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Insufficient Income is Perceived to be the Main Reason for Pakistanis to Migrate: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, insufficient income is the major reason (61%) why people look for jobs outside Pakistan and settle there. Inadequate salary packages (19%), insecure future (15%), and lack of law and order (5%) are some of the other cited reasons for migration abroad.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from all areas of Pakistan were asked “*Is there any person whom you closely know who is permanently settled in some other country?*” Although majority (62%) said no, a significant 35% said yes. Four percent (4%) gave no response. A proportionately higher percentage of people from rural areas (46%) as compared to urban areas (25%) claimed they have family members or someone they closely know, permanently settled abroad.

To understand the motivation behind migration, the respondents were read out a list of possible reasons. The data reveals that insufficient income is perceived to be the major reason for people to leave Pakistan with 61% respondents citing it. Nineteen percent (19%) claimed that it is because people do not get adequate remuneration for their expertise in Pakistan and according to 15% insecurity about the future is the main reason. Lack of law and order is stated to be the major cause by 5%. One percent (1%) gave no response.

While for urbanites it is a combination of various reasons, interestingly, almost all ruralites say the biggest reason for people to settle abroad is insufficient income.

“Is there any person whom you closely know who is permanently settled in some other country?”

Yes	35%
No	62%
No response	4%

“In your view, what is the main reason for people to settle abroad?”

Insufficient income	61%
Not enough salaries	19%
Insecure future	15%
Lack of law and order	5%
No response	1%

Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The latest survey was carried out among a sample of 2715 and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country during January, 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

Gallup Pakistan proposes that its poll results be attributed as Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. This is to distinguish our polls from polls on Pakistan sometimes released by other organizations not part of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com) and referred to by the same title. Also please see necessary Disclaimer on our website (www.gallup.com.pk). Gallup Pakistan takes responsibility for only its own polls on Pakistan.

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