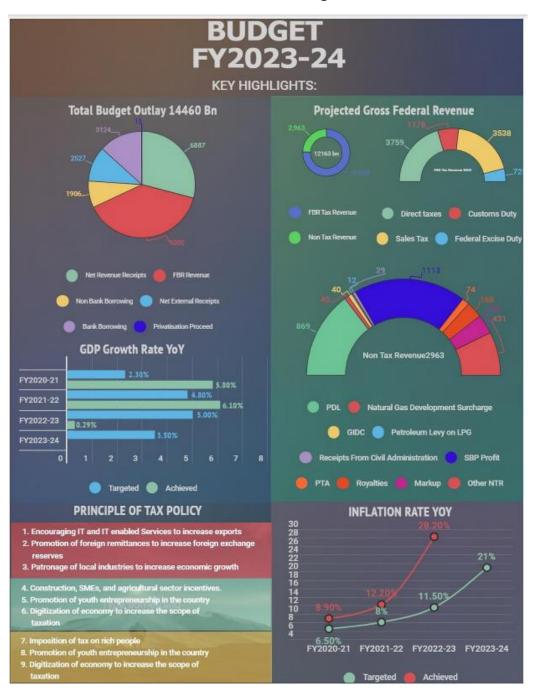
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Suggestions made to imise budget impact

Bureau report

PESHAWAR: A non-governmental organization has made recommendations to maximize budget impact and align the document with the national goals.

A press release said the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) MacroPolicy Lab carried out the exercise and put forward suggestions.

The analysis focuses on optimizing resource allocation, addressing socio-economic challenges, and fostering sustainable development. The policy recommendations made aim to enhance the budget's effectiveness and drive economic growth. The recommendations were formulated after a fromprehensive evaluation of more properties.

the budget proposal.

The insights highlighted key areas of focus that will contribute to the long-term development of Pakistan. The lab recommends that the government prioritizes export promotion as a crucial element for economic growth.

It suggests boosting investor confidence and encouraging a favorable business environment.

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local commercial banks.

To strengthen the tax system and revenue generation, the government was asked to evaluate taxes and withholding practices.

The lab has highlighted the detrimental effects of withholding taxes on financial inclusion and suggests promoting the use of digital payments in certain cases.

The budget should focus on expanding the tax net by considering sectors like agriculture and retail.

To drive productive growth, it has been suggested to the government to prioritize sectors that can generate higher value-added outputs, employment opportunities, and contribute to overall economic development. The need to incentivize the manufacturing and

export sectors has been stressed for sustainable productivity gains.

The lab recommends allocating a portion of the budget for research and development grants, fostering innovation and addressing national challenges. The budget proposal should address the growing concern of public debt and debt servicing.

The lab highlights the need for managing both external and domestic debts effectively. It has called for exploring long-term debt restructuring strategies to alleviate the burden.

The lab has asked the government to achieve its tax revenue targets and ensure fiscal discipline to avoid further accumulation

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2023-24 as swift way of gaining political benefits PIDE terms increase in BISP allocation in budget

rather, higher funds should have been diverted toward education. swift way of gaining political ben efits, Pakistan Institute of Devel ferming increase in BISP alloca-tion in the budget 2023-24 as a

by PIDE to federal government in its report on "Maximizing the Impact: Evaluating the FY 2023-24 Budget for Optimal Resource Allocation, Socio-Economic Addressal, and Sustainable Development, it has been prepared by the PIDE Macro Policy Lab. Regarding up to 35 percent hike in salaries in the proposed budget, PIDE has recommended dations on the proposed budget 2023-24 have been presented the grade 17 and above already 150% executive allowance has that it should have been increased only for BPS 1-16, with no inbeen provided. The recor

the past. Still, it's critical for the government authorities to monitor the policy impact so that the country should achieve its intended growth objectives. Taiking about bilaneral import duty reductions, PIDE said that awarding has learnt that banning imports on import of raw material for bat teries, solar panels and inverters duties on import of car parts will work in favor of the already highly protected, inefficient automobile sector, dominated by three comon imports by ocrtain Arab na tions is a questionable move. High iffected the country's exports in The exemption on custom duty

domestic manufacturers under the guise of infant industry and other excuses has resulted in only 11 percent domestication of parts production plus doling out low-quality vehicles at very Decades of protection afforded to

any measure to increase the tax net, which shows the myopic na-ture of the budget. Agricaltural income is not considered and the retail sector is not brought in the ters from now. The government is again incentivizing the real sector more than the manufac-turing sector. Agriculture and IT sector focus is good, but we high rases in the country.
Talking of detrimental effects
of withholding taxes, it has been
noted that withholding tax on to begin with, since it is difficult to tell what circumstances will be a month, a quarter or two quarincentivizing the private sector to take up the mantle of investment that could spur GDP growth. The a 3.5 percent GDP growth rate upon itself, the government has committed to higher public con-sumption expenses rather than oritize and support sectors that have the potential to generate higher value-added outputs, creed that there is a need to pri-GDP growth rate is controversia and contribute to overall eco The government fails to suggest any measure to increase the tax nomic development. By forcing Such as payments to be made a stores and petrol purchases etc ed and ensured in certain case rate this transition, the use of dig dent financial inclusion. To facili cash withdrawal will seriously

have to focus on the export sec-tor more for real productivity gains, otherwise we would al-ways get back to square one. Federal government also pro-posed several allocations for

agriculture sector along with tax exemptions to food process-ing. However, considering that agriculture is a provincial sub-ject post 10th Amendment, such necasares should be amounced by the provinces? Second, within productivity issues and current expenses, for example, there are these exemptions, one again finds the failure to ameliorate domestic

no increase in other allowances i.e. daily and mileage allowance. For the grade 17 and above al-ready 150% executive allowance has already been provided. for attracting FDL which is now of gaining political benefits. Rath-down to a quilshle in context or higher funds should have been of our foreign loans. Weither is diverted toward education. Social there any roadmap on how to sectur protection is important diversity exports. Which remain but given the government's very heavily dependent upon toxilles. weak financial position, it should pensions is partially justified but it will put pressure on the fiscal side. Perhaps it should have been increased only for RPS 1-16, with A significant increase in govern-ment employees' salaries and

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tion assumes added importance in heu of the billions of rupees in current expenses earmarfed for these institutes. Additionally, the exemptions in relation to various forms of machineries the country, both at the federal and provincial level. If quality weeds have to be imported in the end, what is the use of demestic research institutes? This questure, the sector mostly remains outside of the income tax net. raise the question about our do-mestic capacities. And last but not the least, relative to agriculmore than 100 agricultural research institutes spread across

Regarding Diamond Card for overseas Paldstanis, the report said that it is aimed at extracting more dollars out of the diaspora. But there is no or little roadmap

whose pension share is more than 80 percent. For those who are raiding in more than 0.5 million in pensions and wages (like hidges of Supreme Court and High Court), there is little or no need for increasing their wages at the same rate as that of low wage A lump sum increase, especial-by in pensions, is not warranted. There is no viable proposal to tackle the pension bomb, espe-cially that of the armed forces employees. The pension fund is a welcome step Pensions should be contributed by the individu-all/government, otherwise pen-sions would be unsustainable

and the major expenditure of the government in a couple of years.

The government has again relied on burdened social sector programs like BISP - a swift way

sector protection is important but given the government's very weak financial position, it should be targeted, Rent, the government is not a welfare organization. It should make its citizens self-sus tainable which contributes and

iche that program and continue its funding and improvement in service delivery, implementation of Minimum Wage (MW) is very hard especially for small basi-nesses. India has several MW are not just at the receiving end.
While questioning health insurwhile questioning health insurance for journalists. PIDE asked
why would only journalists be
afforded health insurance? Why mended to ensure the transfer for MW through bank accounts so that compliance is ensured. In the energy sector, it is the report has recommended for im-proving the strength of labour officers (for factories inspec-tion) and labour inspectors (for tion).It has also been recom shops and establishment inspec structures based on many fac-tors. Therefore, targets set for MW must not be ambitious. The only thing needed was to depolit extended to all the country? The health insurance that had be not continue with the

Market (CTBCM): to generate competition among market players to benefit consumers in terms of pricing. But subsidies allocated for tariff differential claims maintaining uniform tariffs across the country, even for the privatized utility K-electric. On one hand, the GOP is in the prosame old story of subsidies for uniform

It under or un-utilized. Likewise, we have enough capacity, there is no point in adding more capacity (even if it is renewable) in the short to medium run, if we really want to get rid of circular debt.

The incentives proposed in the sector needs tariff structure re-forms. The hurden of capacity payments is increasing. What we uniform tariff policy is no incen-tive for a privatized company. Providing subsidies is not a sus-tainable solution, the power treated as one, and the uniform tariff is charged. The privatiza-tion of state-owned distribution companies is on the GOP plan. A of inefficiencies and circular debt growth. There will be no com-(PEPCO and K-Electric), means business as usual, continuation of this capacity and not keepi need is the productive utilizati of all distribution companies are petitive market when accou

refunds on exports up to \$24,000 annually and exemption from sales tax registration. This will encourage the fivelancing market. Assuming the government is able to achieve its tax revenue tar-24 will be majorly debt driven. percent of the tax receipts will be used for interest repayments. It has been recommended that gov-ernment must look towards manbudget on import of software and hardware equal to 1% of their ex-ports will encourage IT services exports in the long run. However aging its long-term domestic debt profile as well, while also turning towards domestic debt restrucget of Rs 9,200 billion, almost 80 es overall. Government has also given freelancers an access to some more steps were expected in the budget to boost business-



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Public Sector Development

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Government can effectively maximize budget's impact

ISLAMABAD

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