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## PREFACE

The idea to write this book dawned upon us in 2016 while analysing the data of National Risk and Vulnerability Assessment surveys of Afghanistan. One particular day, Mohammad Hakim Haider was emotionally discussing the plight of the poor in Afghanistan. That day we decided to write a book on poverty in Afghanistan, so that their voices can gain wider audience. We intensively utilised the National Risk and Vulnerability Assessment surveys of Afghanistan and other data sources to understand the issues related to the poor in Afghanistan. The book primarily focuses on matters related to patterns, characteristics, causes, consequences, and coping mechanisms of the poor in Afghanistan. Although these questions/issues are dealt by academicians and researchers on various platforms and publications in the recent past but the present book tries to analyse these issues comprehensively and holistically. Every issue related to poverty has been dealt separately in different chapters. The book also identifies some options for policy makers and other stakeholders which may go a long way for inclusion of the poor in development process and to capacitate the poor.

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