

Forced Displacement Survey, 2024

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Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER
UNHCR_PAK_2024_FDS_v2.1

TITLE
Forced Displacement Survey, 2024

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Pakistan	PAK

ABSTRACT

The Forced Displacement Survey (FDS) is UNHCR's new flagship household survey programme designed to standardize, streamline, and build on the existing UNHCR survey landscape to produce high-quality and timely data on people forced to flee. The FDS is comparable across countries over time and aligned with international statistical standards. It has the purpose of providing actionable evidence to inform the government's operational and policy-related data needs, as well as its humanitarian and development partners. As a multi-topic survey, the FDS collected household and individual level data on the socioeconomic characteristics and living conditions of targeted populations. Data was collected through face-to-face household interviews, where up to four household members aged 15 and above were interviewed: (1) the head of the household or a household member who was knowledgeable about the household; (2) a randomly selected household member who provided information about individual life experiences; (3) the caregiver of a randomly selected child under five years of age; and (4) a randomly selected woman who gave birth in the last two years.

KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Household and individual

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION

v2.1: Edited, cleaned and anonymized data.

Please note that, due to the anonymization process, the dataset may differ slightly from figures reported in official sources.

Scope

NOTES

The scope includes:

- demographics
- displacement information
- assets
- livelihood
- health
- wellbeing

TOPICS

Topic
Health
Livelihood and Social cohesion
Health and Nutrition
Food security

Water Sanitation Hygiene
Protection
Income Generation
Basic Needs
Emergency Shelter and NFI
Community Services
Education
Transportation
Reproductive Health
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
Information Management

KEYWORDS

Keyword
FDS

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name
UNHCR

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

Stratified sampling, nationally representative sample for PoR card holders (refugees) and host community

WEIGHTING

In the first stage of weight estimation unequal probabilities of selection were adjusted. The host sample initial sample adjustment weights include adjustment for proximity to offset the differential probabilities of selection based on proximity of the buildings to the boundary of the refugee camp. Furthermore, the adjustment also included an adjustment for a household owning more than one building (based on the self-reported proxy collected during interview). The first stage weights were further adjusted for structural differences between the sample and the administrative make of each stratum - i.e. the samples within each stratum resembled the population of each stratum. These weights are rescaled to the size of stratum as sampled.

- `wgh_samp_resc_str` is the household weight restructured within each stratum, while maintaining the sampled size of each stratum (rescaled) - these weights are best for comparative analysis among the strata or analysis within each stratum.
- `wgh_samp_resc_pop` is the `wgh_samp_resc_str` post-stratified to the structure of the population, disregarding the sample size of the strata (i.e. adjusting strata sizes in the sample to their population proportions) and rescaled to the total sample size - these weights are best used for national level analysis. Similarly, the weights were estimated for all the observational levels of the data:
- `wgh_str_rr` is a weight for a random respondent of age 15 and above restructured within sampling strata (this weight also reflects adjustment of differential household sizes)
- `wgh_pop_rr` is a weight for a random respondent of age 15 and above population restructured
- `wgh_str_u5` is a weight for random child under the age of 5 restructured within sampling strata
- `wgh_pop_u5` is a weight for random child under the age of 5 population restructured
- `wgh_str_rw` is a weight for a random woman who gave birth within 2 prior years restructured within sampling strata
- `wgh_pop_rw` is a weight for a random woman who gave birth within 2 prior years population restructured

Data collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2023-05-04	2025-02-15

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Computer Assisted Personal Interview [capi]

DATA COLLECTORS

Name
C4ED

Access policy

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UNHCR (2025). Pakistan: Forced Displacement Survey, 2024. Accessed from: <https://microdata.unhcr.org>

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data_dictionary

Data file	Cases	variables
Main This file contains the data collected during the survey (main dataset).	5018	4172
Roster This file contains the data collected during the survey (roster dataset).	41174	280
Random member This file contains the data collected during the survey (random member dataset).	5007	1293
Woman This file contains the data collected during the survey (woman dataset).	2206	130
Care giver This file contains the data collected during the survey (care giver dataset).	3079	193