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MACRODATA

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Trade

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POLICY ANALYSIS

How can Pakistan leverage the promise of services-led development?

Zeeun Rajbee, Research Associate at Consortium for Development Policy Research, discusses how Pakistan can move towards services-led development, leveraging the recent digitalization of services due to COVID-19. Her analysis is based on a webinar discussion hosted by CDPR and World Bank on this topic.

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INSIGHTS FOR CHANGE

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Re-stoking the Fire: Pakistan's Exports Imperative

In recent decades, Pakistan has faced recurring economic crises whose common feature has been a balance of payments crisis, underpinned by a chronically weak and volatile current account deficit ratio. This deficit ratio has been a major concern for successive governments and international lenders. Pakistan's current account deficit has been financed by a combination of remittances, foreign direct investment, and debt. Remittances are a fickle source of foreign exchange, and FDI is low in Pakistan. Much of the remaining financing has been in the form of debt, which has made Pakistan's external debt unsustainably exponential and aggravated the crisis.

Significant investments have been made in Gwadar in recent years and more are planned, including the Gwadar Port and Gwadar Free Zone, which are being jointly managed by the Government of Pakistan and the Chinese Government.

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DR. AASIM H. HUSAIN

Can Port Investments Spark Indigenous Economic Development in Gwadar?

The CPEC City of Gwadar on the Makran Sea coast is central to the transformation of China-Pakistan economic ties. The City of Gwadar is being developed as a major port city and transportation network of road and railway will link Pakistan first with our port-dependent and international guests to and from Central Asia via Pakistan. Much of the envisaged development is being financed by China and is being implemented by Chinese and internationally experienced companies for this purpose.

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Finding the Right Balance

Macroeconomic stability is the sine qua non for any sustainable and more other-made healthcare (you will known it less so) corresponding—this degree in which unsystematic research and development (R&D) is carried out in the economy. Unsystematic research and development (R&D) is carried out in the economy. Unsystematic research and development (R&D) is carried out in the economy.