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One Third of Pakistanis Believe Poverty to be The Greatest Possible Threat to Children's Lives: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, impoverishment is believed to be a major factor which could prove to be fatal for children's future; Thirty five percent (35%) cited poverty to be the biggest threat to a child's life, 19% cited economic crisis, 16% said unemployment, 8% feel it's the gap between rich and poor, 7% cited crime, 6% said environment and climate change, 4% cited corruption to be the greatest threat to children's lives. The remaining 5% were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were read out a list of factors which could affect the future of children, and were asked "*Which of the following do you think is the greatest threat to a child's life?*" Thirty five percent (35%) believe that **poverty** is the biggest threat to children's lives, 19% believe it's the **economic crisis**, 16% believe its **unemployment**, 8% feel it's the **gap between rich and poor** which can prove to be detrimental, 7% think its **crime**, 6% believe the **environment and climate change** can be a potential threat, and 4% of the respondents cited **corruption** to be the biggest threat to the lives of children. Five percent (5%) were unsure.

The data reveals that both ruralites and urbanites regard poverty and economic crisis as most threatening to the future of a child. However a slightly higher percentage of urbanites (39%) in comparison to ruralites (32%) believe that poverty is the biggest threat to children's future, and a comparatively higher percentage of ruralites (22%) than urbanites (15%) claimed economic crisis is a greater threat.



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 2765 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during August 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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