

Pakistan

Country Setting

- ▶ One out of four newborns suffers from low birth weight; diarrhoea accounts for one-third of child deaths; and 38 per cent of under-fives in Pakistan are malnourished.
- ▶ Despite the effects of a persistent drought, which affected about 2 million people, overall economic growth was modest in 2002.
- ▶ Since elections in 2002 women make up 33 per cent of district, 20 per cent of national and 18 per cent of provincial assemblies.

WES Sector Setting

- ▶ Water scarcity is a significant issue, and local Pakistani water professionals organized the first international meeting on water access in July 2001.
- ▶ Government requested support from UNICEF when initial water testing showed arsenic concentrations in water in several districts of Punjab Province.
- ▶ About half of girls in schools do not have access to safe water and adequate sanitation facilities.
- ▶ Rural water supply coverage in Northern Pakistan is extremely low, only about 20 per cent.

Basic Indicators

Total population (1000s)	153,578
Under-five mortality rate (per 1000)	103
Total adult literacy rate (%)	43

Water and Sanitation Coverage

	Water (%)	Sanitation (%)
Urban	95	92
Rural	87	35
Total	90	54

UNICEF WES Programme

Main Components

- ▶ Promoting community involvement.
- ▶ Improving sustained management of rural WES (Clean-up Campaign).
- ▶ Improving school sanitation and hygiene.

Programme Highlights and Achievements

- ▶ Sanitation, Water, Environmental Education and Technology (SWEET) initiatives worked to establish a sanitation and hygiene policy framework.
- ▶ Sanitation week was observed in all 34 districts of Punjab in 2002.
- ▶ In collaboration with Punjab Boys Scouts and Girls Guide Associations in Balochistan, handpumps and latrines were installed in primary schools in 15 districts.
- ▶ Over 100,000 school children in 1400 schools got access to safe water and sanitation facilities and hygiene training.
- ▶ Access to safe water was provided to over 700,000 people in rural areas, including 40,000 refugees.
- ▶ Arsenic testing initiated in six districts.