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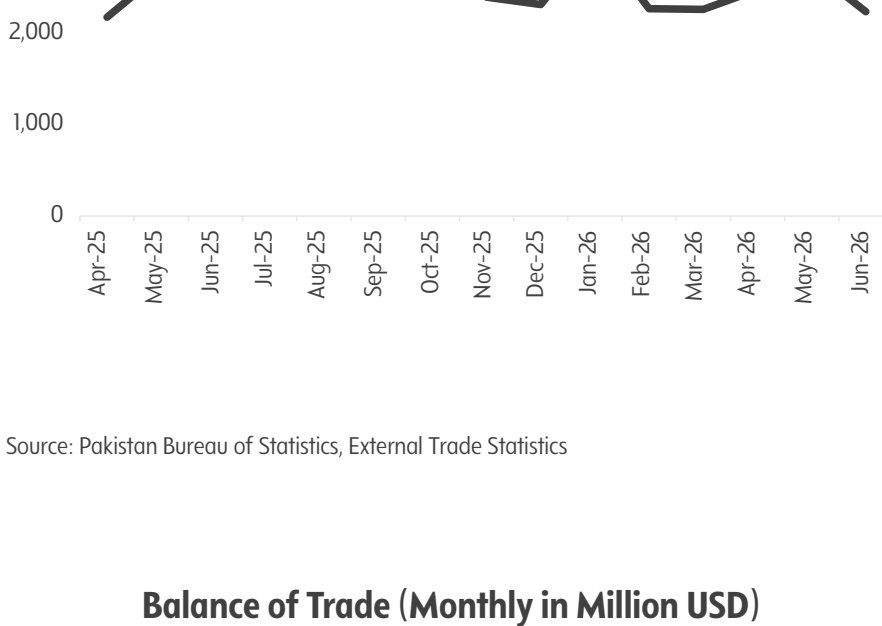
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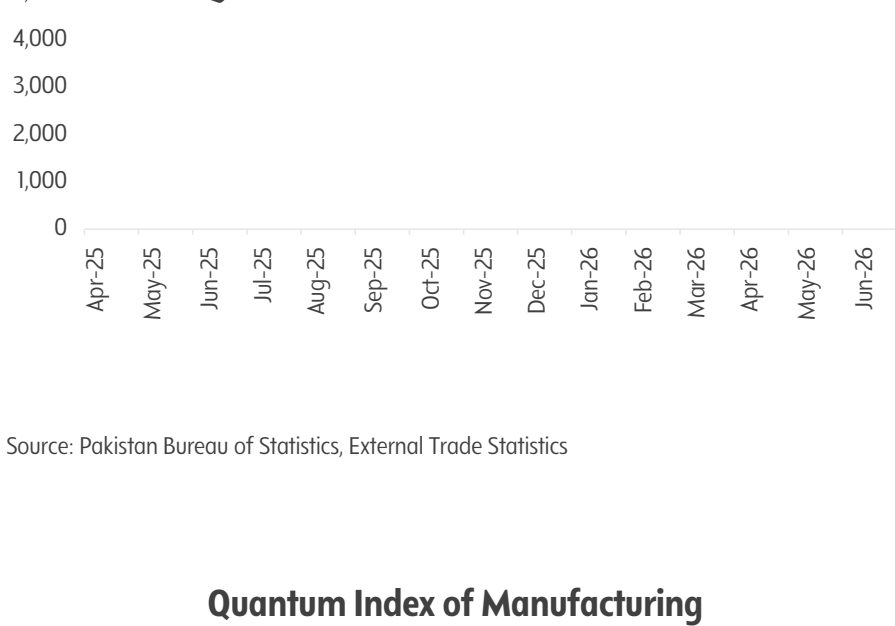
TRADE

Exports (Monthly in Million USD)



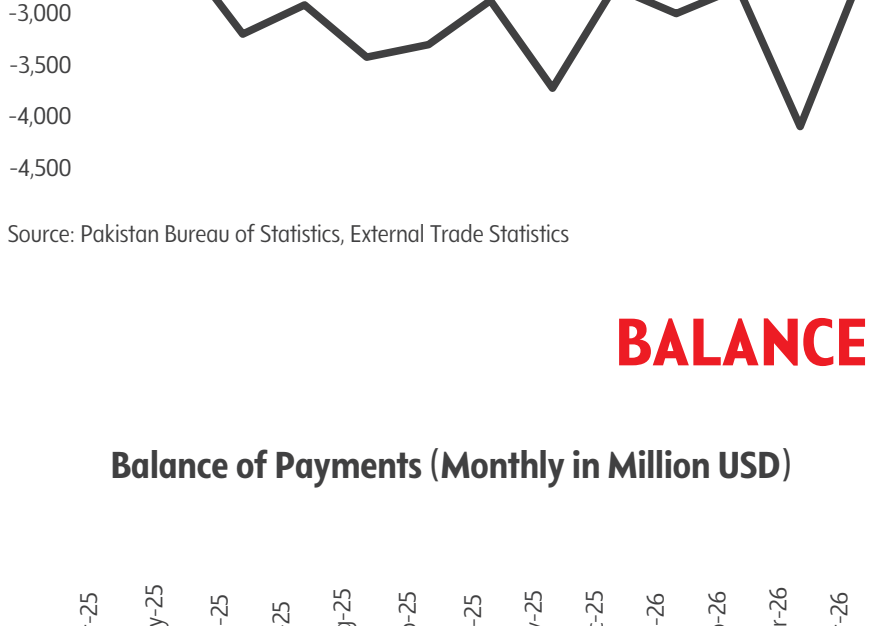
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Imports (Monthly in Million USD)



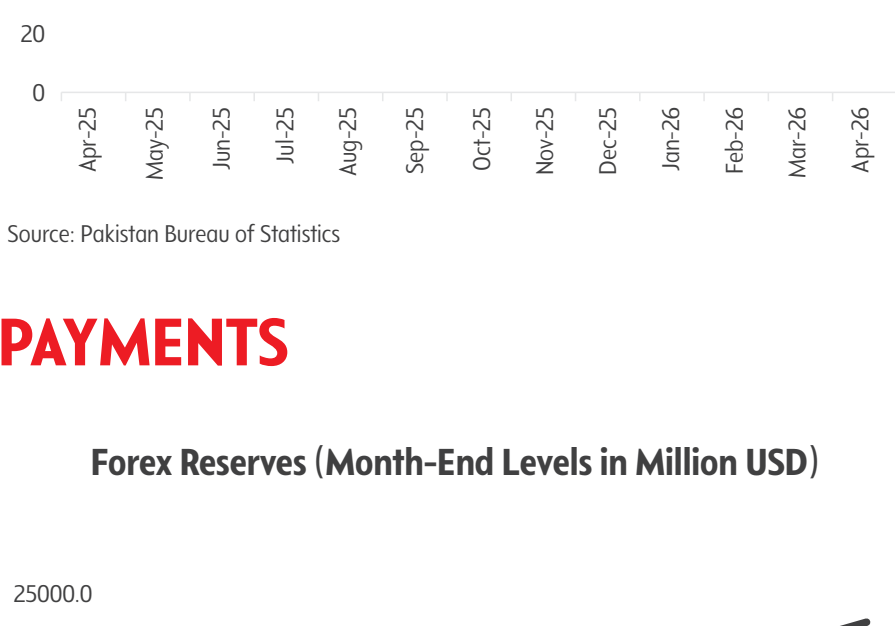
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Balance of Trade (Monthly in Million USD)



Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, External Trade Statistics

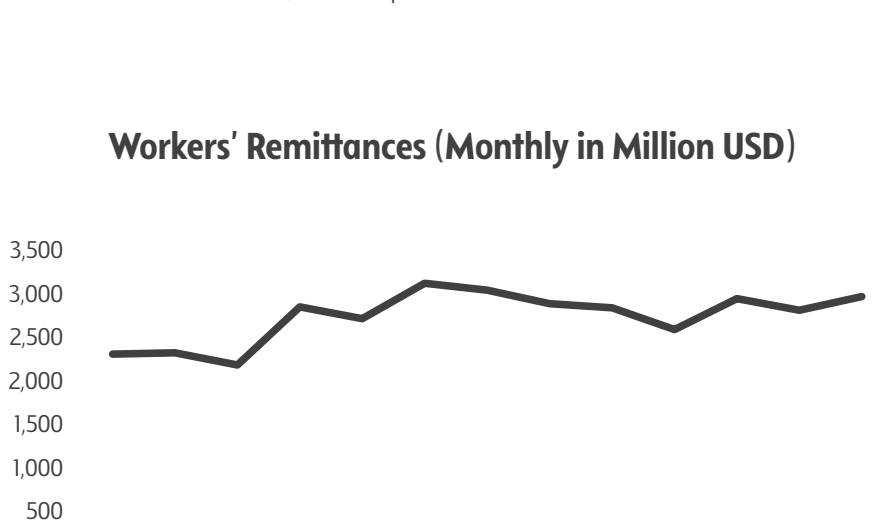
Quantum Index of Manufacturing



Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Balance of Payments (Monthly in Million USD)



Source: State Bank of Pakistan, Annual Report

Forex Reserves (Month-End Levels in Million USD)



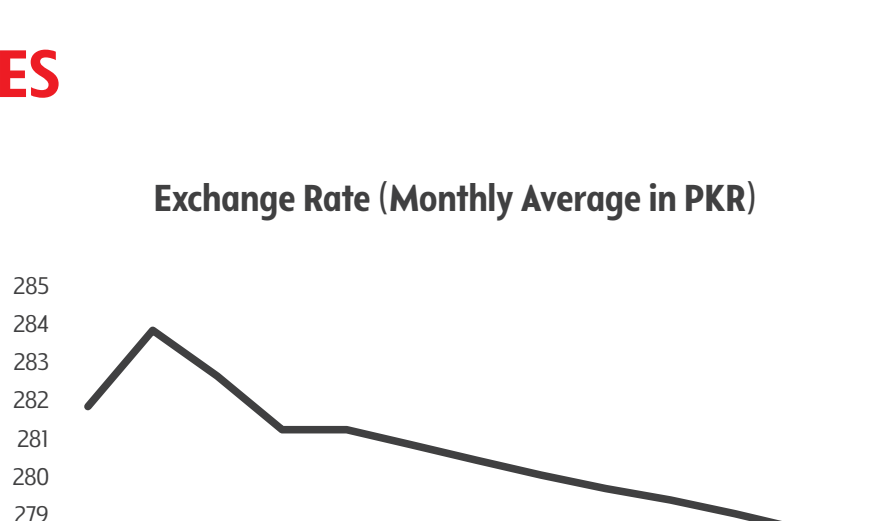
Source: State Bank of Pakistan, Foreign Exchange Reserves

Workers' Remittances (Monthly in Million USD)



Source: State Bank of Pakistan, Annual Report

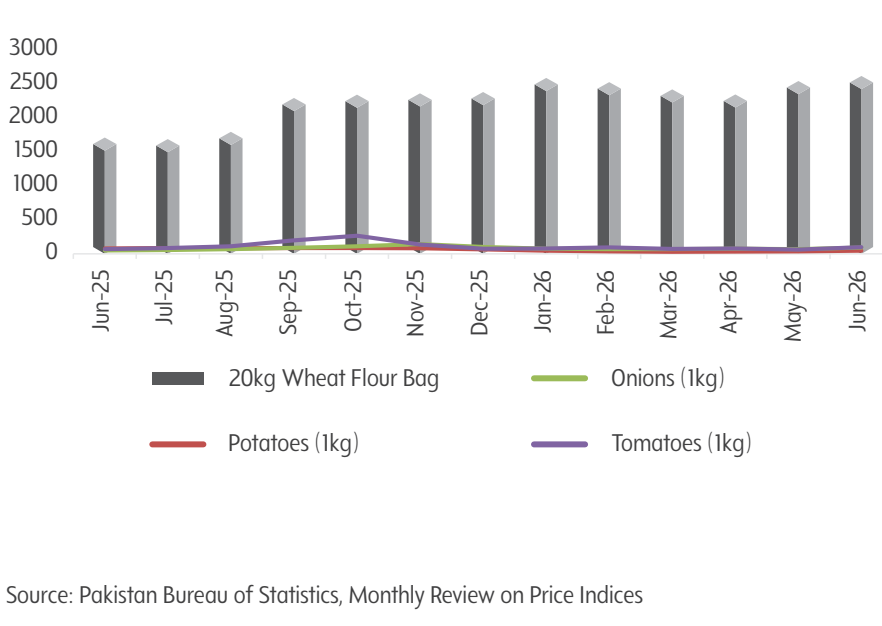
Roshan Digital Account (Monthly)



Source: State Bank of Pakistan, Key Statistics on Roshan Digital Account

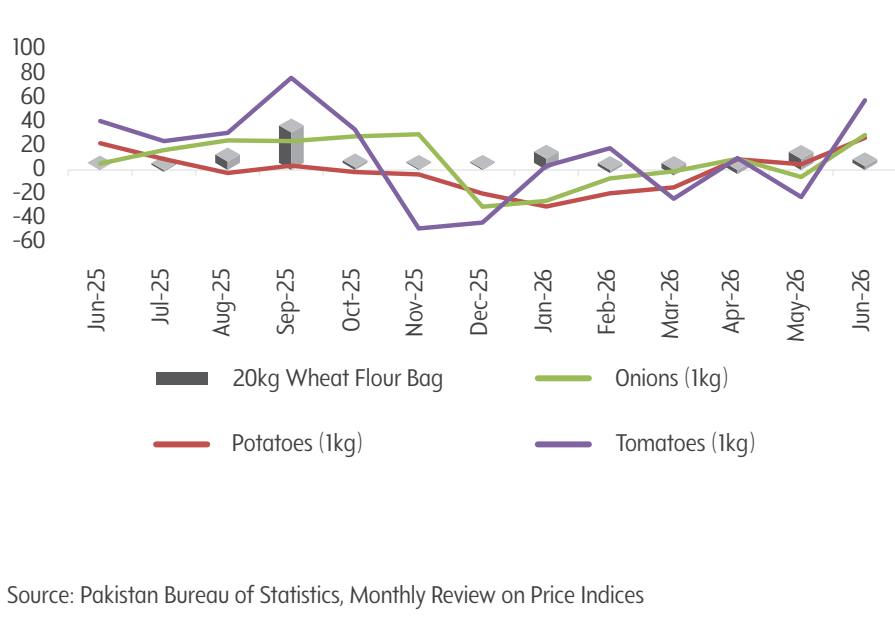
PRICES

Inflation % (Monthly)



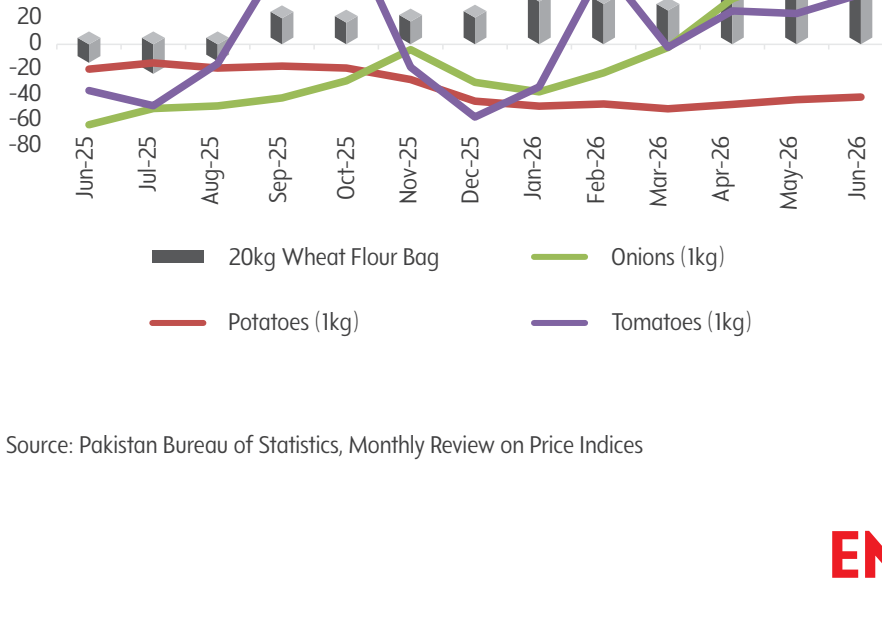
Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Monthly Review on Price Indices

Exchange Rate (Monthly Average in PKR)



Source: State Bank of Pakistan, Monthly Average Exchange Rates

Monthly Prices



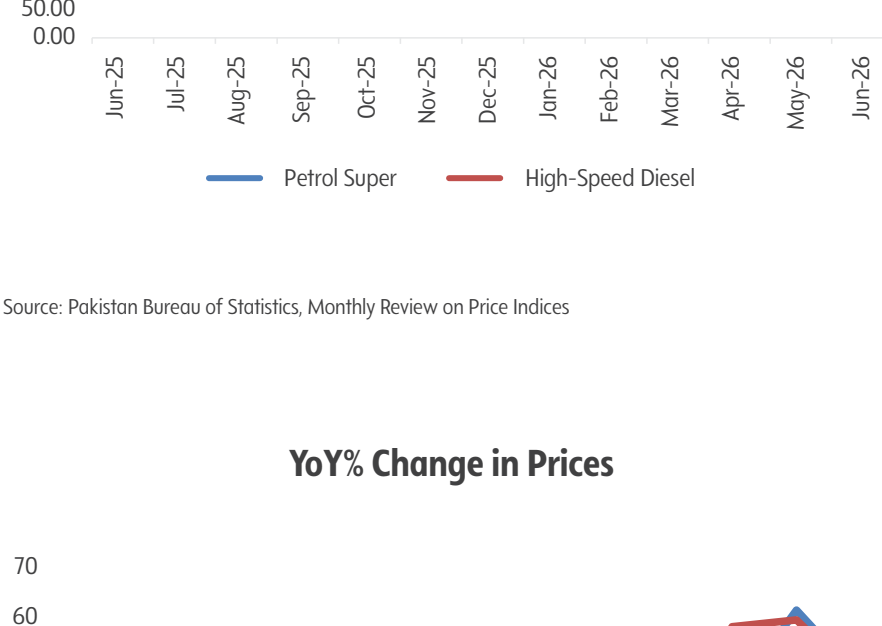
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MoM% Change in Prices



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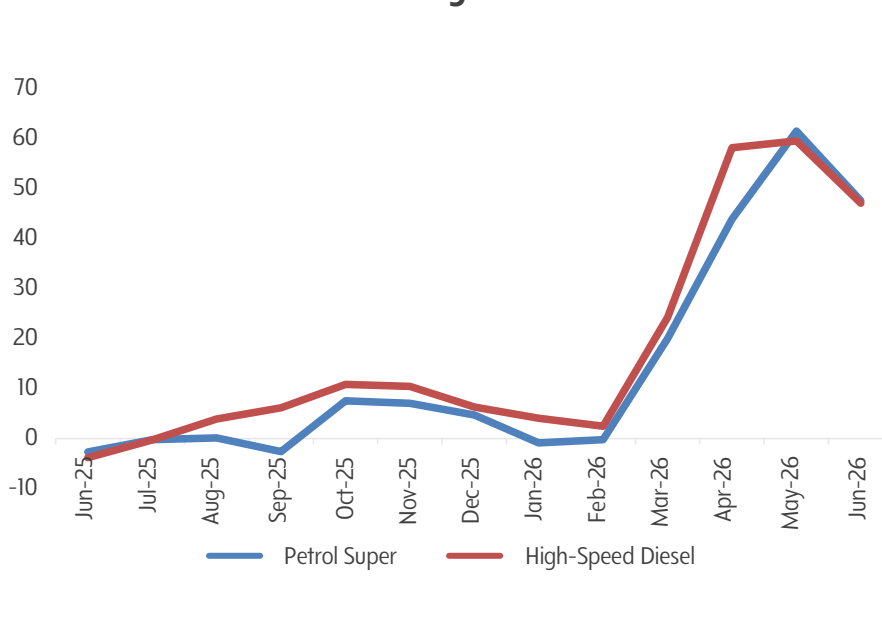
YoY% Change in Prices



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ENERGY

Prices



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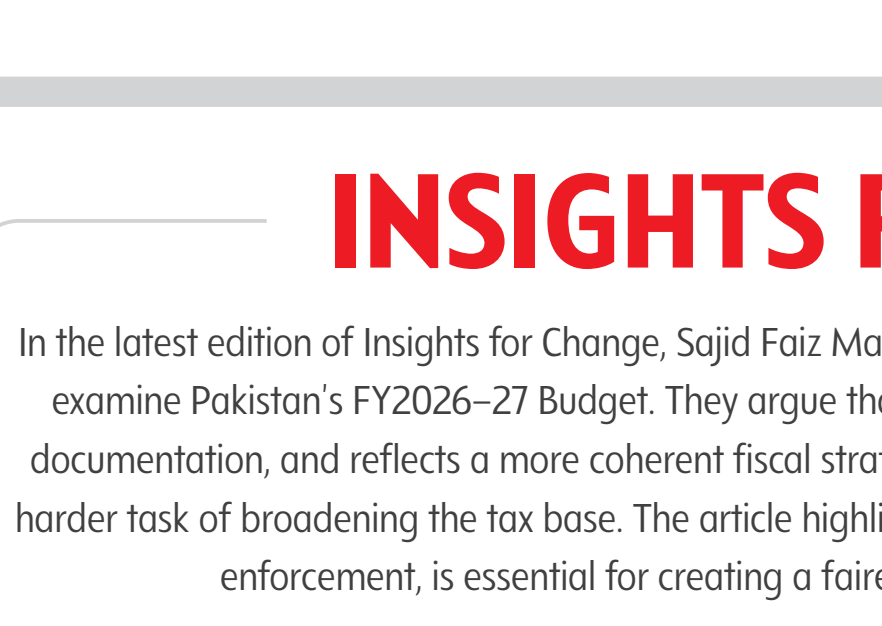
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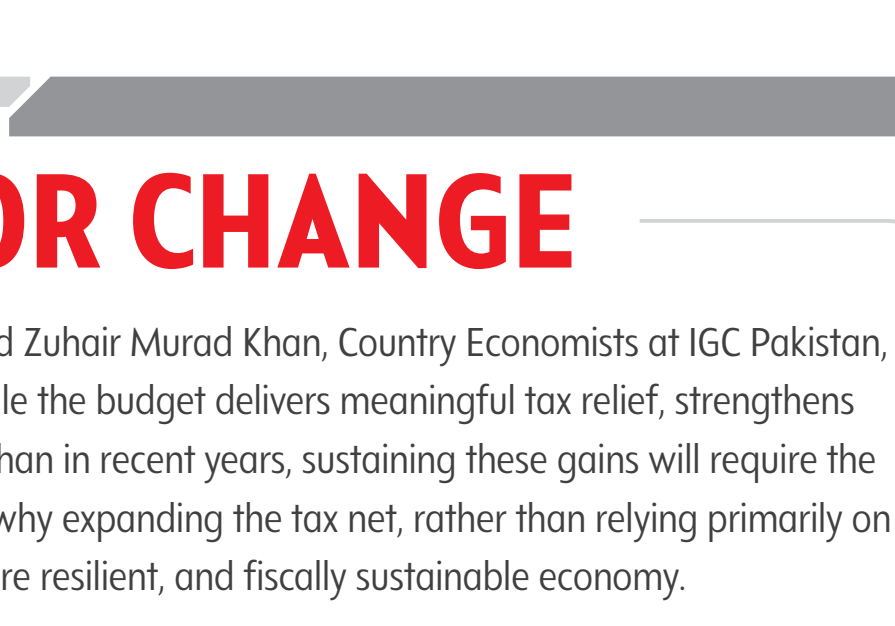
AIR QUALITY

Average Monthly AQI



Source: Air Quality Index (AQI)

Average Monthly PM2.5



Source: Air Quality Index (AQI)

INSIGHTS FOR CHANGE

In the latest edition of *Insights for Change*, Sajid Faiz Malik and Zuhair Murad Khan, Country Economists at IGC Pakistan, examine Pakistan's FY2026-27 Budget. They argue that while the budget delivers meaningful tax relief, strengthens documentation, and reflects a more coherent fiscal strategy than in recent years, sustaining these gains will require the harder task of broadening the tax base. The article highlights why expanding the tax net, rather than relying primarily on enforcement, is essential for creating a fairer, more resilient, and fiscally sustainable economy.

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Let's Talk DEVELOPMENT

The Cost of Being a Woman
| Ft. Fauzia Viqar |
Women Empowerment in Pakistan

Host
ANAM SAEED

Director of Business
Development & Brand

Guest
FAUZIA VIQAR

Human Rights Activist

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POLICY ANALYSIS

In a recent study by IGC, Dr. Yasir Khan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Baluchistan, and Priyoma Mustafa, Assistant Professor of Economics at Ahmedabad University, examine how inaccurate self-reporting by frontline public health workers affects the quality of health data used for planning and policymaking. They find that false reporting increases sharply over the reporting week as deadlines approach. Their research demonstrates that well-designed financial incentives can improve both reporting accuracy and worker performance, encouraging genuine household visits, reducing fabricated reports, and ultimately strengthening the evidence base for more effective public health decisions.

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EVENTS

Addressing Gender Disparities in Pakistan's Climate Crises

CDPR in collaboration with IGC hosted a session of Lahore Policy Exchange on Addressing Gender Disparities in Pakistan's Climate Crises on 16th July 2026. This dialogue explored the unequal burden of climate change faced by women in Pakistan, their role in climate adaptation, and the targeted policy and institutional reforms for their enhanced protection.

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FELLOWS' ARTICLES

Rethinking Trade Policy

THE preparation of the Strategic Trade Policy (STP) for 2026-31 is an opportunity not merely to set fresh export targets but also rethink our export strategy in light of lessons of the past decade. Any new policy's credibility depends on fixing structural weaknesses that have repeatedly undermined implementation.

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Poverty and Inequality

The release of the Household Integrated Economic Survey and Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement data presents a clearer picture of poverty and economic distress in Pakistan. This data has appeared after a gap of nearly six years, during which several important events and shocks took place.

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