


# Current State of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Population

A rapidly growing population means ever-increasing demands for food, schools, health facilities, jobs and infrastructure, and rising pressure on the government to keep pace in providing these services at an equally fast pace.



## POPULATION

AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE

 **2.89%**  
(1998-2017)



**40**

**MILLION (2023)**  
Estimated Population

BY 2050 IT IS ESTIMATED THAT  
POPULATION OF KHYBER  
PAKHTUNKHWA WILL BE

**58 million**

AT THE CURRENT RATE OF  
FERTILITY DECLINE!

## TOTAL FERTILITY RATE

**TFR\***  
**4.0**



\* The average number of children a woman has during her reproductive age

## MATERNAL DEATH

**1,900**

Maternal Deaths occur annually

If contraceptive use rises from the current 28% to 54%

**800**

**MOTHERS WILL BE SAVED!**



## UNMET NEED FOR FAMILY PLANNING

**20.5%**  
unmet need\*



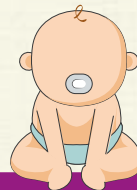
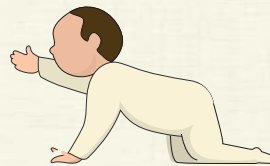
On average couples have 1 unintended child\*

\* Couples of child bearing age who are not using contraception but want to

## INFANT MORTALITY RATE

**53**

Infants die before reaching one year of age (per 1000 live births)



**16,700**

**INFANTS WILL BE SAVED!**

If contraceptive use rises from the current 28% to 54%

## MALNUTRITION



HIGH FERTILITY CONTRIBUTES TO MALNUTRITION!



**23%**

**CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5 ARE UNDERWEIGHT**

## EMPLOYMENT



GIVEN 2% ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH RATE:

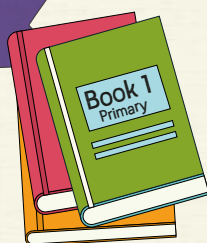
# 14 Million

**JOB** WILL BE  
**REQUIRED BY 2040**

## EDUCATION

# 14,000

**MORE PRIMARY SCHOOLS**  
**WILL BE NEEDED BY 2040**



## HOUSING



# 2.3 Million

**MORE HOUSES WILL**  
**BE NEEDED BY 2040**

**32% CHILDREN**  
**(AGE 5-16), ARE OUT OF SCHOOL IN**  
**KYBER PAKHTUNKHWA**

**OUT OF WHICH**



**22% Boys**

**44% Girls**

## What can be done to achieve sustainable population growth?

- **Promote public discourse** on population dynamics as a core element in economic and social development.
- **Increase spending** on population services: Pakistan's current public sector spending of less than \$ 1.0 per capita should be doubled to eliminate unmet need.
- All private sector providers and outlets of the health departments must provide family planning services to **improve access and information**.
- Sustain **political commitment** and increased **accountability** to ensure that the system is delivering and meeting the family planning needs of the constituents.

Source: Population & Housing Census 2017-GoP  
National Nutrition Survey 2018  
Pakistan DHS 2012-13, 2017-18  
Labour Force Survey (LFS) 2020-21  
Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement Survey (PSLMS) 2019-20