

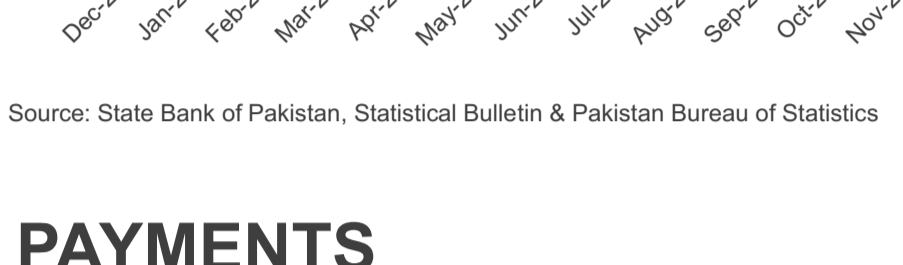
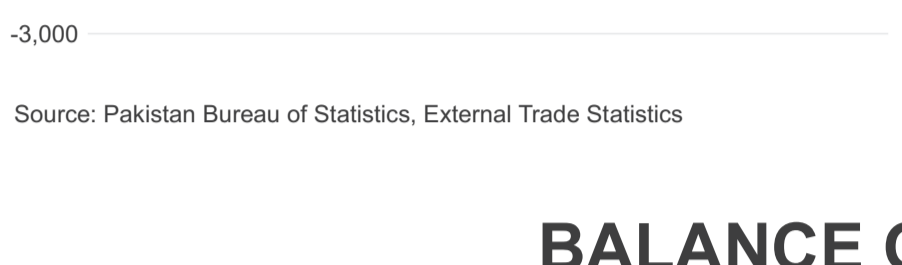


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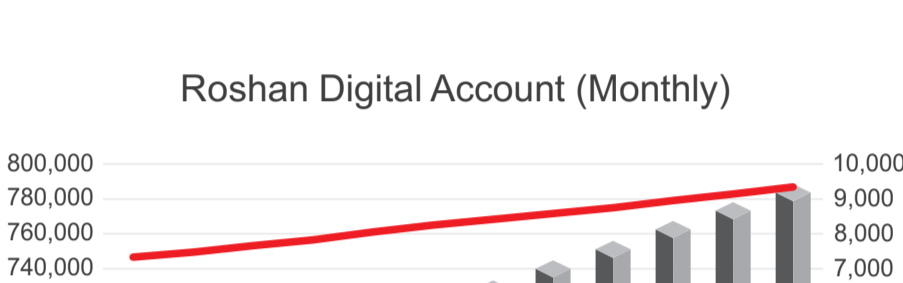
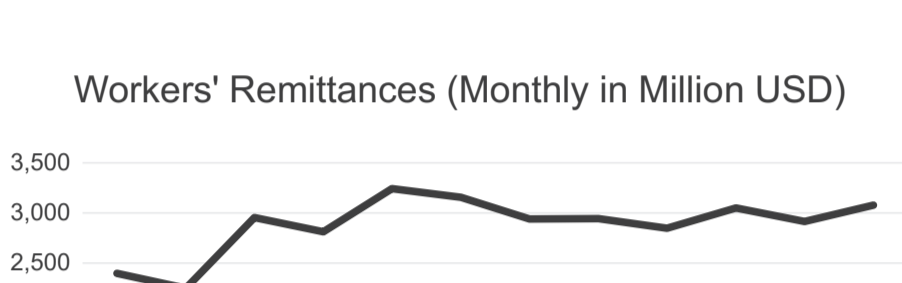
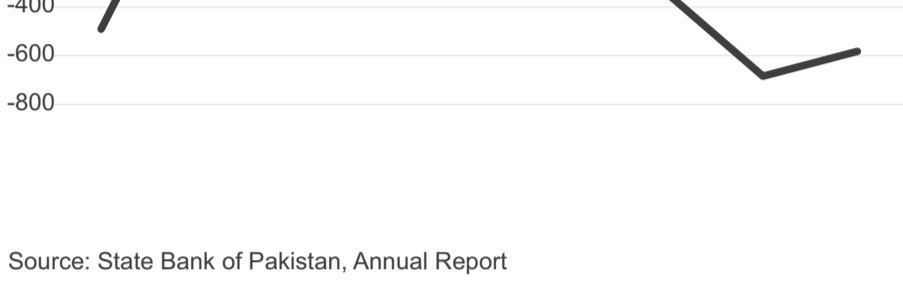
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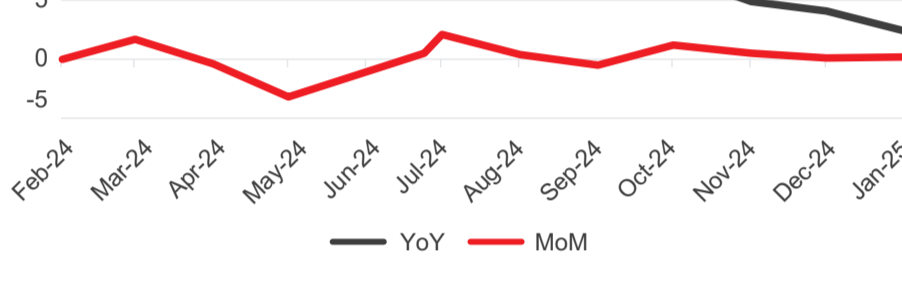
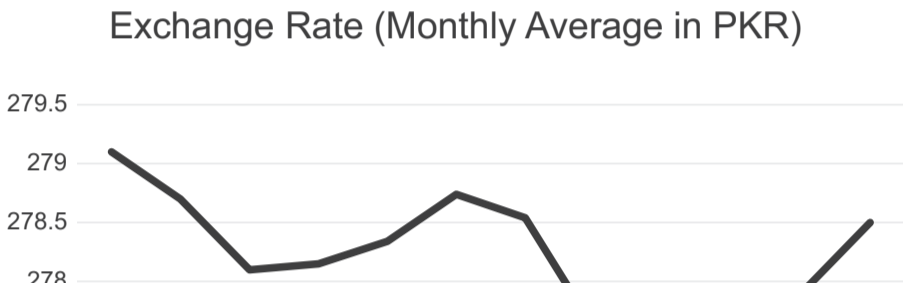
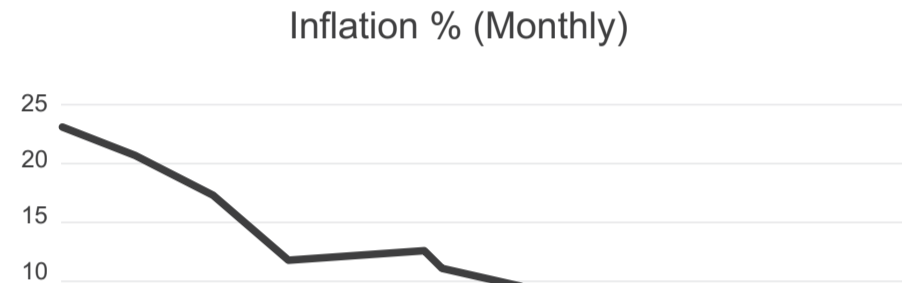
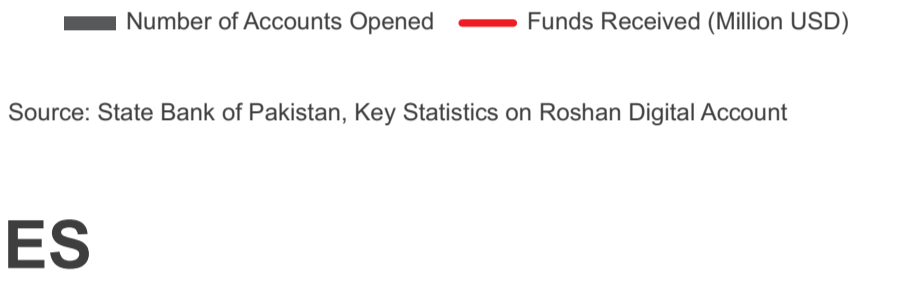
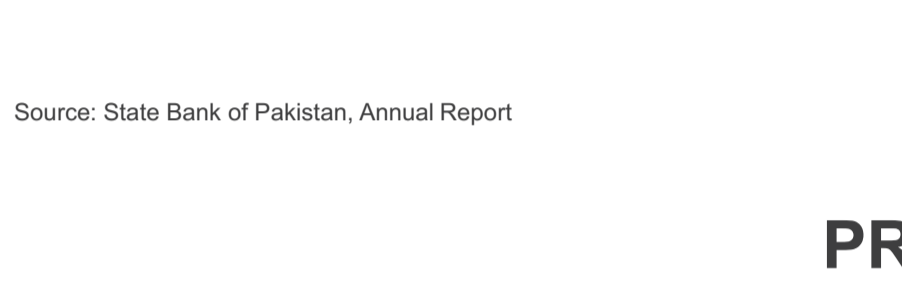
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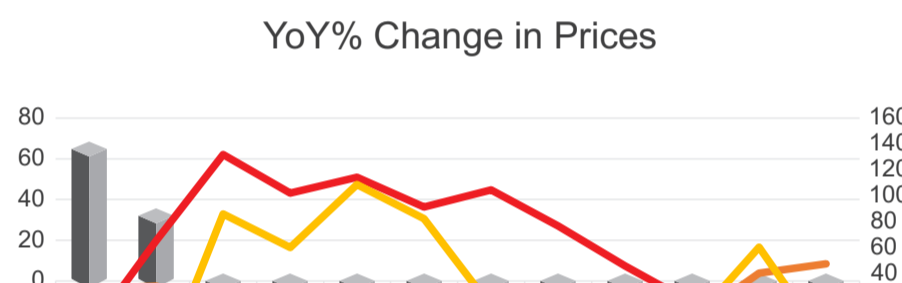
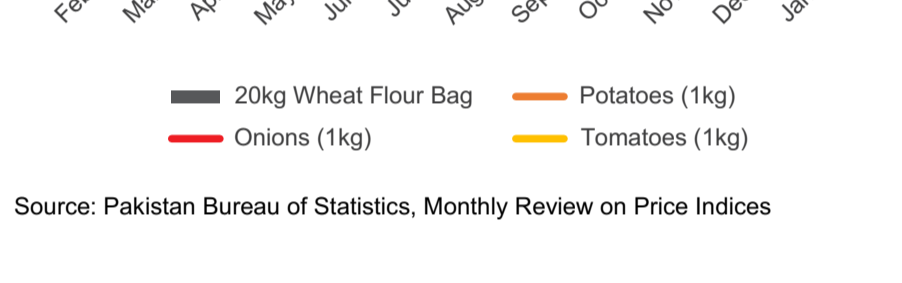
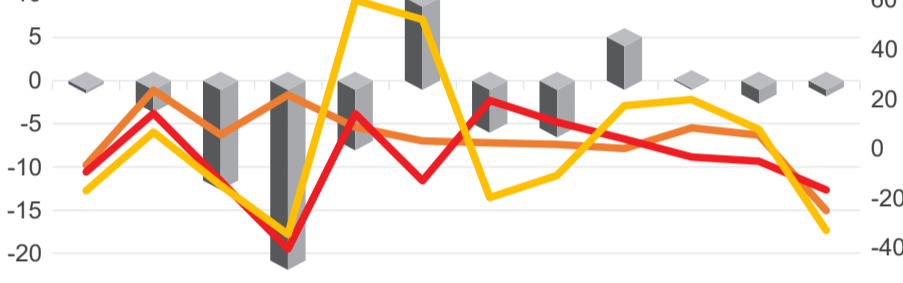
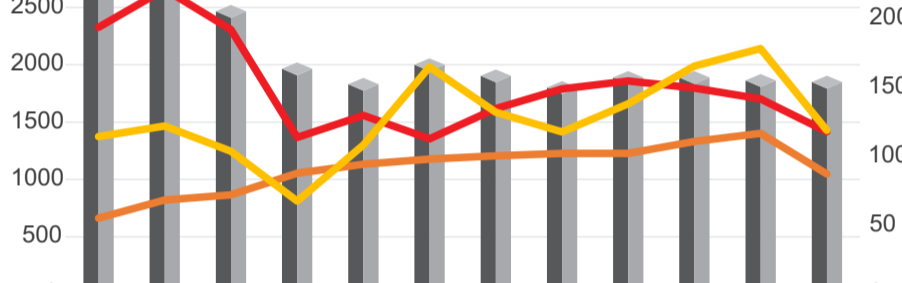
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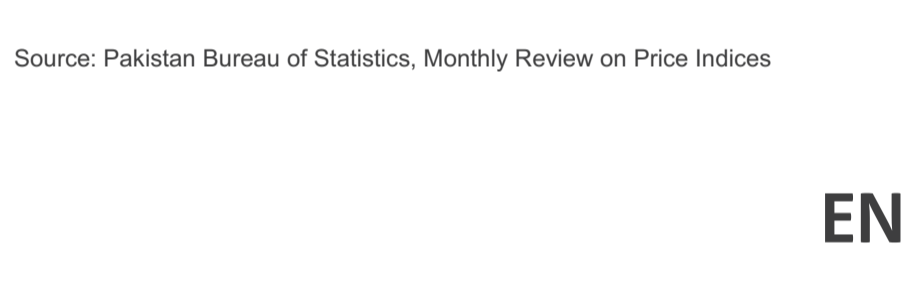
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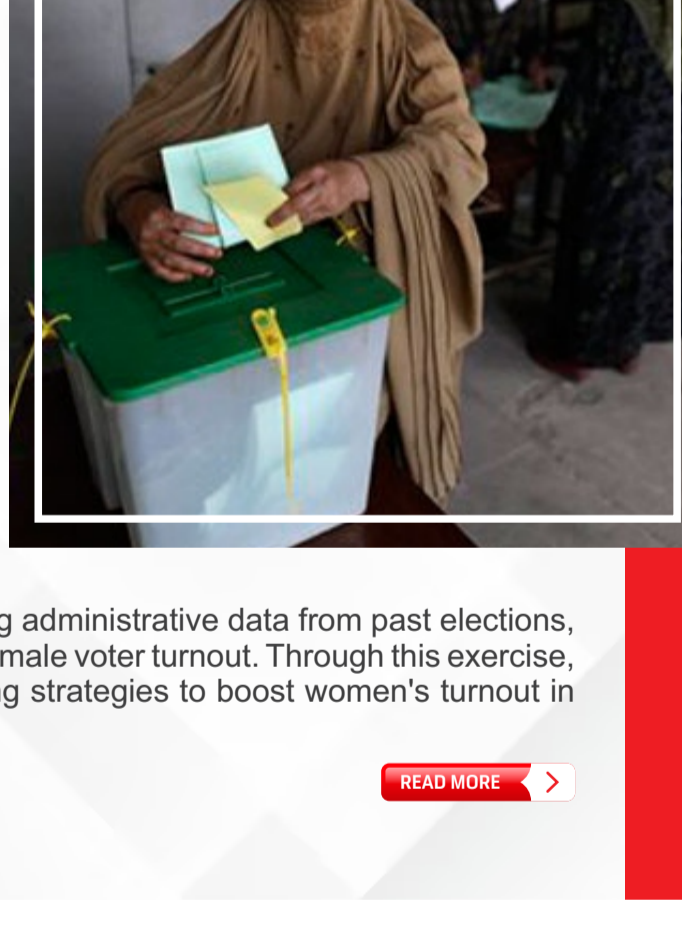
## POLICY ANALYSIS

### Subnational Variation in Gender Gaps in Voter Turnout

This is an on-going project funded by the International Growth Centre (IGC). The Principal investigators are CDPR Fellows Ali Cheema (Vice Chancellor, Lahore University of Management Sciences) and Sara Khan (Assistant Professor, Yale University).

Pakistan has one of the largest gender gaps in voter turnout among electoral democracies. In the 2018 General Elections, 11 million fewer women than men voted. Existing research shows that such participatory gaps can have important distributive consequences, especially when men and women's political preferences diverge. Previous studies have identified informational gaps, male gatekeeping and social norms as barriers to equal participation. However, there is limited evidence explaining substantial subnational variation in turnout. This project aims to address this gap in evidence.

The project will analyse spatial variations in gender gaps in voter turnout using administrative data from past elections, along with fieldwork conducted in constituencies with high and low past rates female voter turnout. Through this exercise, the project will generate actionable evidence and help identify most promising strategies to boost women's turnout in upcoming general and local elections in Pakistan.



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## INSIGHTS FOR CHANGE

### Unpacking the Smog Crisis in Punjab - Key Areas of Research

This month's Insights for Change article explores strategies to mitigate air pollution in Pakistan. It highlights research by the International Growth Centre (IGC) on air quality, presenting evidence-based findings. These projects focus on interventions targeting industrial, agricultural, and vehicular emissions, as well as citizen engagement in air quality improvement.

The author, Zuhair Murad Khan is a Country Economist at IGC, Pakistan.

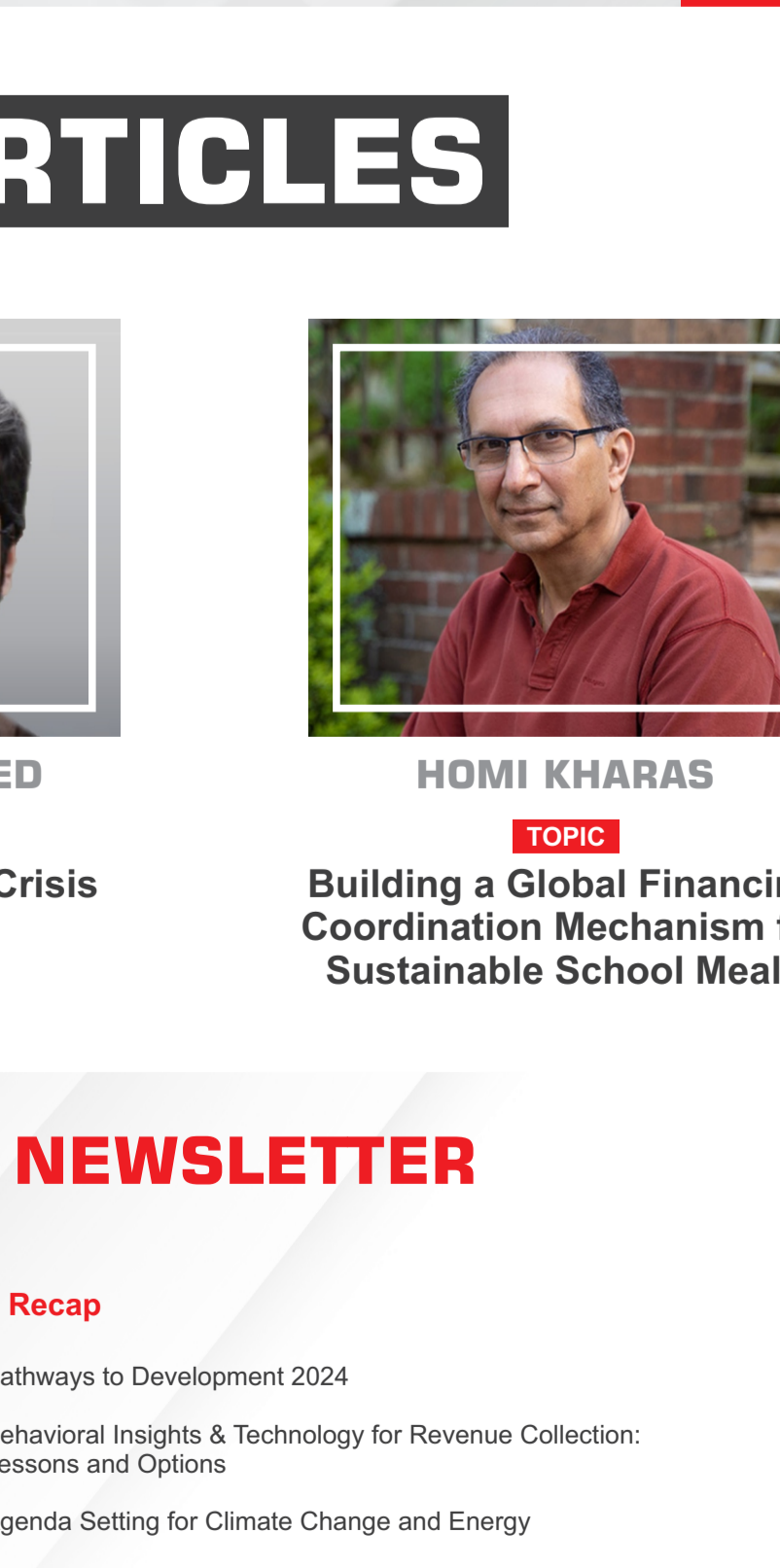
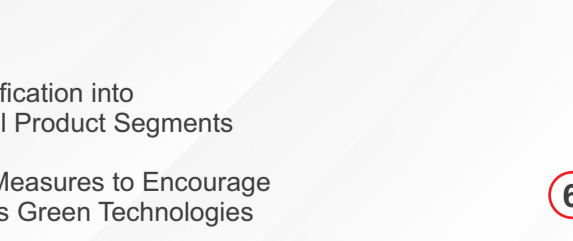
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### The Climate-Energy Nexus: A Critical Review

For a country like Pakistan, it has become increasingly critical to focus on the climate-energy nexus as it grapples with climate vulnerability and escalating energy insecurity. Navigating this intersection presents formidable challenges as well as foreseeable opportunities. In this episode, Dr. Fatma Khushnud and Umair Liaqat explore the climate-energy nexus and examine its implications for the general public. They discuss Pakistan's energy policies, pricing strategies and the ongoing energy crisis.

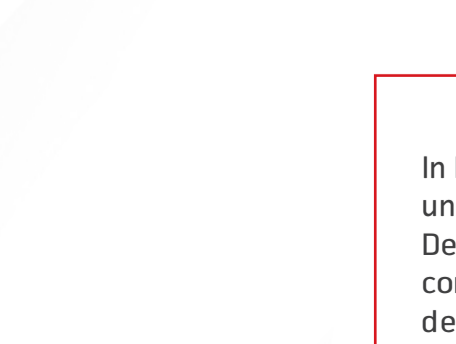


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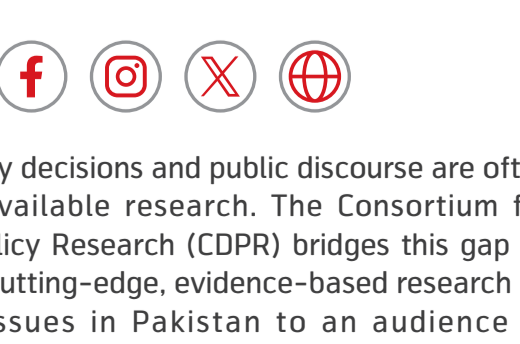
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