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PAKISTAN



AutRC project area:
Batagram, Allai-Valley, Banna;
Muzaffarabad; Kashmir

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	Pakistan	Austria
Area in km ²	800,000	83,871
Population (millions)	173.2	8.3
Rural population in %	64	33
UNDP Human Development Index	141	14
Society		
Languages	Urdu, English. Regional languages: Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashtu, Seraiki, Baluchi	German Regional languages: Slovenian, Croatian
Religions	96% Muslim (mainly Sunni, 10-20% Shia), 2% Christian, 2% Hindu	73.6% Catholic, 4.7% Protestant, 4.2% Muslim, 2.2% Orthodox, 0.1% Jew, 12% without religious denomination
Health		
Life expectancy	66.2	79.9
Doctors per 10,000 inhabitants	8	37
Infant mortality per 1,000 babies	65.1	4
Child malnutrition (< 5 years) in %	31.3	0
Adults with HIV/AIDS in %	0.1	0.2
Access to safe drinking water in %	90	100
Access to sanitary facilities in %	58	100
Education		
Literacy rates in %	49.9	~ 100
Economy		
Main export products	Textiles, rice, leather goods, sports goods, chemicals, carpets	Machines, automotive industry, paper, metal, iron, chemicals, textiles
GNP/capita/year in USD	2,496	37,370
% of the population living on < 1,25 USD/day	22.6	0
Unemployment in %	13.6	3.9
Inflation in %	20.3	3.2

Sources: UNDP United Nations Development Report 2009, German Federal Foreign Office, www.cia.gov, www.who.int



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Pakistan is a multi-ethnic state, which has experienced many ethnic and religious conflicts and political instability since it gained independence from Great Britain in 1947. The population has gone through a lot of suffering. In addition to the constant unrest and major social problems such as inadequate healthcare, the country is frequently devastated by natural disasters like earthquakes and floods. The floods in summer 2010 struck 20 million people.

The Austrian Red Cross (AutRC) has been working in Pakistan since 2005. The cooperation began with aid after the devastating earthquake 8 October 2005, where the AutRC assisted in the acute disaster relief phase by sending personnel and aid supplies. Subsequently a longer term cooperation with our sister society Pakistan Red Crescent (PRCS) developed. In cooperation with the Swiss Red Cross the AutRC carried out the reconstruction of water systems in the remote and severely affected district of Batagram, combined with hygiene promotion. This project ended in 2009.

Disaster Risk Reduction

Since the beginning of 2009 the AutRC is working in a disaster risk reduction project in Kashmir in cooperation with the Danish Red Cross (DanRC), comprising capacity building of PRCS as well as disaster risk reduction measures and water and sanitation and hygiene activities in seven villages. The AutRC is primarily taking over the water and hygiene components.

Project duration 2009-2011
Cost € 470,000

An AutRC water and sanitation delegate has constantly been working on location in Pakistan since August 2009.

Flood Recovery Kashmir

As after the floods 2007 the AutRC again participated in the emergency relief phase and supplied personnel and relief goods in 2010 – after the most devastating floods since 1929. In October 2010 a 1 year Flood Recovery Project started in Kashmir, with the aim to ensure, resp. improve housing, health and livelihood of approximately 15.000 people affected.

Project duration 2010-2011
Cost € 532,000

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Rehabilitation of Water Supply

In cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) approximately 60.000 people in the provinces Punjab, KPK and Sindh are supplied with safe drinking water through the construction and rehabilitation of wells and handpumps.

Project duration 2011-2012
Cost € 341,000
Co-financed by Neighbour in Need



The need in the population is still immense, and so in cooperation with the PRCS further projects in the field of water and sanitation and hygiene measures as well as in capacity building are prepared.

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