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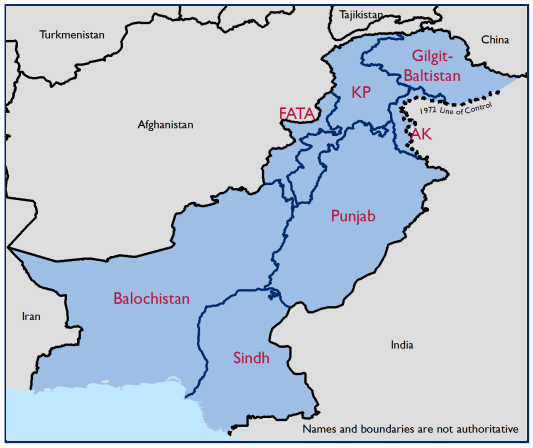
Demographic Health Survey

The Demographic Health Survey Project supports the implementation of the Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) 2012-13. This survey provides high-quality data and analysis to support evidence-based health policymaking and programming in Pakistan. The survey is similar to ones funded by the U.S. Government in 85 countries over the last 27 years. A previous Pakistan DHS supported by USAID was released in 2006-2007, and it focused on providing data about the status of key maternal and child health and family planning indicators in the country. The 2012-2013 follow-up survey will provide policymakers, ministries, donors, and other stakeholders with updated information to inform population, health, and nutrition policies and programs.



OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the Demographic Health Survey Project is to provide an update on the status of maternal and child health and family planning in Pakistan.

The Demographic Health Survey focuses on maternal and child health

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Collect and present international quality data on maternal and child health and family planning indicators
- Enhance the capacity of governmental and non-governmental organizations in Pakistan to design, conduct, analyze, and disseminate rigorous, national population-level health surveys
- Enhance the capacity of government and non-governmental organizations in Pakistan to use data in policy-making, planning, and decision-making

RESULTS TO DATE

- The Pakistan DHS 2012-13 Preliminary Report was released in August 2013. The preliminary findings indicate that some progress has been made in increasing the use of contraceptives; ensuring safer births, particularly by skilled providers; decreasing the deaths of children under five; and increasing vaccination coverage. However, the results also show that there is still a long way to go to achieve the health related Millennium Development Goals. The final Pakistan DHS 2012-13 report is scheduled to be officially launched and disseminated in December 2013.