



Goal 2: ZERO HUNGER

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To end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture



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A. General Statistics

- i. Pakistan ranks 80th out of 113 countries on Global Food Security Index.¹
- ii. 12.9% people out of total population are undernourished.²
- iii. More than 1/3rd of the whole population i.e. 36.9% is food insecure.³
- iv. Pakistan ranks 2nd highest in the region with 17.7% of the children suffering from acute malnutrition.⁴
- v. An average Pakistani household spends almost 50.8% of its monthly income on food related expenses.⁵
- vi. Out of total area of Pakistan 79.61 million hectares, only 22 million hectares are cultivated lands which constitute the 27.6% of the total land.⁶
- vii. Share of agriculture in total employment is 37.4% which is lower than last reading/figure of 43.5% in 2010-2011.⁷
- viii. 42 districts (19 in Balochistan, 13 in Sindh, 7 in KP and 3 in Punjab) have high recurrence of vulnerability to food insecurity coupled with high or medium levels of natural hazards.⁸
- ix. High levels of malnutrition lead to low workforce productivity, costing Pakistan USD 7.6 billion, or 3% of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP), every year.⁹

¹ Global Food Security Index, "Global Food Security Index (GFSI) 2020," <https://foodsecurityindex.eiu.com/Index>, accessed on August 18, 2021.

²FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO, The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021. Transforming food systems for food security, improved nutrition and affordable healthy diets for all. (Rome: FAO, 2021), <https://doi.org/10.4060/cb4474en>

³ Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination & UNICEF, *National Nutrition Survey, 2018 Key Findings Report*, (GoP & UNICEF Pakistan, 2018) Available at: <https://www.unicef.org/pakistan/media/1951/file/Final%20Key%20Findings%20Report%202019.pdf>

⁴ GoP and UNICEF, *National Nutrition Survey 2018*,

⁵ United Nations World Food Programme, "Pakistan," WFP, <https://www.wfp.org/countries/pakistan>

⁶ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "Pakistan at a Glance,"FAO, accessed February 03, 2021. <http://www.fao.org/pakistan/our-office/pakistan-at-a-glance/en/#:~:text=In%20total%2C%20the%20agriculture%20sector,densely%20populated%20forests%20and%20angelands.>

⁷ Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, *Employment Trends*, (Islamabad, Ministry of Statistics, 2018).

⁸ National Disaster Management Authority, *Integrated Context Analysis (ICA): On Vulnerability to Food Insecurity and Natural Hazards - Pakistan, 2017* (Islamabad: NDMA, 2017).

⁹ World Food Programme, *The Economic Consequences of Under nutrition in Pakistan: An Assessment of Losses 2017, Planning Commission* (Islamabad: World Food Programme, 2017).

B. Progress Tracking

Table 2 Status of Indicators-SDG 2

Code	Indicator	Year	Value	Year	Latest Value	Unit	Target by 2030
2.1.1	Prevalence of undernourishment	2016	20 ¹⁰	2019	12.3 ¹¹	%	5% ¹²
2.1.2	Prevalence of food insecurity	2013		2019	15.92 ¹³	%	
2.2.1	Prevalence of stunting (height for age <-2 standard deviation from the median of the World Health Organization (WHO) Child Growth Standards) among children under 5 years of age	2011	Moderate = 21.8, Severe= 21.9 ¹⁴	2018	40.2 ¹⁵	%	Moderate= 10.0%, Severe=11.9% ¹⁶

¹⁰ Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform (MoPDR), Government of Pakistan, *Summary For The National Economic Council, Sustainable Development Goals National Framework* (Islamabad: Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, 2018).

¹¹ Klaus von Grebmer et al., *Global Hunger Report, 2020* (Dublin / Bonn: CATHAM House, 2020).

¹² MoPDR, *Summary for the National Economic Council 2018*.

¹³ PBS, *Pakistan Social Living Standards Measurement Survey, 2018-19*.

¹⁴ Aga Khan University, Pakistan, Pakistan Medical Research Council (PMRC), Nutrition Wing, Ministry of Health, Pakistan, *Pakistan National Nutrition Survey, 2011* (Pakistan: Nutrition Wing, Ministry of Health, Pakistan, May 2012).

¹⁵ *National Nutrition Survey, 2018*.

¹⁶ MoPDR, *Summary for the National Economic Council 2018*.

2.2.2	Prevalence of malnutrition (weight for height >+2 or <-2 standard deviation from the median of the WHO Child Growth Standards) among children under 5 years of age, by type (wasting and overweight)	2011	Stunting= 43.7, Wasting= 15.1, Underweight=31.5 ¹⁷	2018	Stunting= 40.2, wasting= 17.7, underweight= 28.9 ¹⁸	%	Stunting= 21.9%, wasting= 7.5%, underweight= 10% ¹⁹
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¹⁷ MoPDR, *Summary for the National Economic Council 2018*.

¹⁸ *National Nutrition Survey 2018*.

¹⁹ MoPDR, *Summary for the National Economic Council 2018*.