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Abstract

Land reform is a key aspect of social and political development in Pakistan, both as a way of redressing past injustice and addressing the development of future in the country, especially in rural areas. The harsh fact, history of Pakistan, confessed that landed gentry comprised of feudal lords, landlords, jagirdars and Zamindars were created in British colonial raj. The provinces that would form Pakistan, jagirdars and feudalism became a potent social organization along with the political power Bhutto. Every attempt to terminate landed elites was put into basket. The purpose of this study is to investigate policies and its implementation in Pakistan along with to explore the socio-political impact of Bhutto's land reform in Sukkur district in Sindh during 1970 decade. In exploring these social and political issues, the outcomes of land reforms are first explored using questionnaire and survey in the area. The focus is then narrowed to the impacts in Sukkur district beginning with background and history chapter then policy and implementation and in the end impacts of these reforms. The findings indicate that changes were mostly not experienced in terms of poverty, employment generation, and political status after land reforms was introduced, although it was suggesting that land reforms has made some advancement towards achieving its intended objectives. Despite this limited developmental impact, literature makes it clear that land reform plays an important role in the society.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

NWFP	North West Frontier Province of Pakistan,
MNA	Member of the National Assembly
MPA	Member of the Provincial Assembly
PPP	Pakistan People’s Party
MQM	Muttahida Quami Movement
FLC	Federal Land Commission
SLC	Sindh Land Commission
MLR	Martial Law Regulation
PIU	Produce Index Units
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization

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