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COUNTRY FACT SHEET

Pakistan

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Measures to be undertaken before the return:

The returnee should

- prepare passport and national ID
- arrive at airport and onward journey by Taxi/Bus, take proper roads
- check vaccinations, especially Hepatitis A,B,C, Polio, Typhoid, Japanese Encephalitis, yellow fever
- find temporary accommodation, which is available in each city

2. Measures to be undertaken immediately after the return:

The returnee should:

- Register with relevant authorities, NADRA
- (re-)register for the health insurance and the pension insurance system
- apply for social welfare, Bait UI Mall
- contact services assisting with the search for jobs and housing
- apply for child care (SOS Children Village), schools or other educational institutions

II. HEALTH CARE

The Health care system in Pakistan is composed of a hospitalization benefit and an optional major medical care benefit.

1. Hospitalization Benefit

- covers the eligible hospitalization treatment (other than pregnancy & childbirth) due to illness, surgeries and accidents
- hospitalization expenses payment up to the "Per Annum Limit" in case of different diseases and prolonged illnesses

2. Major Medical Care Benefit (Optional)

- enhances the hospitalization limit of in-patient expenses (except maternity related expense) for each insured person for all eligible hospitalization expenses covered under specified benefits structure

3. Availability and costs of medication

- emergency services are free of cost for the first 24 hours in every type of health care
- vaccination is offered free of cost
- other treatments can be varied according to the diseases

III. EMPLOYMENT

1. Labour market situation

- total labor force estimate at 63.03 million in the year 2014-15, out of which 59.1 are employed and 3.93 million were unemployed
- 6.2 % unemployment rate

2. Ways/assistance to find employment

- Tameer-e-Pakistan Program initiated as a poverty reduction measure for augmenting sources of income for the poor and creating employment opportunities in the country
- Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) is labour intensive, vital role in creating job opportunities in the country

3. Unemployment assistance

- Unemployment Allowance for MA Pass Students in Punjab
- Support to Scientific Talent Scheme for Graduates

4. Further education possibilities and vocational trainings

- Free Compulsory Education: Farooqh-i-Taleem Fund: Free education for the children from Primary to SSC
- Vocational Training: National Vocational & Technical Education Commission (NAVTEC) & TEVTA offers training courses on Computer Hardware Repair and Maintenance, Microsoft Unlimited Potential, Computer Textile Designing, Computer Application for Business, Mobile Repairing, Textile Fitter, Import / Export Documentation, AutoCAD, Auto Electrician, Motor Cycle Mechanic, Embroidery, Dress Making, Beautician

IV HOUSING

1. Housing situation

- Basic (Electricity, Heating, Water, Garbage) 6,612.64 Rs
- Apartment (1 bedroom) Rent 12,302.82 Rs.

2. Availability of social grants for housing

- **National Housing Authority (NHA)**
 - Prepares short and long term plans and policy guidelines and mobilizes financial resources for development of housing sector particularly for low income groups.
 - Contact Info: Tel +92 51 926 1134
- **Housing Scheme of the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF)**
 - Plots created in these schemes are sold to Overseas Pakistanis in OPF housing schemes located at the prime locations in the cities of Islamabad, Lahore, Gujrat, Peshawar, Dadu, Larkana and Mirpur (AJK).
 - Contact Info: +92 51 921 9126, +92 51 920 3267, <http://www.opf.org.pk>

3. Ways/assistance to find accommodation

- Best way to find accommodation is by estate consultants

Estate Consultants:

- Adamjee Estate Advisors 03454700659
- Hajvery Estate 03214120060
- Punjab Estate & Builders 03214992066

Online:

- <http://www.zameen.com/>

V. SOCIAL WELFARE

1. Social welfare system

Bail-UL-Mall is a governmental Social Welfare organization, working on many projects like, Pakistan Sweet homes, Individual Financial Assistance, Vocational Schools, Child Support programs & Pakistan Thalassaemia Centre.

- **Pakistan Sweet homes:**
 - Eligibility: orphans between 4 to 6 years of age, fulfilling criteria for target group
 - enrolled preferably on the recommendations of Public Representatives/ Parliamentarians/ Government Functionaries/ Notable Social Workers
 - application by the orphan's guardian
- **Individual Financial Assistance:**
 - Eligibility: individual with major ailments / disability, widows with dependent children, invalid with dependent children, Orphans, students with proven and consistent track record of academic achievement & Destitute
- **Vocational Schools:**
 - Eligibility: offered to widows with dependent children, orphans, poor female & destitute

- **Child Support Program:**
 - Eligibility: having school going children aged between 5-14 years below PMT cut off point (indicating minimum poverty level)
 - Contact: <http://www.pbm.gov.pk/>, Phone: # 0800-13523
- **Pakistan Overseas Foundation**
 - provides Overseas Pakistanis residential facilities
 - Contact No. 0301-5555375/092-51-9206687 Web Site: <http://www.opf.org.pk>
 - Application form submitted with photographs
 - without any protection of the visa from Protector of Emigrants, may also be allowed OPF membership
 - Fee for registration is 2000/-pkr
- **Bali memorial Trust**
 - provides shelter to orphans & old aged people
 - provides medical facilities
 - Contact No. 042 35751192-93/0301-4777902/0303-4190020

2. Pension system

Pension system provides following four types of benefits to insured persons or their survivors:

- Old-Age Pension (or Reduced Pension)
- Survivors' Pension
- Invalidity Pension
- Old-Age Grant (if an employee is not eligible for pension)

3. Vulnerable Persons

The following institutions are working on Gender Based return program, social mobilization, orphan program, provides shelter, food & vocational Training for women, children, old age volunteers & disable persons & basic education to children.

- Red Cross Red Crescent Movement helps vulnerable persons
- Community Development Organization works
- Community support through development program
- CLAAS – supporting persecuted Christians in Pakistan; financial support for the minorities

VI. EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

1. Educational System

The education in Pakistan is divided into five levels.

- Primary - Age level from: 5 to 10
- Middle - Age level from: 10 to 13
- Secondary - Age level from: 13 to 15
- Technical Secondary - Age level from: 15 to 17
- Higher Secondary - Age level from: 15 to 17

2. Attestation & verification of Foreign Diplomas

The HEC (Higher Education Commission) and the Ministry of foreign affairs issue equivalence certificates of relevant degree/Diplomas which cost 5000/-Pkr per certificate. They do not attest and verify foreign degree/Diplomas.

- Application on HEC online
- Submit original documents for verification

3. Needed documents for returnees

- Birth Certificate for Primary, Middle & Secondary & Higher Secondary,
- SSC for further education
- SSC, Graduation Certificate & CNIC Copy for Higher Education

VII. CONTACT INFORMATION AND USEFUL LINKS

- Pakistan Official Web Page <http://www.pakistan.gov.pk/>
- Punjab Police Web Page <http://punjabpolice.gov.pk/>
- Al-Khidmat foundation <http://www.al-khidmatfoundation.org/> 03041114222
- Rahma Islamic Relief <http://www.rahmapk.org/> 051-5513117
- SOS Welfare Society www.sos.org.pk 042-35918035-6
- Rozee (Employment) www.rozee.pk
- Talent Hunters (PVT) LTD (Employment) www.talenthunters.com.pk
- Kashf Foundation (Micro Credits) <http://kashf.org/> 042-111-981-981
- Doctors Hospital 042-111 22 33 77
- General Hospital 09242-99264092-98
- [List of universities http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Pakistan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Pakistan)