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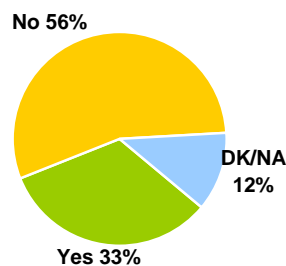
Perspective on Local Health Facilities; Majority of Pakistanis are Unsatisfied: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, more than half of the Pakistanis (56%) are not satisfied with the health facilities available in their local areas. In times of sickness majority (47%) prudently prefers going to the nearest accessible doctor. Although opinions were split on the question of whether competent doctors are available only in private hospitals or in both public and private facilities, the majority of Pakistanis rate the over all standard of government hospitals as good (21%) or average (33%)

When the respondents were asked, “Are you satisfied with the health facilities available in your local area?” majority of the respondents (56%) claimed to be dissatisfied, while 33% seem to be satisfied with the health facilities of their local areas. Ten percent (10%) were unsure and 2% of the respondents gave no response. It is seen that dissatisfaction is the highest among respondents from NWFP (85%) and Baluchistan (90%).

“Are you satisfied with the health facilities in your area?”



Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

In a follow up question the respondents were asked where do they or their family members go for treatment when they get sick. Most of them (47%) contact the **Nearest Doctor** and 28% said they go to a **Private Clinic**. Twenty percent (20%) prefer going to a **Government Hospital** while only 5% of the respondents said they visit **Dispensary**. One percent (1%) gave no response. Among urbanites a higher percentage of respondents have a preference for private clinics (36%).

To understand their apprehension about going to government hospitals, the respondents were asked “*In your view, how is the overall standard of government hospitals?*” Although majority (37%) thinks their standard is bad, it is noteworthy that almost equal percentage (33%) said the standard of government hospitals is average, while 21% of the respondents claimed it is good. Nine percent (9%) were unsure. The data reveals that among residents of NWFP and Baluchistan, majority (60% & 89% respectively) are unhappy with the standard of government hospitals.

“Where do you usually go for treatment when you or another family member gets sick??”

Nearest Doctor	47%
Private Clinic	28%
Government Hospital	20%
Dispensary	5%
No Response	1%

“In your view, how is the overall standard of government hospitals?”

Good	21%
Bad	37%
Average	33%
Don't Know	9%

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When the respondents were asked “Some people believe that competent doctors are only available in government hospitals, whereas some believe that they are only available in private hospitals. In your view where do competent doctors sit?” forty three percent (43%) said they are available in both government and private hospitals. Forty one percent (41%) claimed that good doctors are only found in private hospitals while just 16% of the respondents said they are only available in government hospitals.

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 2629 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during February 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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