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ABSTRACT:

Pakistan presently prepares SUT for 2005-06 simultaneously to a revision of its National Accounts. As in other developing countries it is not possible to apply a certain concept of statistical unit throughout the system. In Pakistan the variables underlying the measurement of output refer to five different approaches or types of units: enterprises, establishments, products (crop reporting systems and livestock estimates), functions of the government and commodity flow (construction output). For the product-oriented approach in agriculture it is envisaged to develop special sub-matrices. In production of agriculture the retaining of seeds (changes in stocks) and the consumption for own final use (including own-account construction of buildings in rural areas) are important issues. Special attention is also needed for own-account production of electric power during periods of load shedding with the help of diesel generators and the like and for the production and consumption of off-grid wind and solar energy. Another issue to be highlighted is the relevance of subsidies and their formal incidence in developing countries. Due to the fact that there is low formal registration and no appropriate system for precisely targeting social benefits the social policy of favouring the poor often comes along either as a subsidy of manufacturing (fertilizer industry) or as a trading agency of the government distributing food or seeds at reduced prices or as government's deliberately accepting persistent losses of public corporations supplying electric power or water. This is a challenge for producing as well as for analyzing SUT for these countries. Possibly Pakistan will also come up with describing its efforts to reconcile health expenditures of National Accounts with figures of health accounting systems which presently are under preparation in a lot of developing countries including Pakistan.