Factsheet: Pakistan

DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The Punjab Youth Policy (2012) states that the “Pakistani official standards” define youth as between 15-29 years of age.

CANDIDACY AGE

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MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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No data for marriage with parental consent. Homosexual acts are illegal. Source: UNISIL, ILGA

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.63
89 out of 170 countries. Year: 2013
Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

74.84%
Both sexes (15-24) %
Year: 2015
Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

36.15%
Secondary School
Year: 2012
Source: UNESCO

VOTING AGE

18
Source: Constitution of Pakistan

MAJORITY AGE

18
Source: Penal Code (1860)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

12
Minimum Age
The minimum age of 12 does not apply to minors found involved in terrorist activities. Source: The Express Tribune (2013)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

0.1%
Male (15-24) %
Year: 2013
Source: World Bank

0.1%
Female (15-24) %

TOBACCO USE

10.10%
Both sexes (13-15) %
Year: 2010
Source: WHO

Policy & Legislation

In 2009 the Federal cabinet approved the national youth policy (2008). However, in 2010 the Ministry of Youth Affairs was dissolved following the passing of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan, and responsibility for youth, along with other policy areas such as education, was devolved to the four provinces (Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and two territories (Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir). To date, only the Punjab province has an approved youth policy (2012), and the other regions and territories are engaged in consultation and drafting processes. As a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, Pakistan is a signatory of The Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment (PAYE) 2006-2015

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Budget & Spending

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or
In 2010, the Ministry of Youth Affairs was dissolved, and responsibility for youth was devolved to the provinces and territories. Responsibility for youth now sits within the following:

- Punjab - Youth Affairs, Sports, Tourism and Archaeology Department
- Sindh - Department of Youth Affairs
- Balochistan - Department of Environment, Sport and Youth Affairs
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa - Department of Sports, Tourism and Youth Affairs
- Gilgit Baltistan - Tourism, Sports, Culture and Youth Department
- Azad Jammu & Kashmir - Department of Youth Culture and Sports

### YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

Whilst there is no official youth council, there are several youth-led groups that operate at a regional and national level. The National Youth Assembly (NYA) aims to educate youth aged 18-30 about leadership, politics and democracy. The Chanan Development Association (CDA) aims to build the capacity of young people, and to act as a resource hub for youth organisations. The role of young people in these organisations are unclear, as is their representative nature. A number of youth organisations are listed as members of the Commonwealth Youth Council.

### BUDGET & SPENDING

Whilst each province and territory has a budget for departments with responsibility for youth affairs, it is unclear what allocation is made to youth specifically. The exception is in Sindh where the 2013-2014 Development Budget estimates an allocation of PKR 208,680,000 (USD 212,9387) for the Youth Affairs Department. According to the World Bank, Pakistan spent 10.14% of its government expenditure in 2011 and 2.17% of its GDP on education provision in 2012.

### TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

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Source: World Bank

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

### PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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