ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

PRESS RELEASE

<u>PILOT SURVEY TO REDUCE GENDER GAP BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE VOTERS HAS</u> <u>BEEN STARTED</u>

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Door to door survey of the Election Commission to know the reasons of gender gap in voter registration has been started with effect from July 16, 2020 in the 229 Census blocks of 21 Tehsils across the country. The aforementioned Tehsils having a significant gap between male and female voters include: Safdarabad (District Sheikhupura), Fort Abbass (District Bahawalnagar), Sadiqabad (District Rahim Yar Khan), Tandlianwala (District Faisalabad), Koh-e-Suleman (District D.G Khan), Orangi Sub Division (District Karachi West), Ibrahim Haideri Sub Division (District Malir), Keti Bandar (District Thatha), Ubaro (District Ghotki), Bakrani (District Larkana), Balakot (District Mansehra), Domel (District Bannu), Landikotel (District Khyber), Kalkot (District Upper Dir), Takht Bhai (District Mardan), Quetta Saddar and Panjpai (District Quetta), Chaman (District Qila Abdullah), Lanhi (District Naseerabad) and Liari (District Lasbela).

In this regard, a monitoring team of the Election Commission of Pakistan for spots check visited Census blocks in Safdarabad Tehsil of Sheikhupura district. The monitoring team was lead by Ms. Nighat Siddique, Additional Director General, Gender Affairs Wing, ECP; the team also included Mr. Muhammad Sarwar, District Election Officer, Sheikhupura and Ms. Anam Riaz, Election Officer. During the door to door survey, the team verified the data provided by the verification officer and surveyed the residents to know the reasons behind the gender gap in the area.

The data to be collected during the said survey will be compared with that of NADRA, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and Electoral Rolls.


