

Responding to COVID-19: Pakistan's Perspective

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Administrative measures

- Cutting down the number of employees by at least 40%
- Allowed employees above 50 years of age to work from their homes
- Allowed female staff to work from their homes
- Allowed all those employees to work from home who carry medical history of frequent Chest Infections, Asthma and Cardiac related problems
- Video conferences/webinars
- Fumigation/use of gloves/masks
- Adjustments of official timings



Supporting Taxpayers & Investors

- Extension of deadlines (Filing of Tax returns, statements, replies)
- Extension in filing of CRS
- Use of ICT for instantaneous communication
- Speedy issuance of Tax refunds/ exemption certificates
- Tax Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020- Relief to builders/developers
- Reduction of interest rate- monetary policy measure



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Measures for the citizenry at large

- Lock downs and social distancing
- SOPS for businesses
- Ehsaas Emergency Cash Transfer Programme for the poorest segments
- Exemption from Income Tax, Sales Tax & Customs duty on import of medical and testing equipment
- Exemption from taxes -PM COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Fund-2020



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