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.

**Current State of Balochistan’s Population**

**Population**
- **Average Annual Growth Rate**: 3.37% (1998-2017)
- **Estimated Population**: 13.1 Million (2020)
- **Projected Population by 2050**: 24 million

**Total Fertility Rate**
- **TFR**: 4.0
- *The average number of children a woman has during her reproductive age*

**Maternal Death**
- **Maternal Deaths occur annually**: 3,000
- If contraceptive use rises from the current 20% to 51%
- **12,000 Mothers will be saved!**

**Unmet Need for Family Planning**
- **21.6% 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**
- **66 Infants die before reaching one year of age (per 1000 live births)**
- **10,000 Infants will be saved!**

**Malnutrition**
- **High Fertility contributes to Malnutrition!**
- **31% children under the age of 5 are underweight**
Employment

Given 2% annual population growth rate:

6.5 Million

Jobs will be required by 2040

Housing

1 Million

More houses will be needed by 2040

Education

7,200

More primary schools will be needed by 2040

What can Pakistan do 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 spending of $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) 2017-18