on 18th May, 2022 by insertion of a new entry in Rules of Business, 1986, subsequently amended by Sindh Cabinet in February, 2023. The department is mandated to, *interalia*, support and facilitate Sindh Social Protection Authority in formulating, implementing and evaluating social protection policies and programs tailored to meet the specific needs of vulnerable segments of the population in the province. The overarching goal is to establish a robust social protection system in coordination with all stakeholders including National, Provincial Governments and donor agencies.

1.1 Vision

“To create a comprehensive and inclusive social protection system in Sindh that safeguards the rights and promotes the socio-economic security of every individual, fostering a resilient and equitable society.”

1.2 Mission

“The Social Protection Department is committed to developing and implementing innovative social protection strategies that address the evolving needs of our diverse population. By collaborating with stakeholders, leveraging technology, and prioritizing the most vulnerable, we aim to provide accessible, efficient, and sustainable social protection services that promote human dignity, social justice, and inclusive development.”

1.3 Objective(s)

To support Sindh Social Protection Authority in achieving improved access of the poor and vulnerable population to social protection services in the province by:

- i. establishing a robust Social Protection System;
- ii. designing efficient, adequate and well-coordinated intervention(s) and;

¹ SPD notification is appended at 6.4

- iii. developing an effective and efficient social protection service delivery mechanism.

1.4 Functions

- i. Facilitate and support Sindh Social Protection Authority for coordination with Federal Government, Provincial Government's Line Departments, Divisional and District Administration in the Province;
- ii. Liaison with Donor Agencies with regard to Social Protection initiatives;
- iii. Integrate Sindh Social Protection Authority into the broader government spectrum;
- iv. Support and facilitate the functions of the Sindh Social Protection Authority for achieving the Social Protection Goals of the Government;
- v. Deal with matters related to the Sindh Social Protection Authority;
- vi. Dispense services matters, except those entrusted to the Services, General Administration & Coordination Department.

2. Evolution of the Social Protection Regime in the Province

2.1 Social Protection Unit

Government of Sindh has always taken lead in implementation of Social Protection Programs. One of the initial initiatives in the field of Social Protection was the creation of Social Protection Unit under the domain of Social Welfare Department, GoS. This unit was established to implement the *Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Component of the Sindh Accelerated Action Plan (AAP) for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition under Sindh Enhancing Response to Reduce Stunting Project (SERRSP)*. SPU proved to be the epitome of enhanced Social Protection Programs in the province.

2.2 Social Protection Strategy Unit

Social Protection Strategy Unit (SPSU)² succeeded SPU on 19th October, 2019. In the meantime, the Social Protection Board (SPB)³ was notified on 01st October 2019 under

² SPSU notification is appended at 6.3

³ SPB notification is appended at 6.2

the Chair of Honorable Chief Minister, Sindh in order to lead the development of social protection policy and strategize its implementation.

Activities under SPSU include:

- i. Establishment of a Social Registry at the provincial and UC level in up to 20 rural UCs and selected urban communities;
- ii. Pilot of Security Bhook Mitao program;
- iii. Pilot of Maternal and Child Health 1,000 Days program;
- iv. Pilot of Benazir Women Agricultural Workers Support Program;
- v. Design and pilot of other innovative interventions in food security, social protection for informal sector workers, as well as youth internships and early childhood development.

2.3 Social Protection Department

During the inauguration ceremony of Mother and Child Support Program at the CM Secretariat on 24th November 2021, the Honorable Chief Minister announced the establishment of a Social Protection Department and Sindh Social Protection Authority. The objective was institutionalization and streamlining of all social protection efforts in the province, thereby improving outreach, coordination, data collection and overall execution.

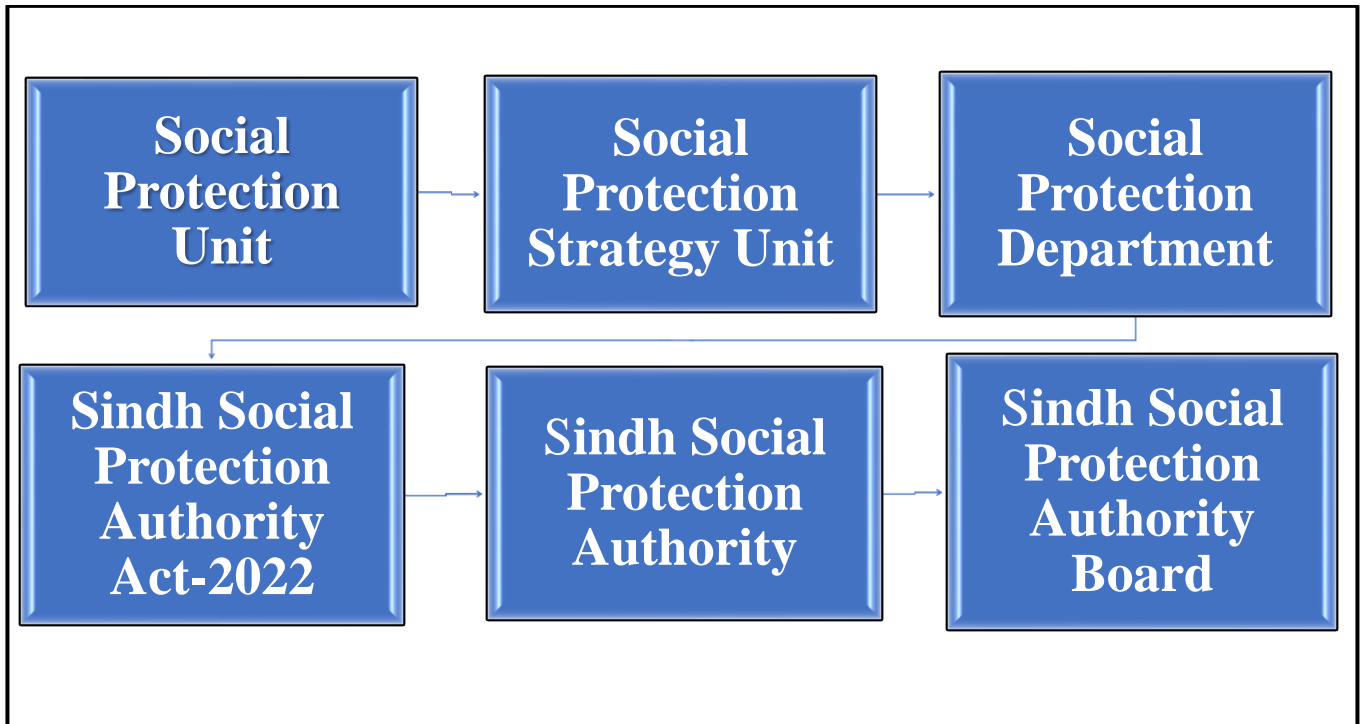
2.4 Sindh Social Protection Authority

The Sindh Social Protection Authority Bill was passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 02nd August 2022. The Act provides legal framework to establish an authority known as Sindh Social Protection Authority⁴ under the administrative control of Social Protection Department for designing, implementing and monitoring social protection interventions/ programs in the province. Subsequently, Sindh Social Protection Authority Board⁵ was notified to exercise all the powers under the provision of the Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022. All the powers and functions of Sindh Social Protection Authority are vested in its Board of Directors under the provision of the Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022 and the same was notified by SGA&CD on 19th December, 2022. Honorable Chief Minister Sindh heads the 15-member Board of Directors,

⁴SSPA notification is appended at 6.6

⁵SSPAB notification is appended at 6.7

which includes five members from the private sector having strong knowledge and expertise in the domain of Social Protection.



1: Pictorial Representation of Evolution of Social Protection Regime in the Province

3. Projects- Completed & Ongoing

3.1 Peoples Promise Sindh Social Protection Strategy – Feasibility and Institution – Building (PPSSPS) (Completed)

Under the scheme/project, the following two feasibility studies were conducted and finalized in June 2024 for designing / undertaking new initiatives:

- i. Food Security Bhook Mitao Program
- ii. Benazir Women Agricultural Workers Support Program

3.2 Strengthening Social Protection Delivery System in Sindh (SSPDSS)- Ongoing

3.2.1 Overview of the Project

Strengthening Social Protection Delivery System in Sindh is a World Bank funded project supported with US\$200 million from the International Development

Association (IDA) and US\$30 million from Government of Sindh counterpart funding. The project will be implemented over a five-year period (2023-2027) by PM&IU, SSPA. The project development objective is to “strengthen social protection service delivery system and enhance accessibility and utilization of Mother and Child Health Services in selected districts in Sindh.” The project has three components:

Component 1: Strengthen Sindh Social Protection Service Delivery Systems (US\$ 28.15million)

To establish an appropriate institutional framework to improve formulation, functional consolidation and coordination, policy planning, delivery, and monitoring of social protection interventions while also strengthening administrative capacities.

Component 2: Mother and Child Support Program (MCSP) (US\$ 201.85million)

Strengthen and increase scale of Mother and Child Support Program via conditional cash transfer equivalent to Rs. 30,000/- to pregnant women and mothers of under 2-year-old children encouraging them to utilize maternal, newborn and child healthcare (MNCH) services throughout the continuum of care for 1,000 days from conception.

Component 3: Contingent Emergence Response Component – CERC

This component, with zero allocation, is meant to support immediate rehabilitation and restriction needs to address a crisis or emergency.

4. Plans & Achievements For the Year 2023-24

4.1 Plan & Achievements (2023-2024)

4.1.1 Strengthening Social Protection System

Strengthening the social protection system in Sindh is crucial for reducing poverty and inequality in the province. Since the establishment of the department, the following steps have been taken to strengthen the social protection system in the province:

i. Sindh Social Protection Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023

In the year, 2023, Sindh Social Protection Authority proposed amendments in the SSPA Act, 2022 to make the Authority more effective. Sindh Social Protection Authority

(Amendment) Bill, 2023 was passed by the august Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 14th December, 2023. The amendments were as follows:

Section 5:

Prior to the amendment, Minister for Social Protection, Sindh was the Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Post amendment, any board member nominated by the Chief Minister, Sindh shall be the Vice Chairperson:

- a) Clause (b) of Sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the SSPA, Act 2022 is substituted as:

“(b) Any member to be Vice Chairperson nominated by the Chief Minister, Sindh”

- b) After Cause (b) of Sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the SSPA, Act 2022, the following is inserted:

“(b-i) Minister For Social Protection, Sindh (Member)”

Section 9:

Before the amendment, the CEO was to be appointed by the Government for a period of four years. After the amendment, the CEO is to be appointed by the Government for a period of two years which may further be extendable to two years. Moreover, the post of CEO has been converted to a floating post of BPS 19/20 and the experience requirement has been changed from 20 to 15 years with the following amendments made in Section 9 (1).

- a) The tenure of CEO is reduced to 2 years from 4 years.
b) The word “recruitment process” is replaced with “which shall further be extendable for another term of two years on the recommendations of the Board”
c) The proviso is changed from BPS-20 to floating position of BPS-19/20 and twenty years is replaced with fifteen years.

Moreover, Sub-section (6) of Section 9 is also amended and the same is summarized below:

- a) In clause (i) of sub-section 6, the words two lacs (two hundred thousand) rupees is replaced with five lacs (five hundred thousand) rupees.

- b) The brackets and figures appearing after sub-section (6) of Section 9 is replaced with brackets and figures and the words “Director General” is replaced with “Chief Executive Officer”.

Pre-Amendment, the CEO had the power to sanction or re-appropriate an amount not exceeding two lacs (two hundred thousand) rupees during the financial year for an unseen item not provided in the budget. Post amendment the limit has now been enhanced to five lacs (five hundred thousand) rupees.

All these amendments were solely made to enhance the working capacity of the Sindh Social Protection Authority and achieve the targets in a befitting manner.

ii. Restructuring of Board

The amendment in SSPA Act, 2022 has resulted in restructuring the composition of the SSPA Board. Any Board member nominated by the Chief Minister, Sindh shall be the Vice Chairperson of the Board, while the Minister For Social Protection, Sindh shall continue to be a Member in the Board.

iii. Nomination of Vice Chairman

Subsequent to the amendment in SSPA Act, 2022, Mr. Haris Gazdar, a renowned Pakistani economist and researcher with significant contributions in the fields of poverty reduction, social protection, and economic development was nominated as Vice-Chairman of the SSPA Board by the Honorable Chief Minister Sindh and the same was notified on 17th August, 2024.

iv. Appointment of CEO, SSPA

In order to run the financial and administrative affairs of the SSPA in a meticulous manner, the provincial cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Samiullah Nisar Ali Shaikh (Project Director -SSPDSS) as Chief Executive Officer SSPA and the same was notified on 11th August 2024.

v. First Board Meeting

1st Sindh Social Protection Authority Board Meeting was held on 29th April 2024 under the Chairmanship of Honorable Chief Minister, Sindh. The Board, *inter alia*,

accorded post facto approval of the schemes titled “Strengthening Social Protection Delivery system in Sindh” and “Peoples Promise Sindh Social Protection Strategy: Feasibility and Institution – Building” as required under Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022.

vi. SPD as Central/Lead/Hub Data Agency

SGA&CD vide its notification dated 22nd January, 2024 has notified Social Protection Department, GoS as hub/ lead department to engage with BISP and the provincial departments to establish mechanisms for data-sharing for designing social protection interventions in the province and facilitate coordination endeavors.

vii. Signing of Two-way data sharing with BISP

Subsequent to SGA&CD notification regarding SPD as a lead data agency, the department did massive engagement with BISP and decided to ink an agreement for instituting a two-way data sharing mechanism which is critical for designing, implementing and evaluating SP interventions in the province. Honorable CM Sindh approved SPD proposal and allowed CEO, SSPA to sign two-way data sharing agreement with BISP on behalf of GoS.

viii. Mapping Initiatives and Building a Synchronized Network

The Social Protection Department in collaboration with FAO successfully organized a one-day consultative seminar on mapping initiatives and building a synchronized network on strengthening social protection system in the province on 31st January, 2024. The Care Taker Chief Minister Sindh & Minister for Social Protection, Information & Minority Affairs graced the occasion with their presence in the event. The event turned out to be a massive success and provided an excellent platform to gather all stakeholders in strengthening the social protection in the province.

ix. Partnership with EU

This one-day seminar on mapping initiatives and building a synchronized network on strengthening social protection system in the province paved the way for evolving partnership with internal and external stakeholders. SPD counting on this opportunity evolved partnership with EU for working out the modalities for an anticipated Assistance Package of approximately €15 Million (Grant) Euros for instituting Adaptive Social Protection regime in the province under overall guidance and direction of P&DD, GoS.

x. Renovation of SPD’S Office

SPD completed the renovation of the office located in the rented building # 11 of State Life Insurance Cooperation (SLIC), Saddar, Karachi with the technical and financial support of Works & Services & Finance Department respectively.

xi. Acquisition of Land for SSPA Office Complex

SPD initiated the process for acquiring the state land for setting up SSPA office complex to accommodate SPD, SP authority, and the project-based staff, as agreed between the World Bank (WB) and GoS under SSPDSS – Project.

4.1.2 Project (SSPDSS)

i. Establishment of PM&IU and SSPA’s offices

Initially the PM&IU, SSPDSS office was housed in the office premises of the SSPA / SSPU located at SLIC Building # 11, Saddar, Karachi. However, in order to accommodate the hired staff and achieve dedicated plan, a new state of the art office of SSPA & PM&IU were established in Defense, Karachi.

ii. Signing of Agreement with M/s PPHI

To manage supply side, SSPA has signed an agreement with M/s Peoples Primary Healthcare initiative (PPHI) for improving uptake of MNCH Services to the project beneficiaries i.e., P&LW by screening and registering them at the identified 772 Health Facilities in 15 project districts. This agreement will prove to be a catalyst for enrolling new beneficiaries, improving their access to health services and resolving impediments in pay out/CCT payment.

iii. Activation of Health Facilities

PPHI activated 580 out of 772 Health Facilities (HFs) in 15 project districts.

iv. MCSP Rollout in 15 districts

Sindh Social Protection Authority (SSPA), *interalia*, implements Mother and Child support Program (MCSP)/ “Mamta Program” as part of the project “Strengthening Social Protection Delivery System in Sindh (SSPDSS)” with the support of World Bank (WB). In the

year 2023-24, the program is now functional in all 15 districts of Sindh which include Tharparkar, Umerkot, Tando Muhammed Khan, Sujawal, Thatta, Badin, Kashmore, Mirpurkhas, Jacobabad, Sanghar, Kambar Shahdadkot, Tando Allahyar, Ghotki, Matiari & Shikarpur and has made progress in terms of enrollment of beneficiaries and CCT disbursement/ payments in the year 2023-24.

v. Enrollment/Registration of Beneficiaries

A total of 203,073 against the target of 304,497 Pregnant & Lactating Women (P&LW) have been enrolled in 15 districts including pilot districts (Umerkot and Tharparkar) from inception to June, 2024.

vi. Pay out / Conditional Cash Transfer Payments

A total of Rs. 487.8 million against the target of Rs. 1954.6 million have been disbursed to MCSP beneficiaries (P&LW) from inception to June 2024.

vii. Hiring of Project Implementation & Support Personnels (PISPs) for the Project (SSPDSS)

SPD led the process for filling in 120 vacancies against 236 Vacancies pending for year or so, achievement of this critical milestone paved the way for setting up project district offices in all 15 districts.

viii. Inking of MoU with Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO)

The SSPA and SRSO joined hands in a significant initiative by signing a (MoU) to enhance community mobilization and awareness for the Mamta Program.

4.1.3 Project (PPSSPS)

Under the project, SSPA was required to conduct feasibility studies for undertaking new initiatives with an Estimated Cost of Rs: 339.92 million:

- i. Food Security Bhook Mitao Program
- ii. Benazir Women Agricultural Workers Support Program

Accordingly, SSPA with the support of consulting firms completed the feasibility studies in the year 2023-24 and has received reports encompassing:

- a) Province-wide scaling up of food security interventions
- b) Province-wide scaling up of selected social protection benefits to women agricultural workers.

Based on the findings of the feasibility reports, SSPA will design SP intervention in the province.

4.2 Budget 2023-24

i. Development

Sr. No	Name of Scheme	ADP No.	Allocation		Releases		Expenditure	
			FPA	GoS	FPA	GoS	FPA	GoS
			Amount in Million (PKR)					
i)	Strengthening Social Protection Delivery System in Sindh	4059	14,612	742.17	2206.213	177.39	1224.35	-
ii)	Peoples Promise Sindh Social Protection Strategy - Feasibility and Institution Building	4058	-	149.92	-	60	-	49.24

ii. Non-Development

Sr. No	Name	Allocation	Releases	Expenditure
		Amount in Million (PKR)		
i)	Social Protection Department KQ-2723	93.56	79.56	43.51
ii)	Social Protection Strategy Unit (SPSU)/ Sindh Social Protection Authority (SSPA) KQ-2722	2,148.68*	131.43	79.49

**Rs. 2,148.68 million includes subsidies of Rs. 2,000 million for new interventions under Pro-Poor Social Protection and Economic Sustainability Initiatives based on studies: Food Security Bhook Mitao Program & Benazir Women Agricultural Workers Support Program.*

4.3 Audit of Accounts for the year 2022-23

In the year 2023-24, the department successfully completed the audit of accounts of the following Cost Centres for the year 2022-23:

Sr. No.	Cost Center	Description
1	KQ-2723	Social Protection Department- Secretariat
2	KQ-2722	Sindh Protection Strategy Unit (SPSU/SSPA)
3	KQ-6102	Strengthening Social Protection Delivery System in Sindh

4.3.1 Departmental Accounts Committee Meetings

The Director General Audit Sindh conducted the audit of the SPD cost centres / books of accounts for the year 2022-23 and submitted the Audit Inspection Reports (AIRs) recording 25 audit paras / observations for review and decision / settlement by the Departmental Accounts Committee. Secretary SPD conducted two DACs to review and decide / settle the audit paras / observations on 16th January & 12th June, 2024 respectively.

4.3.2 Outcome / Decision of DAC Meetings:

Sr. No	Cost Centres	No. of paras/ Discussed	No. of Paras settled	No. of Paras unsettled	No. of PAC's held
1	Social Protection Secretariat (KQ-2723)	25	10	15*	0
2	Social Protection Strategy Unit (KQ-2722)				
3	Project (SSPDSS) (KQ-6103)				

* Department follows up with Provincial Accounts Committee (PAC) Secretariat for placement of draft para before PAC. The department and office of the DG Audit, Sindh have nominated their respective focal persons for verification and settlement of 14 paras/ observations.

4.4 Future Plan

4.4.1 Institutional/ Organizational Review Of SSPA

The process for institutional/ organizational review of SSPA including drafting of rules and policies for budget-making will be initiated.

4.4.2 Evolving Partnerships For Strengthening the SP System

The department is exploring avenues for instituting Adaptive Social Protection in partnership with EU, FCDO, WFP & FAO under overall guidance and direction of Planning & Development Department, GoS. To this end, SPD & EU have agreed to explore the following potential areas:

i. Policy Framework Enhancement

By developing policies and frameworks to integrate climate resilience into SP programs.

ii. Policy Dialogues and Forums for shared priorities

Involving government officials, development partners, academia, civil society organizations, and community representatives for knowledge sharing and co-creating solutions.

iii. Programmatic Integration

Through horizontal and vertical functional integration of the SSPA particularly related to the climate-resilient and adaptive SP. Identifying innovative ways for climate-responsive targeting, verification and SP program adaptation.

4.4.3 Designing New SP Interventions:

Based on the outcome of two feasibility studies, SPD will support SSPA, in finalizing the detailed plan / framework on the following two themes/ areas for financing under Pro-Poor Social Protection and Economic Sustainability Initiatives in the next financial year:

- i. Food Insecurity;
- ii. Women Agri workers

5. Photo Gallery



2: Inauguration Ceremony of Mother & Child Support Program



3: Briefing to Honorable CM Sindh by Secretary SPD



4: Honorable CM Sindh chairs the inaugural meeting of the SSPA Board



5: One-Day consultative Seminar on "Strengthening Social Protection System in Sindh: Mapping Initiatives and Building Synchronized Network"



6: Secretary SPD, CEO-SSPA & CEO PSPA meet the Caretaker Minister for SP



7: Inking of MOU with SRSO



8: Secretary SPD met with the World Food Programme, Regional Bureau Bangkok Adaptive Social Protection Mission to Pakistan



9: Secretary SPD Conducting the Progress Review Meetings for the Project- SSPDSS

6. Appendices

6.1 SPD Functions (Rules of Business, 1986)

33 – A) SOCIAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT **Inserted vide Notification dated 27.07.2023**

1. Facilitation and subject to the Sindh Protection Authority in coordination and maintain liaison with Federal Government, Provincial Government's line Departments, Divisional and District Administration in the Province and Donor Agencies with regard to social protection initiatives.
2. Administrative integration of the Sindh Social Protection Authority into the broader government system.
3. Support and facilitate the functions of the Sindh Social Protection Authority for achieving the Social Protection goals of the Government.
4. Matters related to the Social Protection Authority.
5. Service matters, except those entrusted to the Services, General Administration and Coordination Department.

34 - SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT **Substituted vide Notification dated 19.10.2023**

1. Working for welfare of marginalized segments of the society i.e. children, senior citizens, drug addicts and transgenders.
2. Administration of the following laws and the rules framed there-under:-
 - (a) The Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration and Control) Ordinance, 1961;
 - (b) The Sindh Darul Atfal (Supervision and Control) Act, 1976 (amended from time to time);
 - (c) The Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act, 2014;
 - (d) The Sindh Street Children Shelter Home Act, 2018; and
 - (e) The Sindh Charities Registration and Regulation Act, 2019.
3. The registration, cancellation, restoration, monitoring and supervision of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) under the Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration and Control) Ordinance, 1961.
4. Matters related to the Sindh Charities Registration and Regulation Act, 2019.
5. Preparation and implementation of grant-in-aid policy to Government entities and NGOs engaged in various social services / fields etc.
6. Coordination of social welfare programs with other National Building Ministries, Departments, donor agencies and Non-profit organizations at provincial, district and local levels.
7. Matters related to Sindh Social Welfare Council.
8. Preparation and execution of development schemes of Social Welfare Department through Annual Development Program (ADP), Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode or international financing.
9. Capacity building of employees of Social Welfare Department and various Social Welfare Organizations i.e. NGOs and CBOs.
10. Matters related to Medical Social Services at tertiary care hospitals.
11. Monitoring and supervision of services provided to children, drug addicts, senior citizens and transgenders.
12. Matters related to the Child Protection Authority to the extent of following laws :-
 - (a) The Sindh Child Protection Authority Act, 2011 (amended from time to time); and
 - (b) The Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2013.
13. Service matters except those entrusted to the Services, General Administration and Coordination Department”.

6.2 Social Protection Board



GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
AND CO-ORDINATION DEPARTMENT

Karachi, dated the 01 October, 2019

NOTIFICATION

NO:SO(C-IV)SGA&CD/4-6/19: In supersession of this department's Notification of even number, dated 20.03.2019 regarding Sindh Social Protection Group, a Social Protection Board (SPB) is hereby constituted, with following composition and TORs:-

01.	Chief Minister, Sindh	Chairman
02.	Chief Secretary, Sindh	Member
03.	Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho Minister, Health Department Govt. of Sindh	Member
04.	Mr. Saeed Ghani, Minister, Labour, Information & Archives Department, Government of Sindh	Member
05.	Mr. Murtaza Wahab, Advisor to Chief Minister, Sindh	Member
06.	Chairperson, Planning & Development Board, Sindh	Member
07.	Mr. Qasim Naveed Qamar, Spedal Assistant to Chief Minister, Sindh	Member
08.	Mr. Haris Gazdar (Coordinator to Chief Minister on Social Protection)	Member/ Secretary
09.	Minister and Secretary of the relevant Department (s)	Co-opted Member

TERMS OF REFERENCES:

1. The Social Protection Board shall oversee the preparation, adoption and execution of a need-driven cross-sectoral Social Protection Policy and Strategy, and its implementation.
2. The Social Protection Board would coordinate across sectors and government departments for the achievement of social protection objectives such as those in the areas of food security, nutrition, health, education, housing, employment of workers, welfare, women development, empowerment of disabled persons, income support and poverty reduction etc.
3. The Social Protection Board shall review existing efforts within government with respect to social protection, and align policies, goals and design of existing efforts with overarching social protection strategy.
4. The Social Protection strategy unit based at the CM Secretariat and headed by the CM's Coordinator on Social Protection will act as the secretariat for the Social Protection Board.

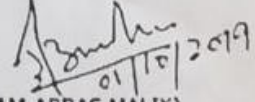
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Karachi, dated the 01 October, 2019

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5. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister, Sindh, Karachi.
6. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Sindh, Karachi.
7. The PS to Chief Secretary, Sindh, Karachi.
8. The PS to Secretary (I&C), SGA&CD, Government of Sindh, Karachi.


(GHULAM ABBAS MALIK)
SECTION OFFICER (C-IV)

6.3 Social Protection Strategy Unit



GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE
AND CO-ORDINATION DEPARTMENT

Krachi, dated the 31st October, 2019.

NOTIFICATION

NO:SO(C-IV)SGA&CD/4-6/19 With the approval of Chief Minister Sindh, all the roles, responsibilities and resources of Social Protection Unit (SPU), Social Welfare Department are hereby reassigned to the Social Protection Strategy Unit (SPSU), Chief Minister's Secretariat with immediate effect.

2. The functions of Social Protection Unit, (SPU) Social Welfare Department and Accelerated Action Plan and Conditional Cash Transfer (AAP CCT) are reassigned to Social Protection Strategy Unit, Chief Ministers' Secretariat.

3. All the staff, assets and other resources of Social Protection Unit, (SPU) Social Welfare Department stand transferred from Social Welfare Department to Social Protection Strategy Unit (SPSU), Chief Minister's Secretariat. The services of regular staff working in SPU, Social Welfare Department are placed at the disposal of SPSU, CM Secretariat and the reporting line for all contractual staff is now under the administrative control of SPSU, CM Secretariat.

4. The post of Project Coordinator, SPU, Social Welfare Department is hereby abolished and the function of SPU will be monitored by the Project Director SPSU, CM Secretariat.

MUMTAZ ALI SHAH
CHIEF SECRETARY SINDH

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Karachi, dated the 31st October, 2019.

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- The Chairman, Chief Minister's Inspection, Enquiries & Implementation Team.
- The Senior Member, Board of Revenue, Sindh, Karachi.
- The Administrative Secretaries, Government of Sindh **(All)**.
- The Commissioners in Sindh **(All)**.
- The Secretary, Provincial Ombudsman Secretariat, Karachi.
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GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION &
COORDINATION DEPARTMENT
(Regulation Wing)

Karachi dated the 18th May, 2022

NOTIFICATION

No. SORI(SGA&CD)1-112/2022 :- In pursuance of the provisions of clause (3) of Article 139 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the Government of Sindh are pleased to make the following amendments in the Sindh Government Rules of Business, 1986 :-

AMENDMENTS

In Schedule-I, after entries at Sr. No. 33, the following new entry shall be added :-

Sr. No.	Secretariat Department	Attached Department	Head of the Attached Department
33-A.	Social Protection Department	_____	_____

DR. MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT
CHIEF SECRETARY SINDH

No. SORI(SGA&CD)1-112/2022

Karachi, dated the 18th May, 2022

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6.5 SSPA Act, 2022

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PART-IV

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH
NOTIFICATION
KARACHI, THE 12TH AUGUST, 2022

NO.PAS/LEGIS-B-13/2022-The Sindh Social Protection Authority Bill, 2022 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 27th July, 2022 and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 02nd August, 2022 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

THE SINDH SOCIAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY ACT, 2022.

SINDH ACT NO. IX OF 2022

AN
ACT

to provide comprehensive, efficient and effective and consolidated institutional and regulatory mechanism for providing social protection to the vulnerable people residing in the Province of Sindh and for the purpose to establish an Authority known as the Sindh Social Protection Authority.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient in the public interest to provide for comprehensive, efficient and effective and consolidated institutional and regulatory mechanism for providing social protection to the vulnerable people residing in the Province of Sindh and for the purpose to establish an Authority known as the Sindh Social Protection Authority, and to provide for the matters ancillary or incidental thereto.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

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**PART-I
PRELIMINARY**

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022.

(2) It shall extend to whole of the Province of Sindh.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.—In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context -

(a) "Authority" means Sindh Social Protection Authority established under section 3;

(b) "Board" means the Board of Directors constituted under section 5;

(c) "Chairperson" means Chairperson of the Authority;

(d) "Chief Executive Officer" means Chief Executive Officer of the Authority appointed under section 9;

(e) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;

(f) "grievance redressal mechanism" means an efficient and transparent system for the purpose of resolving the complaints or disputes by participation in a Social Protection Programme and receive benefits therefrom in efficient and timely manner;

(g) "Member" means a Member of the Board;

(h) "Planning Unit" means a fully staffed and resourced unit for conducting evidence-based analysis of the social protection situation and for technical assessments of design options for Social Protection programming;

(i) "poor and vulnerable" means an individual or household who is and/or faces the prospect of falling below a minimum income/consumption threshold as determined or prescribed by the Board;

(j) "Province" means the Province of Sindh;

(k) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules or regulations made under this Act;

(l) "recipient organization" means the Authority or other constituent body of the Authority that is required to receive the employees of another organization on the direction of the Government pursuant to Section 15 of this Act;

(m) "regulations" means the regulations framed under this Act;

(n) "rules" means the rules made under this Act;

- (o) "services" means the cemetery services, funeral services, crematorium services, transfer services and other related or incidental services and such other services as may be prescribed;
- (p) "social protection" means public initiatives which provide income or consumption transfers to the poor, protect the vulnerable against livelihood risks and volatility and enhance the human capital and rights of the marginalized with the overall objective of reducing the economic and social vulnerability of poor, vulnerable and marginalized individuals and communities;
- (q) "Social Protection Plan" means the annual and/or other periodic Social Protection plan approved by the Board;
- (r) "transfer services" means the service to the public with respect to the disposition of dead human bodies, including transportation of dead human bodies and necessary documentation with respect to the disposition of dead human bodies;
- (s) "transferring to organization" means the any Authority or body, public sector entity or organization which is required to transfer its employees on the directions of Government pursuant to section 16; and
- (t) "Vice Chairperson" means the Vice Chairperson of the Board.

PART-II

ESTABLISHMENT OF AUTHORITY

3. **Establishment of the Sindh Social Protection Authority.**-(1) Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish an Authority to be known as Sindh Social Protection Authority for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, rules and regulations, to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable and shall by its name sue and be sued.

(3) The Authority shall not dispose of its immovable property without prior approval, in writing, of Government.

(4) The Headquarters of the Authority shall be at Karachi and it may establish an office(s) at such place or places as it may considers necessary.

4. **Functions and powers of the Authority.**-(1) The Authority may perform such functions and exercise such powers as are necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of functions and powers mentioned in sub-section (1), the Authority shall have the following powers and functions:-

- (a) to cause formulation of social protection policies and programmes aimed vulnerable individuals and groups for alleviating poverty and affording social protection;
- (b) to coordinate and consolidate all public social protection and poverty alleviation initiatives in the province and ensure synergies with federal and donor funded interventions in the sector;
- (c) to approve the policy and mechanism for identifying the poor and the vulnerable, at regular intervals of no more than five (5) years, and approve the criteria for identification and inclusion of eligible persons and households for assistance under any program or plan or scheme developed pursuant to this Act;
- (d) formulate criteria and mechanisms for allocation of resources in public sector development and non-development budgets to ensure adequate resources for social protection and poverty alleviation;
- (e) to institute mechanisms for collecting data and the procurement of relevant data from the Federal Government, any provincial government or any other authority or body that gathers such data to create a registry of the poor and vulnerable and devise a mechanism for regular updating of such registry;
- (f) to approve mechanisms and frameworks to prepare, store and disseminate data regarding eligible individuals, families and households under various categories of poverty and vulnerability, and to ensure the confidentiality of such data in the manner prescribed;
- (g) to approve mechanisms and procedures for social protection programme implementation and the day to day management of the Authority functions;
- (h) to approve short and medium-term work-plans of the Authority for the effective implementation of policies and programmes approved;
- (i) to approve initiatives outside of approved work-plans in response to specific vulnerabilities and contingencies as it may consider necessary;
- (j) to establish a mechanism to measure and evaluate the efficacy of Social Protection plans in reducing poverty and mitigating vulnerability;
- (k) to advise Government on social protection and matters incidental thereto;
- (l) to review on regular basis the existing social protection programs and advise Government on their reorganization, consolidation or amalgamation in the interest of efficiency, synergy and impact;

- (m) to cause establishment of an efficient and effective Grievance Redressal Mechanism for complaints, questions or disputes; and
- (n) to perform such other functions as may be incidental to the functions mentioned above or as Government may assign or as may be prescribed.

**PART-III
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
OF THE AUTHORITY**

5. **Management and Administration of the Authority.** (1) The general directions and administration of the Authority and its affairs shall vest in a Board which may exercise all powers, perform all functions and do all acts and things which may be exercised, performed or done by the Authority.

(2) The Board shall consist of -

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| (a) Chief Minister, Sindh | Chairperson |
| (b) Minister for Social Protection, Sindh | Vice-Chairperson |
| (c) Minister for Finance, Sindh | Member |
| (d) Minister for Health, Sindh | Member |
| (e) Minister for Education, Sindh | Member |
| (f) Minister for Labour & Manpower, Sindh | Member |
| (g) Chairman, Planning & Development Board, Planning & Development Department | Member |
| (h) Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sindh | Member |
| (i) Secretary, Social Protection Department, Government of Sindh | Member |
| (j) Five persons of known integrity, expertise and experience in the spheres of Social Protection, Human Development, Poverty Alleviation or any other relevant field of expertise, to be nominated by the Chief Minister | Members |
| (k) Chief Executive Officer, Sindh Social Protection Authority | Member |

(3) The Chief Executive Officer shall also act as Secretary of the Board.

(4) The Board may co-opt any person as a member for any particular purpose, but such person shall not have right of vote.

(5) An official member appointed by virtue of his office shall cease to be the member on vacating such office.

(6) Subject to sub-section (3), a non-official member shall hold office for a period of three years unless he resigns or is removed earlier and shall be eligible for re-appointment for further one more term of three years only.

(7) Government may remove a member, other than ex-officio member at any time if he has incurred any of the disqualification mentioned in section 5, and appoint another person as the member for the remaining term of the outgoing member.

(8) A non-official member may, at any time, resign from his office by addressing a letter to Government and his resignation shall take effect from the date on which it is accepted by Government.

(9) No act or proceedings of the Authority shall be invalid merely by reason of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Board.

(10) The Government may, by notification, increase or decrease the membership of the Authority in public interest.

(11) The non-official Members shall be paid such honorarium for discharge of their functions as may be prescribed by regulations.

6. **Disqualifications of members.** No person shall be appointed or continue as a member who -

- (a) is not a citizen of Pakistan;
- (b) is found a lunatic or becomes of un-sound mind;
- (c) is or at any time has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;
- (d) is or has at any time been adjudicated insolvent;
- (e) is or has at any time been disqualified for employment in or dismissed from Government service;
- (f) is acting in contravention of the provisions of this Act;
- (g) has without permission of Government directly or indirectly any financial interest in any project or scheme or property of the Authority.

7. **Powers and functions of the Board.** The powers and functions of the Board shall be -

- (i) to provide over all directions in respect of Social Protection Plan based on the policies and for the purpose approve plans, programs and projects; and overall management and organogram of the Authority structure;
- (ii) to approve establish a Planning Unit for evidence-based proposals and analysis of policy and programme;
- (iii) to provide for policy framework for creating institutional linkages with Government, Federal Government or other organizations in public and private sector with respect to social protection schemes and programs;
- (iv) to acquire land, buildings and other assets through donation or transfer of rights to the Board and to sell, lease, exchange or

otherwise dispose of any property vested in the Agency with the approval of Government;

- (v) to create and abolish the posts, appoint the staff to the Authority and define their duties and conditions of services;
- (vi) to enter into contracts and agreements or other instruments as the Board may consider necessary; and
- (vii) to approve proposals relating to financial management and fiscal resources of the Authority including proposals for grants, budgets and transfers to various institutions;
- (viii) to oversee the implementation of programs and undertake their evaluation to determine their effectiveness through in house and outsourcing; and
- (ix) to do all other acts and things which are incidental or are required to further the objectives of the Board.

PART-IV MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

8. **Meetings of the Board.** (1) The meetings of the Board shall be regulated by regulations but until such regulations are framed, the meetings shall be held as directed by the Chairperson; provided that the meeting shall be held atleast once in a quarter.

(2) The meetings of the Board shall normally be presided over by the Chairperson and in his absence the Vice-Chairperson shall preside over the meeting; and in absence of both, the members present shall elect from amongst themselves, a member to preside the meeting.

(3) One-third of the total members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Authority.

(4) The members shall have reasonable notice of the time and place of the meeting and matters on which a decision by the Board shall be taken in such meeting.

(5) The decision of the Board shall be taken by the majority of its members present and, in case of a tie, the member presiding a meeting shall have a casting vote.

(6) All orders, determination and decision of the Board shall be taken in writing and shall be signed by the Secretary of the Board.

PART-V APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

9. **Chief Executive Officer.** (1) There shall be a Chief Executive Officer of the Authority to be appointed by Government for a period of four years following a competitive and transparent recruitment process. The Chief Executive Officer shall be an eminent professional of known integrity and competence with at least 20 year management level experience in the fields of Social Protection, social entrepreneurship and poverty:

Provided that the Government may appoint an officer of BPS-20 of PAS, Ex-PCS, PMS and PSS cadre, having atleast twenty years of experience and atleast five years in the relevant field of social protection, social entrepreneurship and poverty.

(2) The Government shall determine the terms and conditions of service of the Chief Executive Officer.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer shall be the Head of the Authority and, subject to the general supervision, control and direction of the Board, shall exercise such administrative and financial powers as the Board may delegate to him or as may be prescribed.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer may resign from his office by serving thirty days' prior notice or on payment of thirty days' pay in lieu of the notice.

(5) Government may remove the Chief Executive Officer by serving thirty days' prior notice or on payment of thirty days' pay in lieu of the notice.

(6) The Chief Executive Officer shall manage the affairs of the Authority in accordance with the provisions of this Act, rules and regulations and shall have the following powers and functions:-

- (a) to be the Principal Accounting Officer of the Authority;
- (b) to exercise administrative control over the day to day functioning of the Authority including management, financial management, human resource management and management of social protection social entrepreneurship and poverty;
- (c) to conduct the official correspondence of the Agency for implementation of all the decisions and other business of the Board;
- (d) to run the affairs of the Authority for attaining its objectives through the executive tier;
- (e) to ensure that all grants are to be deposited in the Fund in efficient manner;
- (f) act on behalf of the Board in any emergency, subject to the obligation to report such action to the Board at its next meeting;
- (g) to keep in custody the record and seal of the Authority;
- (h) to undertake and authorize payment of monthly salaries and allowances to the employees or the persons working in the Authority;
- (i) to sanction or re-appropriate an amount not exceeding two lacs (two hundred thousand) rupees during the fiscal year for an unseen item not provided in the budget and submit report to the Board in this behalf in its next meeting for ratification;

- (j) to prepare budget estimates and supplementary budget estimates and place the same before the Board for approval and subsequently its submission to Government;
- (k) to pass payment of bills, under any head of the budget duly approved and authorized;
- (l) to issue notices of meeting of the Board and its committees in consultation with the Chairperson or in his absence, the Vice Chairperson; and to prepare and maintain minutes and record and proceedings of the meeting;
- (m) to take steps for the implementation of decisions of the Board and submit report thereof to Government;
- (n) to carry on all the correspondence of the Authority;
- (o) to create and fill temporary posts for a period not exceeding six months to achieve the purpose of this Act, rules and regulations;
- (p) to execute deeds and documents on behalf of the Authority; and
- (q) to exercise such other power and perform such other function as may be assigned to him by the Board or Government.

(2) The Director General shall not except with the previous approval of the Board in each case or unless already approved in the budget, allow expenditure on items of civil works, capital expenditures equipment or automobiles.

10. **Organizational Tier.** There shall be established a full-fledged organizational tier of the Authority under the Chief Executive Officer in such manner and with such functions as may be determined by the Board.

11. **Appointment of employees.**—(1) The Authority may, for efficient performance of its functions, appoint such officers, advisers, consultants, experts and other staff possessing requisite professional, technical, ministerial or secretarial qualifications and experience on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by rules; provided that until such rules are framed, as may be determined by the Board.

(2) The officers, advisers, consultants and other staff shall be liable to such disciplinary action and in such manner as may be prescribed and until so prescribed as may be determined by the Board.

PART-VI

FUND OF THE AUTHORITY

12. **Sindh Social Protection Authority Fund.** (1) There shall be established a Fund to be known as the Sindh Social Protection Authority Fund which shall vest in the Authority.

(2) The Fund shall consist of -

- (a) the grants received from Government;
- (b) the grants received from Federal, Provincial or Local Government or any other authority or agency.

- (c) income from fees charged by the Authority;
- (d) donations made to the Authority; and
- (e) income from any other source.

(3) The Fund shall be maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.

(4) The Fund shall be utilized to meet the expenses of the Authority in connection with the discharge of its functions under this Act.

(5) The Authority, while performing its functions and exercising its powers under the Act and these rules, shall exercise highest sense of prudence as far as expenditures are concerned.

(6) The Authority shall not incur any debt without prior approval of Government.

(7) The Board may invest its funds in investment schemes including Government securities for raising funds.

(8) The Fund shall be managed and operated in the manner as may be prescribed by rules or until such rules are framed as may be determined by the Board or in accordance with the guidelines given by Government from time to time.

(9) With prejudice to the foregoing powers, the Fund shall be expended for the purpose of –

- (a) paying any expenditure lawfully incurred by the Authority, relating to remuneration of its non-official members, employees, advisors, and consultants of the Authority, including provident fund contributes superannuating allowances or gratuities, legal fees and costs as well as other fees and costs;
- (b) paying any other expenses, costs or expenditure properly incurred or accepted by the Authority in the performance of its functions or the exercise of its powers under this Act, rules or regulations;
- (c) purchasing or hiring equipment, machinery and any other work and undertakings in the performance of its functions or the exercise of its powers under this Act, rules or regulations;
- (d) repaying any financial accommodation received; and
- (e) generally paying any expenses for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, rules or regulations.

13. **Budget and accounts.**–(1) The Chief Executive Officer shall, before the commencement of each financial year, prepare a statement of the estimated receipts and expenditure for the next financial year and submit it to the Board for approval.

(2) The Authority shall maintain proper accounts and other records relating to its financial affairs including its income and expenditure and its assets and liabilities in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

(3) As soon as may be, after the end of each financial year, the Authority shall, for that financial year, prepare and approve in the manner prescribed, statements of account of the Authority which shall include a balance-sheet and an account of income and expenditure.

14. **Audit.** (1) The Auditor General of Pakistan shall annually audit the accounts of the Authority.

(2) The Authority may, with the approval of Government, in addition to the audit under sub-section (1), cause the annual accounts of the Authority be audited, in the prescribed manner by a Chartered Accountant or a firm of Chartered Accountants.

15. **Annual report.**—(1) The Chief Executive Officer shall, by 30th September each year, submit annual performance report to the Authority enumerating all the activities, developmental initiatives undertaken and targets achieved during the previous financial year for the betterment of the social protection, social entrepreneurship and poverty.

(2) The Authority shall submit the report to Government which shall lay the report in Provincial Assembly of Sindh within ninety days of its receipt.

PART-VII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

16. **Transfer of functions, etc.**—(1) Government may on its own or on the recommendation of the Board may reorganize, consolidate or amalgamate one or more Social Protection programs in the interest of their consolidation, efficiency, impact and utility.

(2) Where Government decides to reorganize, consolidate or amalgamate a Social Protection program and transfer the functions of a body, authority or organization, to another body, authority or organization, including *inter alia*, the Authority, that assumes such functions, Government may direct—

(a) that any of the employees of the Transferring Organization connected with that function shall become employees of the Recipient Organization on such terms and conditions as the Recipient Organization may determine, subject to the condition that the said terms and conditions are not less favourable than those admissible to them as employees of the Transferring Organization;

(b) that such part of funds of the Transferring Organization as the Government may determine shall stand transferred to the said Recipient Organization.

17. **Obligation to produce documents and provide information.**—(1) The Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the Board, may require in writing, any person, Government department, authority, statutory body, company or organization, as the case may be, to provide any information or data held by that person, Government department, authority, statutory body, company or organization, which is required for purposes of formulation of policy or exercise of powers under the provisions of this Act.

(2) Every person, Government department, authority, statutory body, company or organization shall furnish the information requisitioned under sub-section (1), within the time specified in the notice issued by the Chief Executive Officer.

18. **Delegation of powers.** The Government or Board may, by general or special order, delegate all or any of its powers, functions and duties, to the Chairperson, member or any officer of the Board.

19. **Public Servants.** Every employee of the Board including officers, advisors, consultants and every person acting or purporting to act under this Act, rules and regulations shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860.

20. **Immunity.**—No suit, prosecution or any other legal proceedings shall lie against the Government, Authority, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, members, Chief Executive Officer and any employee of the Authority, in respect of anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this Act.

21. **Provisions in addition and not in derogation of any other laws.** The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other law for the time being in force.

22. **Power to make rules.**— Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

23. **Power to frame regulations.**— Subject to this Act and the rules, the Authority may frame regulations in respect of the matters not provided for in this Act or the rules.

24. **Removal of difficulties.** If any difficulty arises in implementation of the provision of this Act, Chief Minister may on the recommendation of the Board or otherwise, give appropriate direction to remove such difficulties.

BY ORDER OF THE MADAM ACTING SPEAKER,
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH

G.M.UMAR FAROOQ
SECRETARY
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH

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6.6 Sindh Social Protection Authority



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION &
COORDINATION DEPARTMENT
(Implementation & Coordination Wing)**

Karachi dated the 20th December, 2022.

NOTIFICATION

NO:SO(C-IV)SGA&CD/4-41/22: In pursuance of the Section 3 (1) of the Sindh Social Protection Authority Act 2022, the Government of Sindh is pleased to establish "Sindh Social Protection Authority (SSPA)".

2. The Sindh Social Protection Authority (SSPA) shall function as prescribed under the provisions of Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022.

DR. MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT
CHIEF SECRETARY, SINDH

NO:SO(C-IV)SGA&CD/4-41/22 Karachi, dated the 20th December, 2022.

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- The Administrative Secretaries, Government of Sindh (All).
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- The Commissioners in Sindh (All).
- The Secretary, Provincial Ombudsman Secretariat, Karachi.
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SECTION OFFICER (C-IV) 20/12/22

6.7 SSPA Board



SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION &
COORDINATION DEPARTMENT
(Implementation & Coordination Wing)

Karachi dated the 19th December, 2022.

NOTIFICATION

NO:SO(C-IV)/SGA&CD/4-41/22 In pursuance of the provision of the Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of the said Act, the Competent Authority i.e Chief Minister Sindh has been pleased to constitute the Board of Sindh Social Protection Authority with the following composition, powers and functions:

Composition of the Board

1	Chief Minister, Sindh	Chairperson
2	Minister for Social Protection, Sindh	Vice-Chairperson
3	Minister for Finance, Sindh	Member
4	Minister for Health, Sindh	Member
5	Minister for Education, Sindh	Member
6	Minister for Labour & Human Resources, Sindh	Member
7	Chairman, Planning & Development Board, Planning & Development Department	Member
8	Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Sindh	Member
9	Secretary, Social Protection Department, Government of Sindh	Member
10	Five person of known integrity, expertise and experience in the sphere of Social Protection, human development, poverty alleviation or any other relevant field of expertise: i. Mr. Haris Gazdar ii. Mr. Sono Khanharani iii. Dr. Asma Hyder Baloch iv. Prof. Selma Leghari (Amar Sindhu) v. Ms. Shabnam Baloch	Member(s)
11	Chief Executive Officer, Social Protection Authority	Member/Secretary

Powers & Functions: The Board shall exercise all the powers and functions under the provision of the Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022.

DR. MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT
CHIEF SECRETARY, SINDH

Karachi, dated the December, 2022

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6.8 SSPA Amendment Act, 2023

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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH NOTIFICATION KARACHI, THE 14TH DECEMBER, 2023

NO.PAS/LEGIS-B-15/2023-The Provincial Assembly of Sindh in its sitting held on 24th July, 2023 passed the Sindh Social Protection Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023. The Bill was sent to the Governor for accord his assent as required under clause (2)(a) of Article 116 of Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.

The Bill was transmitted to the Governor Secretariat on 07th August, 2023 by the Chief Minister's Secretariat under Diary No. 1802, which was returned by the Governor with a message as provided under Article 116(2)(b) of the Constitution, to the Chief Minister's Secretariat on 24th August, 2023.

The delay in returning of Bill from Governor is accumulated seventeen days, is a Constitutional lapse from acting upon the obligation of assenting/ returning an Assembly passed Bill within the deadline of ten (10) days, those are very clearly and firmly specified in Article 116(2) of the Constitution, therefore, in accordance with the spirit of Article 116(2) of the Constitution, the Bill is deemed to have been assented and is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

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**THE SINDH SOCIAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2023.**

SINDH ACT NO. LII OF 2023

**AN
ACT**

to amend the Sindh Social Protection Authority Act,
2022.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Social Protection Authority (Amendment) Act, 2023. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 5, in subsection (2) – Amendment of section 5 of Sindh Act No.IX of 2022.

(i) for clause (b), the following shall be substituted :-

“(b) Any Member to be Vice-nominated by the Chairperson
Chief Minister, Sindh

(ii) after clause (b), as amended above, the following shall be inserted:-

(b-i) Minister for Social Member.”
Protection, Sindh

3. In the said Act, in section 9 –

Amendment of
section 9 of Sindh
Act No.IX of 2022.

(a) in sub-section (1) –

- (i) for the words “for a period of four years”, the words “for such period as may be prescribed” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) after the word “recruitment process”, the words “which shall further be extendable for another term of two years on the recommendations of the Board” shall be inserted;
 - (iii) in the proviso, for the words and figures “an officer of BPS-20”, the words and figures “an officer of BPS-19/20” and for the words “twenty years”, the words “fifteen years” shall be substituted, respectively;
- (b) in sub-section (6), in clause (i) for the words and brackets “two lacs (two hundred thousand) rupees” the words “five lacs (five hundred thousand) rupees” shall be substituted;
- (c) the brackets and figures (2), appearing after sub-section (6) as amended above, shall be replaced with brackets and figures “(7)” and for the words “Director General” appearing therein, the words “Chief Executive Officer” shall be substituted.

BY ORDER OF THE SPEAKER
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH

G.MUMAR FAROOQ
SECRETARY
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH

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6.9 Vice Chair-SSPA Board



SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION &
COORDINATION DEPARTMENT
(Implementation & Coordination Wing)

Karachi dated the 17th August 2023

NOTIFICATION

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In partial modification to this department's Notification

of even number dated 19th December 2022 and in pursuance of the provision of the Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of the said Act, the Competent Authority i.e. Chief Minister Sindh has been pleased to nominate Mr. Haris Gazdar as Vice Chairman of the Board of Sindh Social Protection Authority.

DR. MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT
CHIEF SECRETARY, SINDH

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6.10 CEO – SSPA



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GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
AND COORDINATION DEPARTMENT

Karachi, dated the 11th August, 2023

NOTIFICATION

On the recommendations of Provincial Cabinet Sindh and in pursuance of Section-9 of the Sindh Social Protection Authority Act, 2022, **Mr. Samiullah Nisar Ali Shaikh**, an officer of PAS (BS-19), Project Director, Strengthening Social Protection Delivery System in Sindh, Social Protection Department is transferred with immediate effect and appointed as **Chief Executive Officer**, Sindh Social Protection Authority, Social Protection Department, till further orders.


DR. MUHAMMAD SOHAIL RAJPUT
CHIEF SECRETARY SINDH

NO: SOI(SGA&CD)-1/08/2023

Karachi, dated the 11th August, 2023

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2. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board, Sindh, Karachi.
3. The Principal Secretary to Governor, Sindh, Karachi.
4. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sindh, Karachi.
5. The Senior Member, Board of Revenue Sindh, Karachi.
6. The Chairman, Enquiries & Anti-Corruption, Establishment Sindh, Karachi.
7. The Chairman, Chief Minister's Inspection, Enquiries & Implementation Team.
8. The Secretary, Provincial Ombudsman Secretariat, Karachi.
9. The Administrative Secretaries (all), Government of Sindh. *Social Protection*
10. The Accountant General Sindh, Karachi.
11. The Commissioners (all) in Sindh.
12. The Consultant to Chief Secretary, Sindh for Courts Affairs, Karachi.
13. The Collectors / Deputy Commissioners (all) in Sindh.
14. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Sindh.
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