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Opinion Poll **Miscellaneous/ Other Issues** Natural Disasters / Floods

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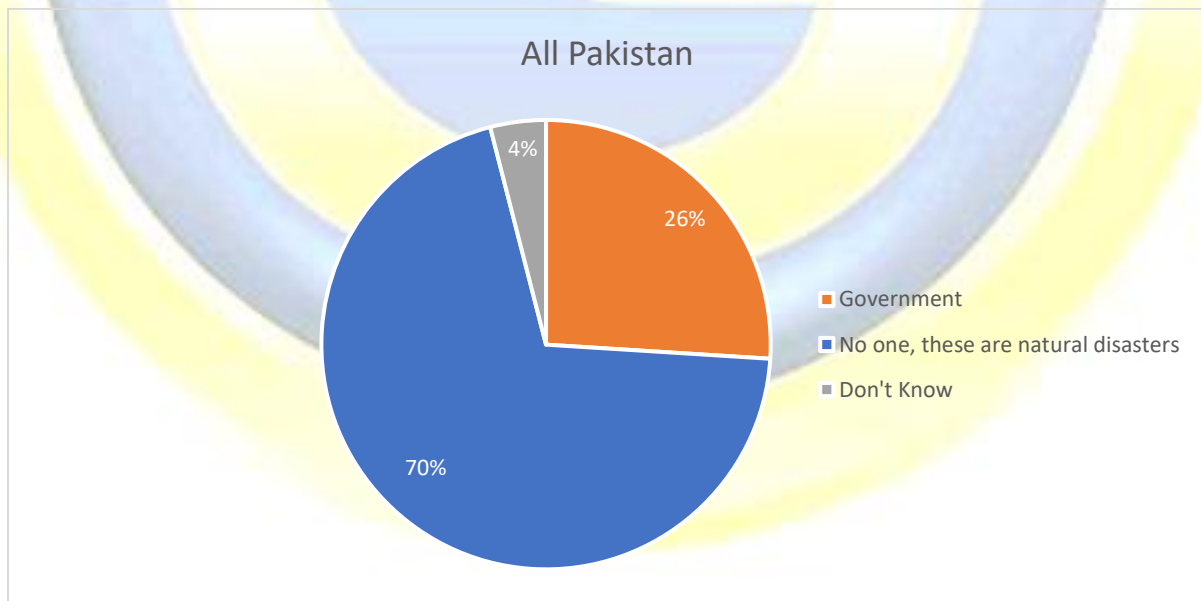
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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan survey, majority of Pakistanis (70%) attribute flood destruction to natural causes, while 1 in 4 (26%) hold the government responsible; urban residents (35%) notably more likely than rural respondents (21%) to hold authorities accountable.

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women across the country was asked the question, ***“In your opinion, who is responsible for the destruction caused by the recent floods?”***. In response, the majority of Pakistanis (70%) attributed the destruction caused by the recent flood to natural disasters, while just over a quarter (26%) held the government responsible. Only a small proportion responded, “don’t know” (4%).

The survey findings reveal that city dwellers may be more critical of institutional responses or expect greater accountability from authorities, while rural populations tend to view such disasters as beyond human control. These differing perspectives may influence public expectations and policy debates on disaster preparedness and response across Pakistan.

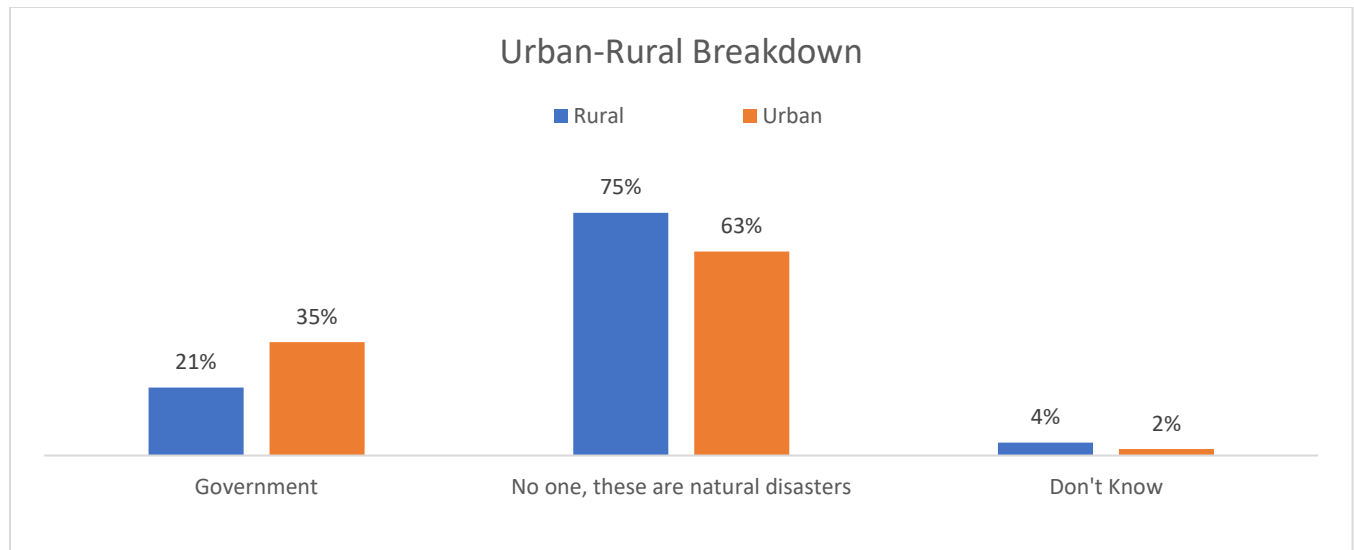
Question: In your opinion, who is responsible for the destruction caused by the recent floods?



Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan
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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 753 men and women, in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from September 12, 2025 to September 23, 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: A sharp divide emerges when examining the views of urban and rural respondents. Urban respondents are significantly more likely to place responsibility on the government, with 35% holding this view compared to just 21% of rural residents—a difference of 14 percentage points. Conversely, rural respondents overwhelmingly attribute the destruction to natural disasters, with 75% choosing this option compared to 63% of urban respondents.



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