

“SOCIAL EQUITY — HEALTH, EDUCATION & RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION

Social equity in Pakistan requires not just data, but action. By linking numbers to real lives, DataFest 2025 invites stakeholders to collaborate in shaping inclusive, data-driven policies for education, health, welfare, and resource distribution

PROPOSED TOPIC

Rethinking NFC Awards: Toward Fair and Inclusive Resource Sharing

The current NFC formula, dominated by population, fails to capture other realities such as poverty, service delivery costs, and regional disparities. While data simulations can support negotiations, the deeper issue is designing a system that balances efficiency, equity, and fairness. Strengthening dialogue among provinces and adopting multidimensional criteria are key to achieving inclusive fiscal federalism.

Key Questions:-

- Population currently has 82% weight in the NFC formula. Should poverty, education deprivation, area, and fiscal capacity play a greater role to achieve balanced development?
- How can data improve evidence-based negotiations?

Potential Panelist:-

- Ministry of Finance
- National Finance Commission (NFC) Secretariat
- Ministry of Planning & Development
- International Partners (World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA)
- Provincial Finance Departments
- Provincial Planning & Development Departments
- Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)
- Parliamentary Committees on Finance & Planning
- Academia & Research Institutions

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