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Human development is important for socio-economic sustainability. Define problems of health and education in Pakistan as a next development sector. Recommend suggestion.

Ans 1-

Introduction

"Pakistan is 'a country of concern.'"
(USHR Report, 2023)

Human development is a pillar of economic development in any country. However, Pakistan is ranking low in its human development. In Pakistan, health and education are affected badly. However, government needs to reform its human development

to bring socio-economic development.

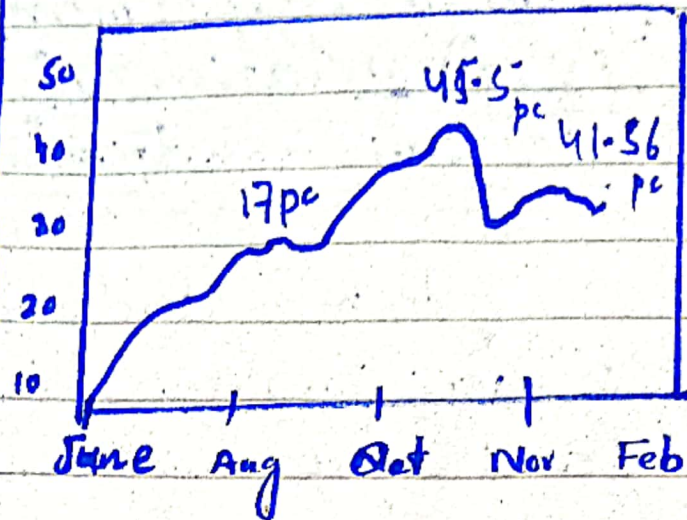
2 - Human development is foundation of economic-sustainability

Human development is very important for socio-economic development. All developed countries are successful because they focus on human development policy. However, Pakistan has been facing crisis in human development. Rising inflation has deprived a common man from his life.

According to Annual Consumer Price Inflation, Pakistan is the 17th most expensive country and ^{the} worst affected.

Thus, this rising crisis of inflation has

made human
growth almost impossible.



- Inflation: since
June 2022 to Feb-2023

Therefore, Pakistan is
going back in history -

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Challenges to human

Development in

Pakistan

Pakistan has
the worst affect on
education and health

sector. According to UNICEF, 2023; 22.8 million children are out of school. Along with education, health is also not good. As per the United Nations Report on Human Development Index 2023, Pakistan ranks the lowest and needs improvement. Following is detail of health and education sector problems:

a) Hurdles in health system

Following are main hurdles:

i) Low budget for health

FY 2023, Pakistan

has fixed 2.1 pc of GDP, means \$40 only. (Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, 2023)
Thus, budget deficit is very low.

ii) Risk of drug crisis

In 2023, 40 pc of Pharmaceutical industries warned to halt production due to dire condition of the country.

Thus, it impacts a common man's life.

(Pharma shutdown, 2023)

iii) No Sehat card

PTI government was supporting 3.1 million poor families to get free treatment. But, in January

2023, health insurance was repealed by PDM. Thus, it becomes difficulty for a common man.

Hurdles in education

Following are hurdles in education:

No focus on women's

education

As per World Economic Forum 2020, Women literacy is 62% against 80% of men. This is low to support economy. Moreover, $\frac{5}{7}$ and $\frac{6}{7}$ boys and girls in Sindh rural are out of school. (Zubeda

Mustafa Pakistan
and rural future,
2023). Thus, Pakistan
is seemed very
low in education.

ii)

Weak infrastructure

According to
Education department
2023, schools of
Punjab and Sindh
are in horror
condition. 40pc
of schools, lacks
electricity; 60pc
lacks drinking
facility; and
35pc of schools
no boundary wall.
Hence, government
needs to reform
schools.

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Possible measures

Pakistan needs

to take

In order to improve human development, Pakistan needs to take following measures:

a) Support womens mobility

Recently, Sindh government, has initiated "womens exclusive buses" to promote womens mobility. Such steps must be take across country.

b) Increase budget programme

Pakistan ranks the lowest in Asia's average 0.48 pc in health. (Asian Development bank, 2023) - Thus, Pakistan

must step forward
to address this issue.

c) Increase rural
education

Pakistan's 60%
of population is rural.
Pakistan can get
144% of GDP (8 times
than today) (UN Report,
2023). Therefore, Pakistan
can improve rural
future.

5- Conclusion

"To save human
development before
it gets too
late...."

Pakistan needs to
address all above
mentioned problem
to improve its
economic condition.

Pakistan can improve
its economy swiftly
by improving its
education and
health sector.