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Author: Nadeem UI Haque, Fahd Zulfiqar  
April, 2024

<https://tinyurl.com/24hm2w4y>



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## 1 Immediate Reform Agenda: IMF & Beyond

Author: PIDE  
April, 2024

<https://tinyurl.com/2nx4xsfm>



## 2 Utilization Challenges of Public Health Insurance Initiatives: Evidences from Sehat Sahulat Program (SSP) in Pakistan

Author: Durr-e-Nayab, Shujaat Farooq, Nabila Kunwal  
April, 2024

<https://tinyurl.com/yc83ua4a>



### 3 **Transports and Logistics**

**Author: Nadeem UI Haque, Saba Anwar**

**April, 2024**

<https://tinyurl.com/52y52nmp>



### 4 **An Evaluation of Comparative Advantage of Domestically Produced Edible Oil Crops: Challenges and Oportunities**

**Author: Abedullah, Farah Naz**

**April, 2024**

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9y38zj>



### 5 **Agricultural Commodity Markets In Pakistan: Analysis Of Issues**

**Author: Samir Ahmed, Mansoor Ali**

**April, 2024**

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6vht7x>



### 6 **Foreign Aid Donors And Consultants: Analyzing Pakistan's Foreign Aid Inflows And Its Outcomes**

**Author: Nadeem UI Haque, Shahid Mehmood, Hafiz Hanzla Jalil, Ambreen Shabbir, Syeda Um UI Baneen**

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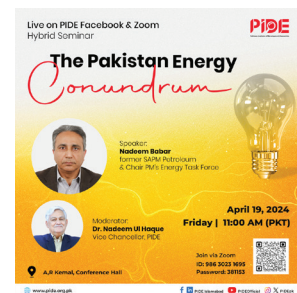
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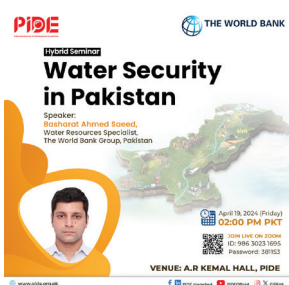
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# Events / Activities



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## The Pakistan Energy Conundrum

Event Date: **Friday, April 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM PKT**

Venue: **A.R Kemal, Conference Hall, PIDE**



2

## Water Security in Pakistan

Event Date: **Friday, April 19, 2024 at 02:00 PM PKT**

Venue: **A.R Kemal Hall, PIDE**



3

## Sustainable Fiscal Reforms - International Experience and Applications for Pakistan

Event Date: **Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 10:30 AM (PKT)**

Venue: **JC Hall, PIDE Islamabad**

# Book Launch

## 1 RASTA Local Research, Local Solutions: Sugar Industry, Water Cooperation & Financial Inclusion, Volume X



Author: Nadeem Ul Haque, Faheem Jehangir Khan

April, 2024

<https://tinyurl.com/mryy4xtp>

## 2 RASTA Local Research, Local Solutions: Public Service Delivery, Volume IX



Author: Nadeem Ul Haque, Faheem Jehangir Khan

April, 2024

<https://tinyurl.com/3tdwc8w3>

## 3 RASTA Local Research, Local Solutions: Farm Productivity & Food Prices, Volume VIII



Author: Nadeem Ul Haque, Faheem Jehangir Khan

April, 2024

<https://tinyurl.com/z48ytseh>

## 4 RASTA Local Research, Local Solutions: Growth & Taxation, Volume VII



Author: Nadeem Ul Haque, Faheem Jehangir Khan

April, 2024

<https://tinyurl.com/34zffbt5>



# Successful PhD Thesis Defense

Successfully Defended



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PIDE2021FMPHILPP07

**Title:**

Challenges of Student Accommodation  
at Institutions of higher learning:  
A Case Study of Islamabad.

**Supervisor Co- Supervisor Names:**

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**External/Internal Examiners**

Dr. Umaima Arif

Dr. M. Jehangir Khan

**Date/Time**

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Where education is the right for every human being, so is the right of provision of suitable living for students. It really important to highlight the need of provision of suitable and adequate housing for travelling away from their home towns to peruse higher studies. Unfortunately, traditional academia of Pakistan has never gave enough attention to this crucial need of thousands of students each year. Following research highlights such issues faced by students living in hostels for higher studies.

# RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND ADVANCEMENT COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAMME FOR POLICY-ORIENTED RESEARCH

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad

The Research for Social Transformation and Advancement (RASTA) Competitive Grants Programme for Policy-Oriented Research (CGP) Project is the largest economics and public policy research grants programme in Pakistan – establishing an extensive knowledge network – producing high-quality, evidence-based policy research. Initiated in July 2020 for 36 months (July 2020 to June 2025) against the total cost of Rs. 1,756 million, its network includes +65 local universities, +12 foreign institutes, & around +3,200 researchers, academics, practitioners, & professionals.

The objectives of the RASTA program are to: (a) Reduce the research-policy gap by stimulating economic and social science research and debate across Pakistan; (b) Build a network to stimulate internally defined and produced policy-relevant research; (c) Provide a knowledge-sharing platform where different actors can present and share evidence-based research to inform decision-making in the government; (d) Revisit the future policy agenda in line with the evidence produced in this program; and (e) Build capacity and improve policymaking and implementation by involving and engaging local universities, think tanks, policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders. The programme is guided by the following 27 members Research Advisory Committee (RAC), chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, PIDE Islamabad.



The RASTA programme has two broad streams through which it is building research networks, funding research projects, and informing public policy in Pakistan: the Competitive Grants Programme (CGP) and the Demand-Driven Research (DDR). Under CGP, research proposals are invited on specific themes/topics decided by the Research Advisory Committee, followed by a rigorous three-stage double-blind review process and announcement of awards. DDR programme is a pro-active evidence-based research approach to inform governments' policy-making processes. The final output of CGP & DDR projects is in the form of books, research reports, journal articles and working papers and policy briefs. The final output of CGP & DDR projects is published in the form of books, reports, journal articles, working papers & policy briefs which are disseminated nationwide through events. Impact of the project include: capacity building of local researchers, networking, & provision of research for informed policy.



# LAUNCH OF FINAL REPORT OF DDR 025 PIDE ISLAAH PROJECT

As part of DDR 025 PIDE Islaah project, funded under the Demand-driven stream of the RASTA CGP, the document 'The Immediate Reform Agenda for Pakistan' was launched at the Islamabad Serena Hotel on April 01, 2024. Dr Nadeem Ul Haque, VC PIDE/RAC Chairman presented the agenda for debate. The event brought together a large number of policymakers, practitioners, professionals, businesspeople, private- sector investors, academics, researchers, and policy experts.



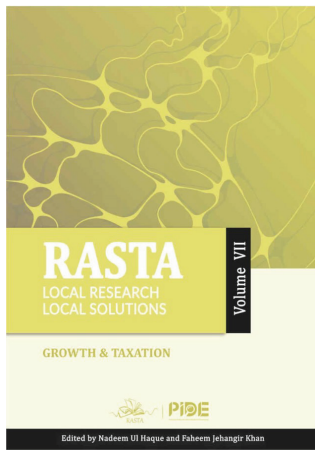
## FUNDING OF A DDR STUDY

During this month, the RASTA management funded the following 01 new study under its Demand-driven Research (DDR) stream.

DDR ID #	Title of Study	Duration (months)	Approved Budget
DDR-034	Revitalizing Peshawar: A Sustainable Economic Renaissance at Dalazak Road and Adjacent Residential/Commercial Blocks	04	Rs. 3,000,000 /-

## PRINTING OF LOCAL RESEARCH LOCAL SOLUTIONS (LRLS) VOLUMES IIV – X

During the month of April 2024, 04 book volumes have been published and shall be disseminated widely. The volumes are the compilation of final products of 12 RASTA CGP Round 2.0 awarded research projects and 01 RASTA CGP Round 2.0 awarded research project.



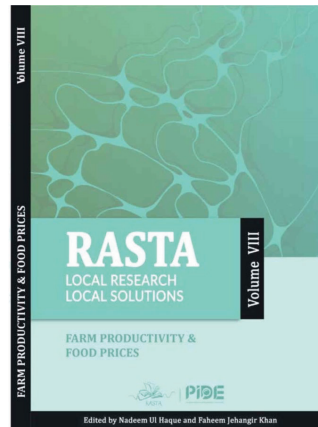
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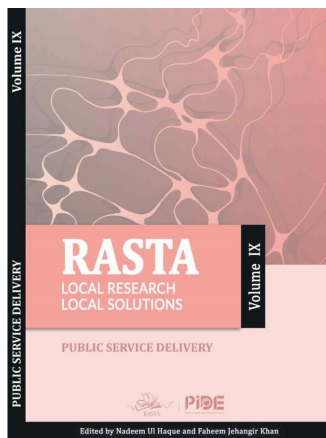
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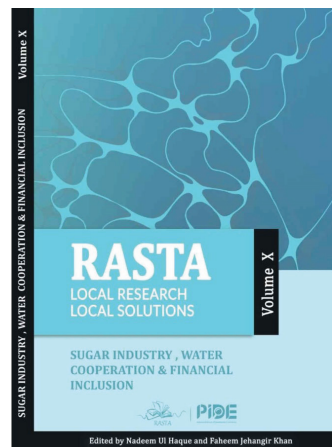
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## PRINTING OF FINAL REPORTS OF PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER THE DDR

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