

# PAKISTAN

## ABOUT WORLD VISION PAKISTAN

World Vision has been working in Pakistan since 2005, responding initially to immediate needs of those affected by the devastating earthquake in 2005 and destructive floods of 2007, 2010, 2011 and 2012. Since then, the organization's efforts have been re-aligned, focusing on long-term community development, especially in areas such as: maternal and child health, child protection, local-level advocacy and education.

Children Benefited:

794,852

Children live in poverty:

30.2 million

Children under 5:

21.4 million

Children in Country:

73.9 million

Programme Areas:

148

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## PRIORITY ISSUES



Health



Education



Disaster Preparedness



Economic Development



Advocacy



Love of God & Neighbours

## EDUCATE CHILDREN FOR LIFE

Access to and quality of education is a major obstacle for many children in Pakistan, especially those living in rural areas. A variety of factors affect school enrollment, attrition and literacy rates. In the Muzaffargarh district, where World Vision works, only 48 per cent of kids enroll in education and only 53.8 per cent of those who do finish. World Vision's response is also multi-faceted, including: the building and repair of educational facilities damaged in the natural disasters or conflict, ongoing training to increase the capacity of teachers and the quality of education and increased involvement of parents and students in the process.

### FAST FACTS



**9.2 million** children are **out of school** (UNICEF, 2013)



**58%** per cent of people over 10 are **literate** (UN MDG, 2013)



**8.5 million** children under 5 are moderately to severely **stunted** (UNICEF, 2013)



**352,000** children under 5 **die** every year (89 per 1,000) (UNICEF, 2013)

# WHAT WE DO



Girls from the Sukkur District read messages about the importance of education with great enthusiasm. Photo by Attaullah Jatoi, World Vision.

## IMPROVE HEALTH AND NUTRITION

For the babies who survive pregnancy and birth in Pakistan, the fight for survival is often just beginning: 352,000 children each year die before their fifth birthday. World Vision is addressing malnutrition and disease at the grassroots level through Lady Health Workers; community-based women who: are trained as educators, help parents provide appropriate nutrition for their children, advise women who are pregnant and educate parents about necessary vaccinations, among other interventions. As a result of their work, births attended by skilled birthing attendants went up 34 per cent in the areas where World Vision works.

## PROTECTING CHILDREN

Especially in urban areas, children are at-risk of being exploited. World Vision reaches this vulnerable group through 24 child protection and learning centers where children receive basic educational and health support as well as recreational opportunities. The accelerated learning programmes help children integrate into formal educational opportunities and prepare for a brighter future.

## GENERATING INCOME; EMPOWERING WOMEN

World Vision has helped families, women in particular, develop additional streams of income to supplement family incomes, especially when traditional forms of revenue, such as agriculture, fail. Eighty-eight per cent of women who participated in economic development training, where they learned trades such as embroidery, tailoring and candle making, are now successfully running their own businesses and are able to earn as much as \$150 (USD) a month to help provide for the needs of their families and children.



Anila, 23, a young and motivated woman learned beauty parlor skills. This course has not only satisfied her own interests but also helped improve her family's income. Now, they don't have to stop their children from going to the school. Photo by Zeeshan Alvi, World Vision.

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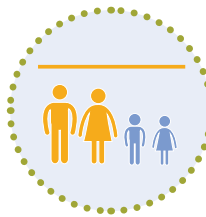
**Only 1 in 3** children are **registered** in Pakistan (UNICEF, 2013)



**12 million** children are involved in **child labour** (SPARCPK, 2012)



**5.6 million** children are living with **disabilities** (Japan International Cooperation Agency, 2002)



**30.2 million** children live **below the poverty line** (UNICEF, 2013)



**47.4%** of population has access to **improved sanitation** (UNICEF, 2013)



**Women earn 25 cents or less** for every dollar a man earns (Save the Children, 2012)

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