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Gilani Research Foundation is headed by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani who pioneered the field of opinion polling in Pakistan and established Gallup Pakistan in 1980. Currently Dr. Gilani, who holds a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has taught at leading universities in Pakistan and abroad, is Chairman of Gallup Pakistan.

41 % Blame Lack of Health Facilities for Most Deaths During Pregnancy: GILANI POLL / GALLUP PAKISTAN

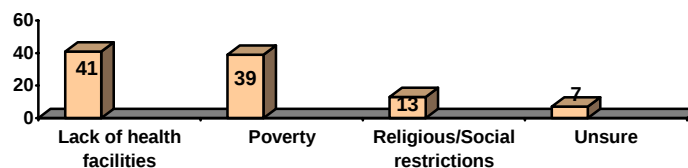
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, Pakistanis believe there are various reasons for high mortality rate amongst pregnant women in Pakistan. Lack of health facilities tops the list with 41% of all Pakistanis citing it as the main cause of mothers' deaths during pregnancy or child-birth, followed by poverty (39%) and self-created religious or social restrictions (13%). The remaining 7% of the respondents were unsure.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked "A number of women die during pregnancy and/or child birth all over the world; however this rate is higher in poor countries. In your opinion what are the reasons for such deaths in Pakistan?" Forty one percent (41%) believe deaths during pregnancy is caused mainly due to lack of health facilities, 39% blame poverty, while 13% claimed that women die during pregnancy or child-birth because of the self-created religious and social restrictions which keep pregnant women away from getting appropriate medical help. The remaining 7% were unsure.

The findings of the survey reveal no significant difference in opinion across various demographics.

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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 2768 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during December 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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