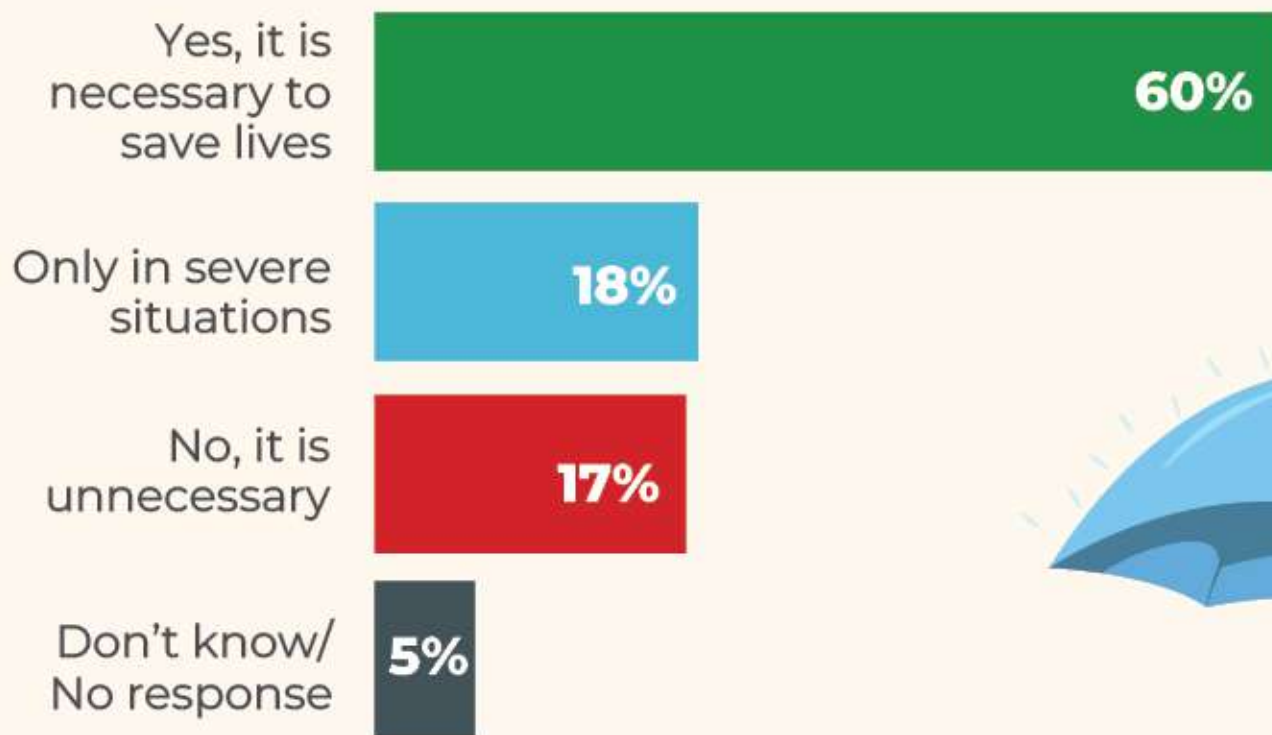


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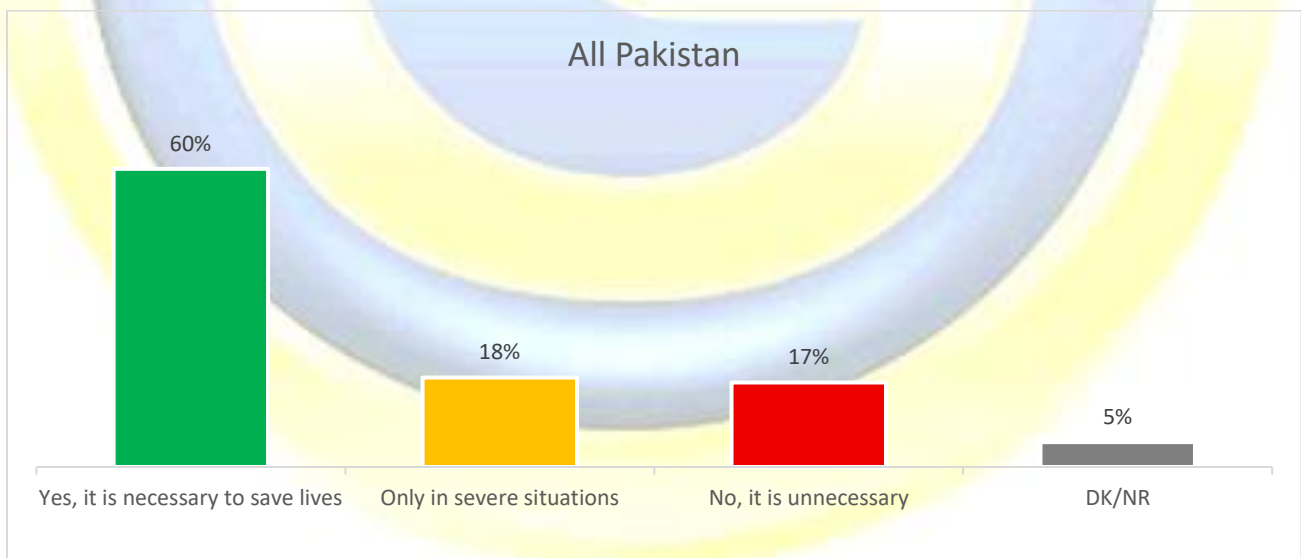
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A nationally representative sample of adult men and women across the country was asked the question, ***“In your opinion, is it an effective measure to close schools, offices, and public places during heavy rain?”***. In response, 60% of respondents supported the closure of schools, offices, and public places during heavy rain to save lives. An additional 18% felt such closures should only happen in severe situations, while 17% considered them unnecessary, and 5% were either unsure or chose not to respond.

The findings underscore widespread approval for safety-driven public closures, especially in rural areas. The greater uncertainty among urban respondents points to the need for clearer communication and targeted engagement by policymakers, ensuring urban communities are well-informed and reassured during extreme weather events.

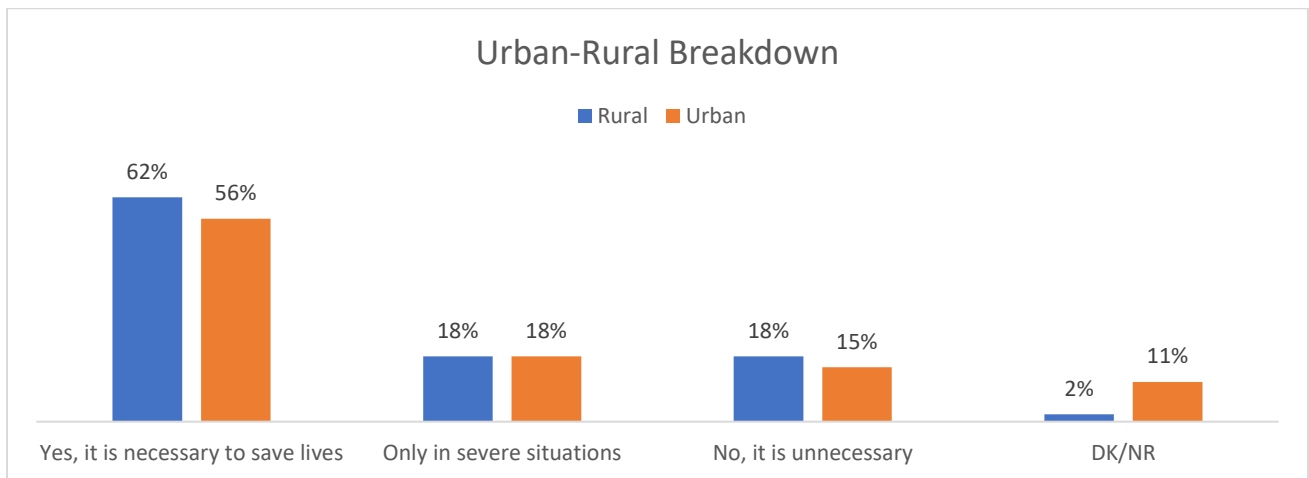
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The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 323 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from August 20, 2025 to August 21, 2025. The error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ percent at the 95% confidence level. The methodology used for data collection was telephonic surveys (CATI).

Urban-Rural Breakdown: Support for these closures is notably stronger in rural areas, where 62% are in favour compared to 56% of urban respondents. Conversely, urban respondents are notably more uncertain, with 11% unsure or giving no response, compared to only 2% of rural respondents. These patterns suggest that while overall acceptance is high, urban populations may have more questions or reservations about such measures.



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