



Pakistan



Introduction to PAKISTAN

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN was formed in 1947 after breaking off from British India, and declared a Muslim state. Border disputes with India have remained since then; this, in addition to terrorist activity, ethnic and tribal tensions, and political unrest have all hindered Pakistan from reaching its full potential.

The PAKISTANI people

Total population:	176,242,949
Children under 15:	65,607,612
Average Life Expectancy:	64.49 years
Per capita annual income:	\$2,500
% children in primary school:	66.1%
Average years of education:	7 years
Literacy rate:	49.9%
Internet users:	18.5 million
Cell phones in use:	91.44 million
Major/official language(s):	Punjabi, Sindhi, Siraiki, Pashtu, Urdu, English, others

Risk issues impacting children:

- Preventable disease leads to high infant mortality rates.
- Less than half of all children complete primary school.
- Violence has displaced many families.
- Lack of food has led to malnutrition.
- Many children are forced into child labour.

More about PAKISTAN

Capital city:	Islamabad
Type of government:	Federal Republic
Square kilometers:	796,095
General terrain:	Flat plain in east; mountains in north and northwest; plateau in west
Major industries/jobs:	Textiles and apparel, food processing, pharmaceuticals
National motto:	"Unity, Faith, Discipline"
Major airport(s):	Allama Iqbal International Lahore Islamabad International Jinnah International Karachi

Reaching PAKISTAN

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

Major religions:

- Muslim - 95%
- Other - 5%

Christian groups:

- Protestant - 55.4%
- Roman Catholic - 30.3%
- Independent - 13.9%
- Other - 0.4%

Unreached People Groups:	374 (99.1% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.036
Average annual baptisms:	92,492
Foreign missionaries:	1,600
Per million:	10.12
National Christian workers/pastors:	3,000
Per million:	18.98
Number of churches/congregations:	5,745

Children's ministry in PAKISTAN

- Overview:** • Pakistan has an overwhelming majority of Muslims that have yet to be reached with the gospel.
- Pakistan has a large population of children. Many young men and women have been mobilized and trained by exciting organizations to conduct Bible clubs in homes and churches throughout Pakistan.
 - There are many quality resources available for children's ministry.
 - An urgent need still exists for more trained leaders to work with children, as there are so many children.
 - Only a few Christian parents read Bible stories and help their children memorize scripture. There is a need for more equipping of parents to disciple their children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
5,745 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
65,607,612 children for Christ