



Mandates assigned to the federal ministries, divisions and agencies under Ehsaas



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In relation to the 134 policies/programmes/objectives under the 4 pillars of Ehsaas, the following mandates have been assigned to federal ministries/divisions. The numbering of the initiatives is not chronologically arranged and follows the numbering of the initial policy statement of Ehsaas.¹ The list and the mandates are currently evolving.

Pillar I: Addressing Elite Capture

Division of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety

- **Pro-poor goals** and measurable indicators for every ministry (#5)

Planning Division

- Priority earmarking of **resources for pro-poor sectors** (#6)
- A policy to maximize the pro-poor impact of the **Public Sector Development Programs** (#9)
- **Committee on Innovative Financing** and deployment of innovative financing mechanisms (#10)
- Guidelines on **Corporate Social Responsibility** (#11)
- A new mandatory section in the **PC1 Performa** (#12)
- To give greater salience to disability in public policy, **no PC-1 shall be approved, until it is disability friendly** (#134)
- Transparency policy to guide the use of **development expenditure by parliamentarians** (#14)
- **National Strategy for the Development of Statistics** (#24)

Finance Division and State Bank of Pakistan

- Increase in **social protection** spending (#2)
- New **National Finance Commission Award** (#7)
- Promotion of **microfinance banking services** (#83)
- Promotion of **agriculture credit** (#85)
- **Slab for remitters** of up to US\$ 100 (#101)
- Products to make **remittances agile** and cost effective (#102)
- Policy to catalyze development of warehouses and **warehouse receipt funding** (#109)

¹ Ehsaas: Prime Minister's Policy Statement: <http://pmo.gov.pk/documents/Ehsaas-Prime-Ministers-Policy-Statement.pdf>

Law Division

- **Constitutional amendment** to move article 38(d) from the “Principles of Policy” section into the “Fundamental Rights” section (#1)
- Mechanism to address weaknesses in the **justice system** for the vulnerable, especially women (#13)
- **Guidelines on conflict-of-interest** for state and government functionaries (#15)

Ministry of Interprovincial Coordination

- Need-based system of **National Finance Commission Award** (#7)
- Need-based system of **Provincial Finance Commissions** (#8)

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

- Free electronic media airtime to promote **information as public good under Ehsaas** (#23)

Local Governments and CDA

- Fixing the local government system to facilitate **need-based community decision making** (#22)
- Earmarking a share for the poor when allocating **vending stalls** (#16)
- Earmarking a share for the poor while auctioning shops in **Town and Tehsil committees** (#17)
- Earmarking a share for the poor in **Market Committees** (#18)
- Earmarking a share for residents of **Katchi Abadis** in the event of commercialization (#19)
- A **policy of community co-ownership** where land is freed up from land grabbers (#20)
- A policy of community co-ownership where government gives **hunting permits** (#21)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Policy of community co-ownership where government gives hunting permits (#21)

PILLAR II Social Protection

Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division (#3 and #4)

- Development of the new validated live **2019 National Socioeconomic Registry** (#26-28)
- **Kifalat: One woman one bank account** initiative and Inflation-adjustment in the size of the cash transfer to more than 60 million women (#29)
- **Food debit card scheme** for the most marginalized, initially for 1 million households (new #116)

- Creation of a **one-window social protection** (#4)
- Ehsaas **Governance & Integrity Policy** for safety net institutions (#114-115)
- Establishment of 500 **digital hubs** at the Tehsil level under Kifalat (#31)
- Launch of the shock-oriented **precision safety net, Tahafaz** #33 (assistance to poor widows #34, legal aid #35, assistive devices #42, health aid to protect against catastrophic expenditure #40-41)
- **Trust for Voluntary Organizations** to upscale programs for the most marginalized (street children, seasonal migrants, transgender, victims of child abuse and bonded labor and daily wage workers) #36
- Policy and forum on **civil society stakeholders** involved in welfare activities, including orphanages (#37)
- **Solutions Innovation Challenge** policy (#81)
- **District Development Portal** to drive resource allocations according to need (#25)
- **Specialized nutrition food** made available for stunted and wasted children (#65)
- **20 centers for the physically challenged** in under-privileged districts in the PPP model (#43)
- **Education Conditional cash transfer**, impacting 4.5 million children, 50% girls (#73)
- Ehsaas **homes** for the elderly (#46)
- Ensuring **universal access to assistive devices** for the disabled (#42)
- Freely available **e-learning content** as a public good (#71)
- **Use of chatbots in local languages** for dispersed populations (#72)
- Need-based **undergraduate scholarships**, partnership of HEC and BISP (#75)
- Research on the **drivers of poverty** in local settings (#82)

Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development

- A policy to increase the role and number of **Community Welfare Attaches** (#49)
- Increase in the number of **Protector of Emigration** Offices (#50)
- Initiative to **improve quality of pre-departure briefing** for intended migrants (#51)
- Protector of Emigration Offices to create **one-window** for all types of requirements (#52)
- **Negotiations with foreign governments** to extend the duration of the first contract agreement for workers to a minimum of 3 years (#53)
- A policy of **subsidy on air tickets** for low paid workers abroad who have not returned home in seven years (#54)
- **Labor pension increased** from PKR 5,250 to 6,500 through EOBI (#44)
- **Biometric payments of pensions** through EOBI (#45)

Ministry of Housing

- **Join ownership of houses for women** in each of the government's new housing schemes (#112)
- **Housing scheme for the poor** (including landless farmers) through interest free loans (#39)
- **Panah-gahs** in several major cities (#38)

Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and coordination

- **Insaf Insurance card** for 10 million households for 60 million people (#40)
- **Insaf cards for all disabled** (#122)

Ministry of Human Rights

- Hosting the **Child protection commission** (#37)
- **Ehsaas homes** for the elderly (#46)
- 2% disabled quota in all government jobs (#123)
- **1% quota** for disabled government employees in government accommodation (#124)
- **2% quota** for the disabled in Naya Pakistan housing scheme (#125)
- All public sector hospitals to issue **disability certificates** as per UN definitions (#126)

Division of Aviation

- A policy of **subsidy on air tickets** for low paid workers abroad who have not returned home in seven years (#54)

Pillar III Human Capital Development

Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination and provincial departments of health

- Provision of de-worming **drugs**, iron, folic acid, micronutrient supplements (#56)
- **Food fortification**, wheat and oil (#56 and #63)
- **Health promotion awareness** regarding breast feeding and complimentary feeding (#57)
- **Universal health coverage** policy to be adopted at federal and provincial levels (#77)
- Measures to address **regulatory capture** in health regulatory agencies (#78)
- **Transparency placard placement** policy for health facilities funded by government (#79)
- Policy to accelerate **reform of public hospitals** with increase in budgets (#80)
- Awareness campaign on toilet use and handwashing by soap (#120)
- Eradication of **open defecation** (#121)

- **Population Task Force** will be housed under the direct supervision of the Prime Ministers Secretariat (#113)

Ministry of Education and Trainings and provincial departments of education

- Awareness drive aimed at **article 25-A** (#67)
- Private school **vouchers/contracting** out to private schools where public schools do not exist (#68)
- Increase in the budget of the **National Education Foundation** (#70)
- A **second chance program for girls** in schools, and colleges (#74)
- Need-based **undergraduate scholarships**, partnership of HEC and BISP (#75)
- **Transparency placard placement policy** for all schools funded by government (#76)
- University-hosted **National Centre for Human Nutrition** (#59)

Food Security & Prov. Depts. of Agriculture

- **Labor Expert Group** to formalize tenancy farming system and informal sector (#47 & 103)
- Policy to address **fragmented and small land holdings** (#104)
- **Crop diversification** Policy as a counter to elite capture in this area (#105)
- Incentivize **local manufacturing** of farm equipment, drip irrigation materials and solar equipment (#106)
- A policy to promote effective **husbandry and hay and silage making** (#107)
- Publication of biannual **Agriculture Terms of Trade Report** (#108)
- **Warehouse receipt financing** (#109)
- Policy to **reduce cost of agriculture inputs** by minimizing import duties and taxes (#110)
- Policy to provide market stimulus for **livestock and fisheries in arid zones** (#111)
- 5+1 model of **desi chicken asset transfer** (#60)
- A **Kitchen Gardening initiative** (#62)
- Initiative to address spurious, and **adulterated milk** (#66)
- Promotion of seed distribution through the **Utility Stores Corporation** (#64)
- Promotion of **subsidized certified seed** and seedlings through the entrepreneurial model (#62)

Ministry of Industries

- Oil cans to accompany seed packets policy (#63)

Pillar IV livelihoods and Jobs

Ministry of Education and Trainings and provincial TVETAs

- Introduction of **skills training in school curricula** and 2-year college programs (#92)
- Rationalizing requirements of **8th class as conditionality** for enrollment in TVETAs (#93)
- Decrease in the **age of enrollment** from 18 to 15 in TVET institutions (#94)

- Review of **legislation relating to apprenticeship** in the informal sector (#95)
- **Change in NAVTCC's law** to curb unregulated Trade Testing Centers (#96)
- Increase in **NAVTCC's budget** (#97)
- International **recognition of TEVT** courses (#98)

IT Division

- Policy of **architecture-based approach** to digitize government (#88)
- Promotion of **free lancing** (#89)
- Facilitation of **electronic payments** (#89)
- A policy to promote **startups** (#90)
- Enhancement of **broadband** and basic telephony in lagging districts through USF (#91)
- **Handset** policy to facilitate access (#91)

Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development

- A consolidated **labor market information** system for overseas employment (#99)
- Launch of welfare and pension scheme for the informal sector (#48)
- Accelerated **foreign policy** drive to promote overseas employment (#100)
- Products to make **remittances agile** and cost effective (#102)

Ministry of Climate Change

- **Under the Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Programme** around 3.29 billion indigenous plants will be added on about one million hectares over the next four years (#128)
- **The Eco System Restoration Initiative** as a nature-based solution for addressing climate change (#129)
- **Legislation to address the menace of polythene bags** and their phasing out (#130)
- **The Electric Vehicle Policy** to ensure introduction and promotion of electric vehicles in the country (#131)
- **Ranking of cities/tehsils under City/Tehsil level Clean and Green Cities Index (CGCI)** according to the indicators on cleanliness and greenery (#132)
- **Transforming the Indus Basin** with Climate Resilient Agriculture and Climate-Smart Water Management initiative (133)

Poverty Alleviation and Safety Net Division

- National **Poverty Graduation** Initiative where 16.8 million individuals will access interest free loans (#84 & 87), skills development and asset transfers (#32 and #61)

Ministry of Communications and Postal Services

- **Additional role in Kifalat: One woman one bank account** *initiative to be determined* (#29)

Ministry of Power

- Off grid solutions to electricity (#86)

Ministry of Railways

- Earmarking a share for poor while allocating vending stalls on government owned land including railway stations (#16)

Overall Coordination

Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division (#3 and #4)

- Overall coordination (#3)
- Multi-sectoral Nutrition Coordinating Body (#58)

Labor Expert Group

Recommendations to formalize the labor in informal settings including artisans, construction workers, domestic workers and women in agriculture (#47)

Civil Society Group

Framework of commitments by civil society and private sector (#117)