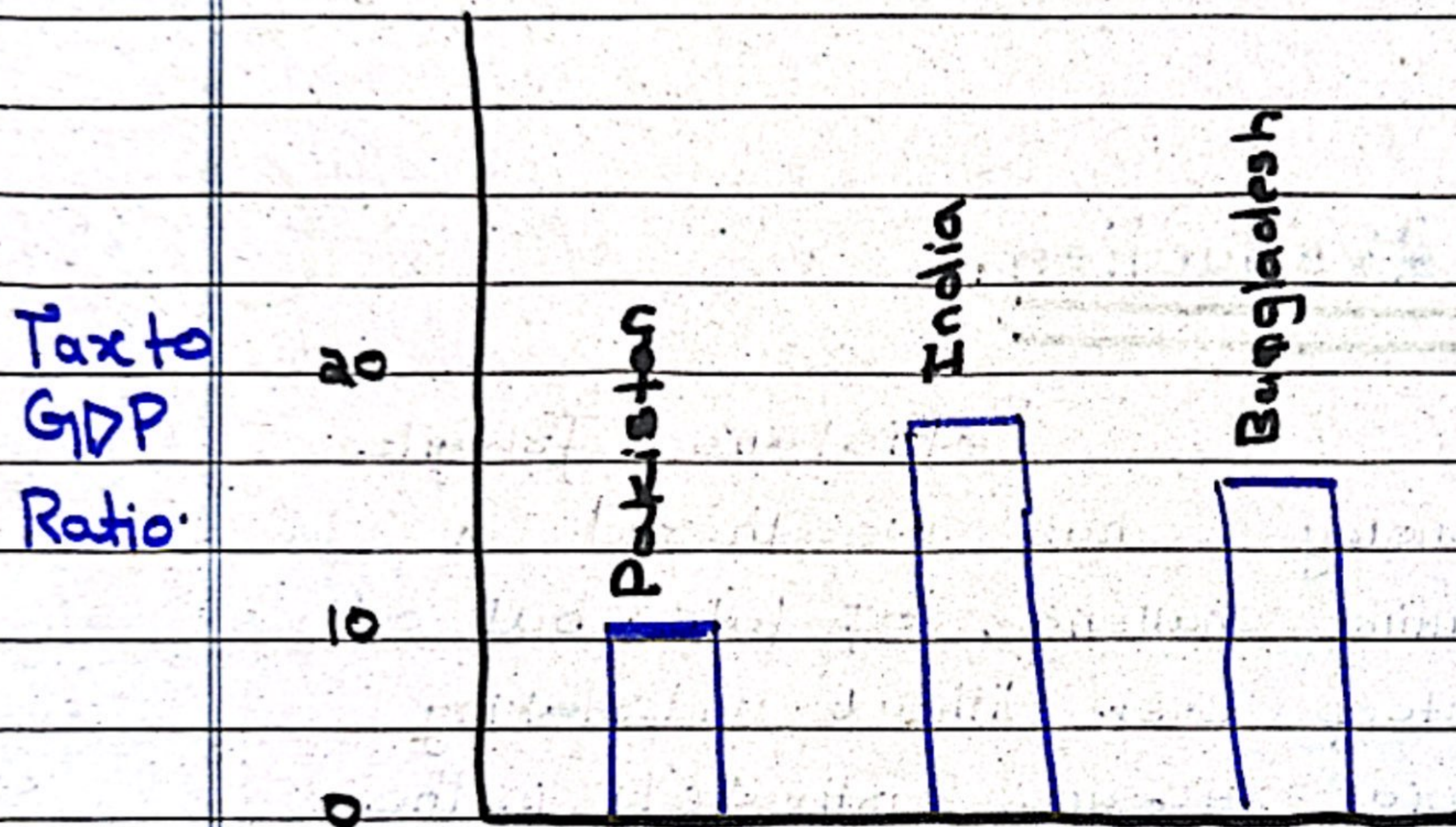


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Introduction:

Pakistan's fragile economy has weathered a mounting challenge of late - but at a steep cost. Without undertaking crucial reforms, particularly in the tax sector, the renewed stability could prove volatile, risking the economic future of the country. In this regard, reforms in taxation are critical to ensure economic stability and make a case for growth. It requires robust policy and political commitment to bring undertaxed and untaxed segments into tax net. The answer details strategies that could help the cause of taxation in Pakistan.

Why is taxation imperative for Pakistan



Pakistan's tax to GDP ratio has remained stagnant since 1990, which translates into burgeoning budget deficit

Issues in Pakistan's Economy
S Akbar Zaidi

Following Strategies

Could be given a thought

Short term Strategies

Although Tajir Dost Scheme has proved a failure, Pakistan needs to double down on its efforts to bring retailers into tax fold.

Pakistan needs to bring retailers into tax net. For their inclusion is critical to the economy of the country. Tajir Dost was a good initiative, but political will was inadequate.

Real estate has become a shadow market. It must be reined in.

The real estate economy is a curse to the investment and growth climate. It should be taxed as per the laws. It is imperative.

Agriculture income should be taxed equitably.

Agriculture remains a crucial plank of economics in Pakistan, but its contributions are meagre - much to the detriment of Pakistan.

Among daunting Challenges, Pakistan needs to prioritize taxation hurdles, focusing particularly on real estate, agriculture and retailers.

Dr Ishrat
Hussain

Pakistan: A Elitist
Economy

Medium term Strategies

Pakistani public is skeptical
of taxation, which requires
restoring Public trust

Public trust is an asset. But Pakistan lacks at this. This demands immediate attention

Political players need to muster political capital for successful taxation

The interests of political parties force them to shy away from taxation. They need to evolve consensus on taxation of the country.

Parliament should oversee the policy and lead the initiative

The role of Parliament is essential in guiding executives and overseeing taxation measures.

Long-term strategies

FBR needs to professionalised

The current state of FBR inspires no confidence. It requires reforms in itself.

Taxation should be made easy, its complicated by far as of today

Taxation is made very labyrinthine process in Pakistan. It should be disentangled.

Home-grown strategy should be prioritised

The policy prescription made at home, and for home should guide Pakistan.

Digitization is an important
~~piece~~ piece of taxation
puzzle

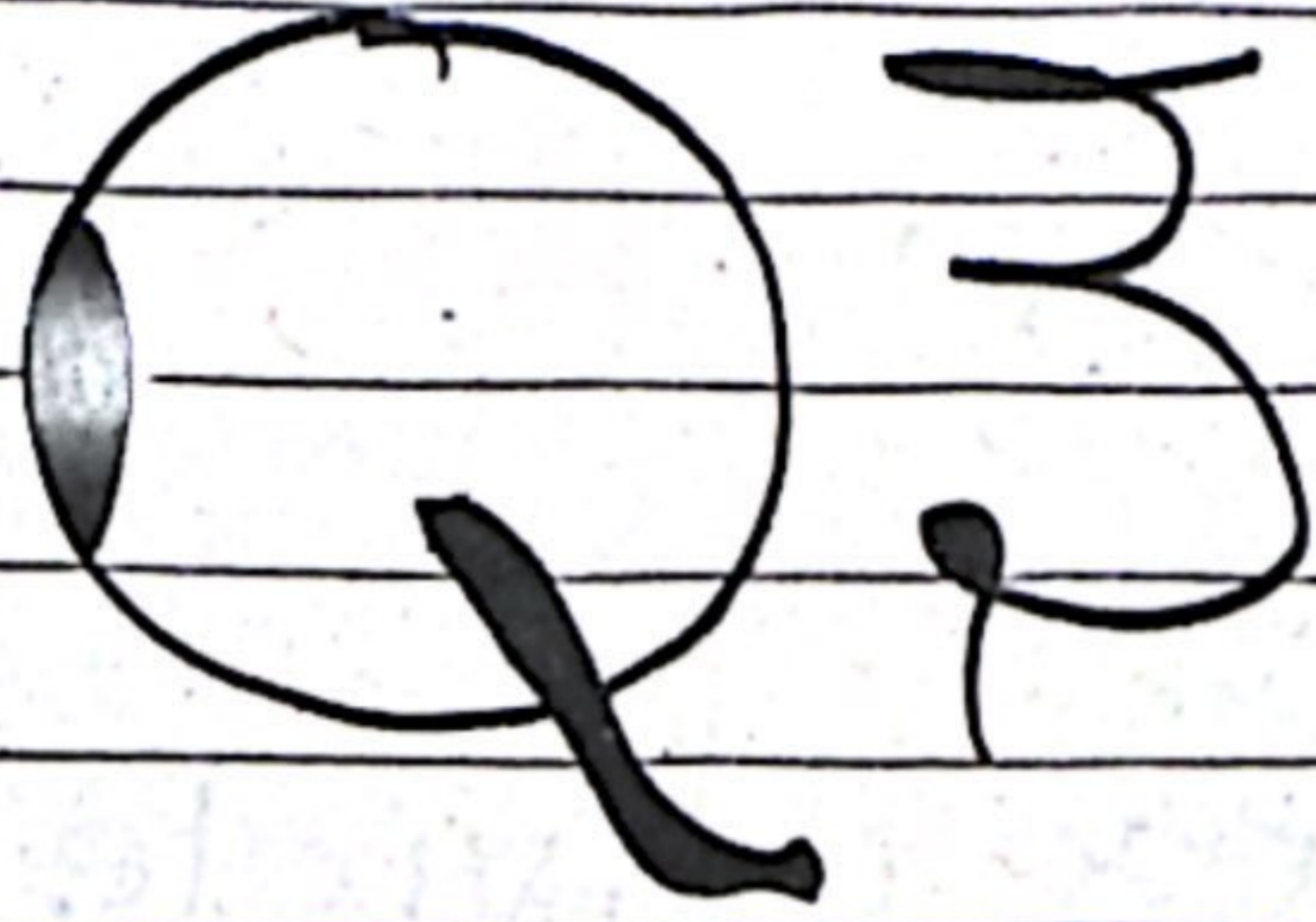
Digitisation should be
greatly pursued in
this regard, helping
Pakistan to bridge
gaps and lay a robust
foundation

Only those economies are
able to undertake reforms
where the foundation of
political consensus is robust

Stephen Deacon
Development Gamble

Conclusion

To sum it up,
taxation is central to the growth
of an economy. Effective taxation
involves prioritising strategic intervention,
political consensus and rapid
digitization. By pursuing such a
policy, Pakistan can turn the
tide and become a success story.



Introduction:

Water is a non-negotiable pillar of life, without which life is anything but life. However, water scarcity remains a persisting challenge to diverse communities in Pakistan - not least those living in rural settings. Such a situation could snowball into a full-blown crisis, making it increasingly hard for a federation to weather the storm. In this regard, sustainable strategies are required to foster a vibrant and liveable life. The answer is an attempt to shed light on water disparities, culminating eventually into mapping strategies.

Water divide in Pakistan - a glimpse

The rural communities of Sindh and Baluchistan are colossal victim of water scarcity

Unveiling Catastrophe:
Pakistan and South
Asia

ADB 2023

The downstream delta communities run the risk of displacing altogether by 2050

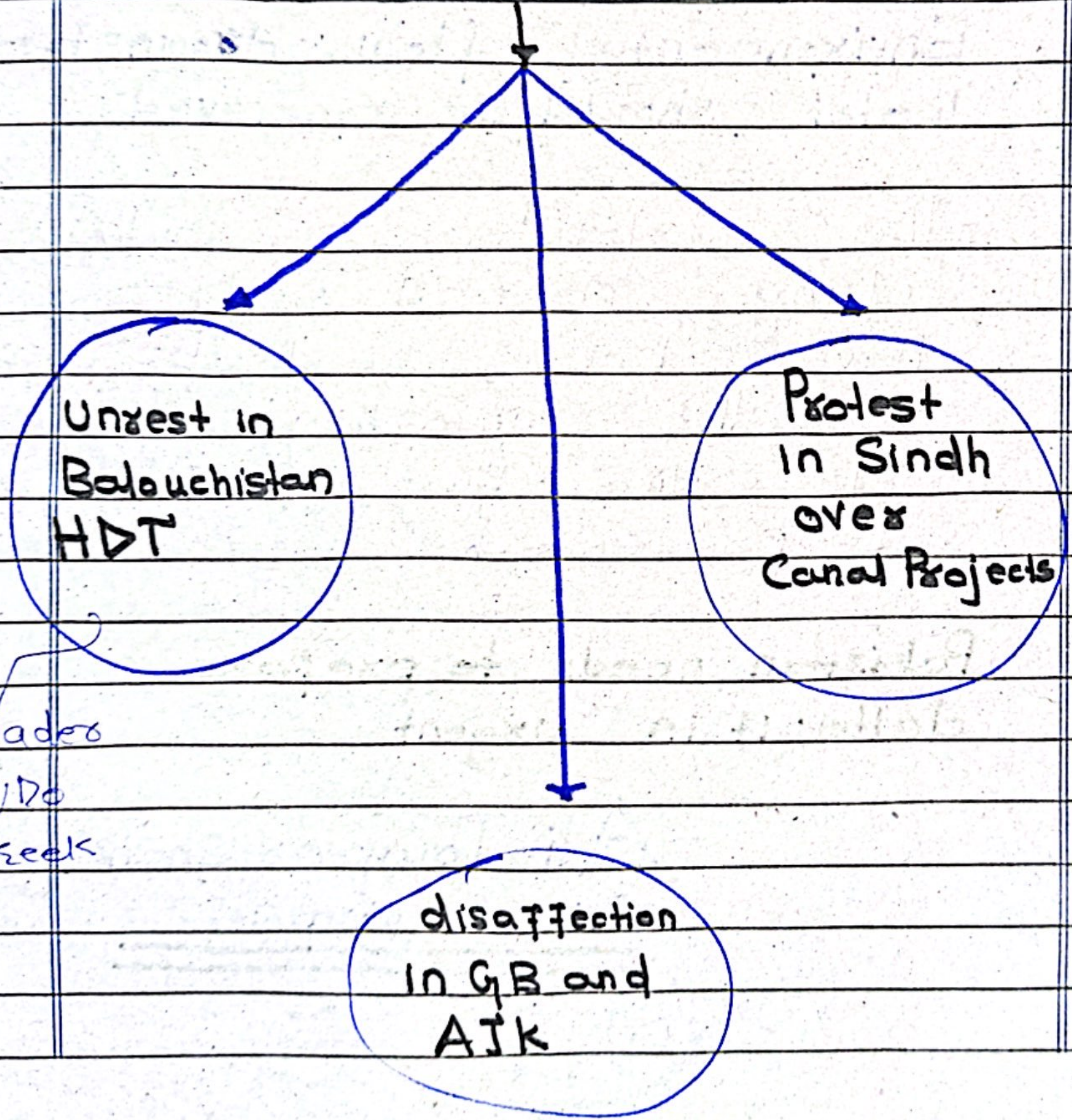
Scarcity on Steroids

UNDP, 2022

Manifestation of

Frustration stirred by
water disparities

Palpable discontent



Gawader
Haq/Do
Tehseeks

Following strategies can
be implemented

Immediate response

Environmental flows downstream
kotsi should be conceived

The districts of Sindh
along coastal belt
have been dried up.
to the point they may
go extinct. They should
be preferred

Pakistan needs to prefer
delta; it is urgent

Ali Touqeer Shaikh
Climate Expert

Water Apportionment
accord should be implemented
in letter and spirit.

The Accord of 1991
should be implemented,
in regard to units.

Masses should be educated
about the sustainable usage
of water

Education is important,
about the sustainable
use to avoid over
consumption

Water theft for political expediency
should stop at diversions

Theft of water is common
at Sukkhu, Guddu and
Kotri barrage. It should
end.

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Sustainable irrigation
is need of the hour

Irrigation is not efficient in the country. It is along obsolete lines. It should be revamped, to the service of rural communities.

Long term Strategies

Pakistan need to drop the emphasis on creating new diversion structures

There is a tendency that country every now and then goes for building diversion structure. It hurls life; it should be dropped.

Water diplomacy with
India should be
conceived

India and Pakistan
share transboundary rivers.
Both need to collaborate.
Rajhistan also suffers from
water shortage.

Water should be recycled
on industrial levels

Recycling to serve Pakistan
should be policy as it
could tackle the crisis.

Water scarcity should be
made a diplomatic struggle

The diplomacy could involve
learning new strategies
from friends to emulate.

Rain water harvesting capacity should be enhanced

Flood and rain water should be stored to be used in days of drought. It could greatly help.

Water disparity should be gapped, for it threatens security of Pakistan

Jamil Ahmed
UNEP

Conclusion:

To sum it up, water disparity in the rural and urban region is an existential threat.

Efforts are required to implement the underscored strategies. By carefully devising policy, Pakistan could navigate the crisis and emerge as victor. Pakistan needs rapid implementation.