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## **Perceptions on Major Diseases and Government's Role in Their Cure and Control: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN**

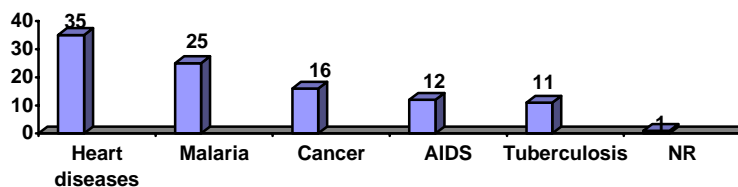
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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than one fourth of all Pakistanis (35%) think that the government needs to concentrate on controlling and finding cures for heart problems prevailing in the country and 25% claim Malaria needs to be given more attention. The remaining respondents cited various other diseases which they think require government's attention, 16% said Cancer, 12% said AIDS, 11% said Tuberculosis, and 1% gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked "I will read out a list of some serious and life threatening diseases. In your view, which of the following diseases should the government pay more attention to with regards to its control and cure?" Thirty five percent (35%) said control and cure for 'Heart Diseases' should be a priority, 25% believe 'Malaria' needs more attention, 16% said 'Cancer', 12% would like the government to pay more attention to the cure and control of AIDS, whereas 11% cited 'Tuberculosis'. The remaining 1% of the respondents gave no response.

The findings of the survey reveal no significant difference in the opinion of people from 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](http://www.gallup-international.com); [www.gallup.com.pk](http://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.

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