

SESSION 1

COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE: THE ROLE OF THE PROVINCES
IN PAKISTAN'S SOCIAL PROTECTION LANDSCAPE

Building Block 1: Policy, Institutions & Partnerships
for Social Protection

Topic: The Draft National Policy Framework for
Poverty Alleviation & Social Protection

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Key Functions of The Ministry of Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety

Under the Rules of Business (Schedule-II, Sr. No 31AA)

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- i. Policies for social protection & poverty alleviation. (Rule 1, 2)
- ii. Mainstreaming poverty alleviation & social protection concerns in public sector expenditure. (Rule 3)
- iii. Coordination with all relevant stakeholders, development partners, non-government sector. (Rule 5, 6, 9)
- iv. Poverty Alleviation Coordination Council (Rule 12)

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Key Objectives of Draft National Policy Framework for Poverty Alleviation & Social Protection 1

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- i. Harmonize and synergize federal and provincial policies and strategies for PA & SP
- ii. Eliminate fragmentation, minimize duplication, reduce gaps, and improve coverage
- iii. Upgrading the National Socio-Economic Registry
- iv. National reporting for progress international commitments e.g. SDGs

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Key components



- i. Laws, policies, rules and regulations concerning PA&SP
- ii. Performance of existing federal/ provincial institutions, with an effective vertical and horizontal coordination mechanism
- iii. Digitization and connecting of existing SP/PA initiatives
- iv. Upgrading the NSER, including two-way data exchange
- v. Creating mechanisms for co-financing and optimal resource utilization
- vi. National reporting mechanisms on international commitments

Role of the Federal Government



- i. National Framework for PA/SP
- ii. Inter-provincial Coordination (vertical coordination)
- iii. Coordination with relevant federal ministries, development partners and ancillary organizations (BISP, TVO, PBM and PPAF)
- iv. National Reporting (using MIS)
- v. National Socio-Economic Registry upgrade
- vi. Developing a universal payment system common for all initiatives

Role of the Provincial Government



- i. Provincial laws, policies and strategies for PA&SP
- ii. Provincial coordination.
- iii. Two-way data sharing
- iv. Digitization of all PA&SP initiatives
- v. Provincial reporting
- vi. Program implementation and M&E
- vii. Support research for creating evidence

Joint Responsibilities



- i. National Coordination (common definitions, targets, standards)
- ii. Two-way data sharing
- iii. Joint program design, co-financing, etc.
- iv. Research

Required Action



The National Framework involves inter-provincial coordination; therefore, it needs to be placed before the Council of Common Interests for approval and operationalization (Rule-9 of the Rules of Procedure of the CCI)

Approval of the Federal Cabinet for re-notifying the Poverty Alleviation Coordination Council, under the Secretary MoPASS and its revised TORs with its Secretariat at MoPASS