

Celebrating 10 Years



*of
Bringing together the
Population Community*



A Tribute to the People of Pakistan

Our People - Our Hope

I hear a song of joyous resolve
Resounding from the hills of the north
From the top of the Khyber to the shores of Sindh
There is an all embracing melodious din

A song of hope; a call for prayer
That puts to rest all despair
Young and old; woman and child
Join in giving this clarion call

Investing in our people a potential untapped
We can reach what is the promised land
Of Iqbal's vision; Jinnah's realm
Where progress and justice go hand in hand

Where lives are valued and
People are esteemed
And every mother, infant and child
Is a celebration of life and solace to the mind

Where poverty, hunger, disease and greed
From these the people are completely freed
Where wisdom and knowledge is the creed
And people's welfare reigns supreme

So noble people of this sacred land
Rise to the song that comes from the heart
Placing our trust in Allah our Lord
Seeking from Him our just reward

Imbued with a passion for service and sacrifice
Let us all make this nation into a paradise
And then we can say to have done our task
And kept promises made to elders in the past



By:
Dr. Ali Mohammad Mir
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Population Association of Pakistan

For many years Pakistan lacked a forum or organization to bring together the disparate community of population professionals. To meet this need the Population Council encouraged the establishment of an association to promote and strengthen the discipline by providing a forum for subject experts that would facilitate their professional development, and to share scientific knowledge and experiences in the different fields related to population. This endeavor was facilitated by funding provided by the Packard Foundation for building capacity in the population sector in Pakistan. The establishment of the Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) in the year 2000 was a landmark achievement welcomed by researchers, academics, demographers and other related professionals.

The Population Association of Pakistan is a non-profit, non-political, scientific and professional organization that brings together professionals from all fields related to population and the development sector. The secretariat is housed in the Population Council office in Islamabad and has more than 1,200 members including demographers, clinicians, public health professionals, anthropologists, sociologists, economists, academic researchers, and students of these fields. The office bearers including the executive council are elected every two years; six are Executive Council members elected by the General Body and five are office bearers of the association who are ex-officio members of the Council.

PAP provides the following services

- A forum for professional interaction in a multi disciplinary environment
- Reaches out to people by publication of a newsletter (Population Windows/Dareecha) and other scientific papers under direction of an editorial board
- Facilitates research on population related issues and offering advice on critical policy issues
- Develops collaborative linkages with other national and international organizations pursuing similar goals
- Arranges lectures by recognized national/international scholars for young professionals and the general public
- Encourages population studies in educational institutions
- Develops and trains young talent/students by arranging funds for scholarships and by identifying courses/trainings in population at the national and international level
- Confers awards on scholars for outstanding contributions in the general area of population

Membership

Membership is the backbone of PAP's existence and continued success. PAP started off with a small membership of 285 members in the year 2000. The regular membership has now steadily progressed to more than 1200 in 2010 (almost a three time increase over ten years). More spectacular has been the life-time membership which increased from mere 18 to 62 over the period.

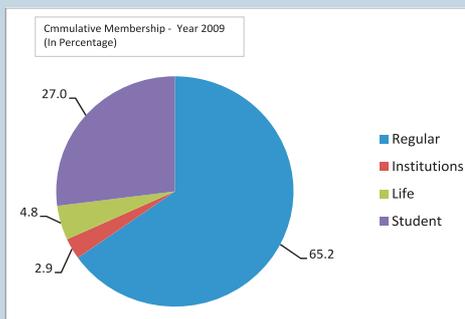
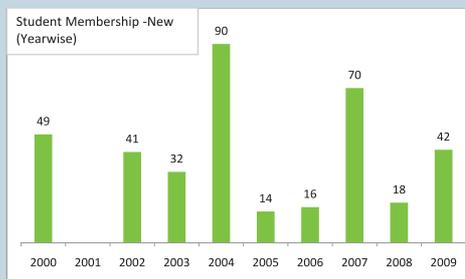
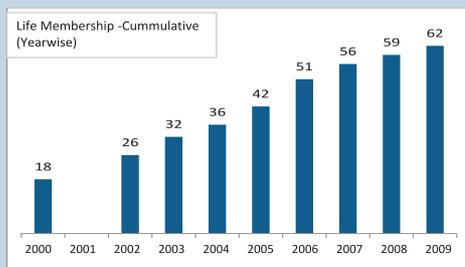
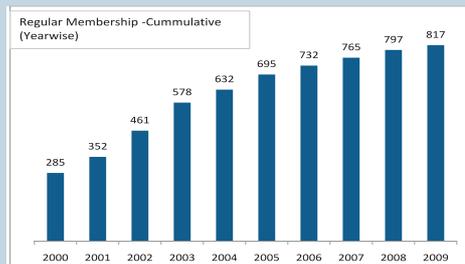
Membership comes from different specializations: demography, sociology, public health, statistics, geography, economics, medicine and gynecology and obstetrics, etc. Members come from research organizations, academic institutions, Ministries and Departments of Health and Population Welfare, NGOs, and civil society. PAP to-date has 36 institutional members, majority of whom are from non-governmental sector.

A significant segment of membership takes a proactive role in various PAP functions reflecting their commitment to the Association and learning from its activities.

Student membership was less than 50 in year 2000 which stands at 372 in 2009. Though students' membership is a temporary status, PAP was able to attract a significant number of students across various universities in its activities.

Membership Types:

- Honorary Membership
- Life Membership
- Regular Membership
- Student Membership
- Institution Membership



Founding Members



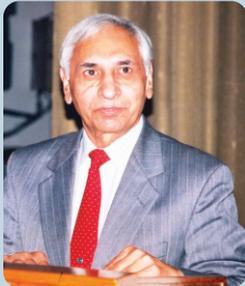
Dr. M.S. Jillani



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Dr. Abdul Hakim



Mr. Mehbub Ahmed



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Dr. Farid Midhet



Dr. Sajida Samad



Mrs. Seemin Ashfaq

Elections

Since its establishment five elections of the Office Bearers of the Association and members of the Executive Council have been held in accordance with the provisions contained in the Rules and Regulations and the By-laws of the Association.

Office Bearers	2001-02	2003-04	2005-06	2007-08	2009-10
President:	Dr. M.S. Jillani	Dr. Zeba A. Sathar	Dr. Mehtab S. Karim	Dr. Naushin Mahmood	Dr. Saeed Shafqat
Vice-President	Dr. Zeba A. Sathar	Dr. M. Yahya Waliullah	Dr. Naushin Mahmood	Dr. Ali M. Mir	Dr. Ali M. Mir
Secretary General	Dr. Abdul Hakim	Dr. Naushin Mehmood	Dr. Ali M. Mir	Mrs. Seemin Ashfaq	Mrs. Seemin Ashfaq
Joint Secretary	Mrs. Seemin Ashfaq	Mrs. Seemin Ashfaq	Dr. Rashida Panezai	Dr. Rashida Panezai	Dr. Fateh M. Burfat
Treasurer	Mr. M. Aslam Chaudhry	Mr. M. Aslam Chaudhry	Mr. Mehboob Sultan	Mr. M. Aslam Chaudhry	Mr. Mehboob Sultan
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General Body Meeting

Coinciding with the annual research conference each year the general body meeting of the association is held. It provides an opportunity for members to be apprised of the activities undertaken by the association in the preceding year. Members also provide their inputs and suggestions. The annual activity report and financial report are also presented in the during the meeting.

Financial Support

Several donor agencies have generously contributed towards PAP's operational activities. UNFPA and Packard Foundation have consistently supported many of the associations initiatives including holding the annual conference. Financial support has also been received from USAID, DFID and GTZ.

Visibility and Recognition

The Annual Research Conference

PAP has been organizing its annual research conference regularly attracting a variety of professionals and academicians. The annual conferences and regional seminars have been organized in major cities of Pakistan like Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Faisalabad, Quetta and Islamabad to regionally introduce the association and enhance its visibility and local recognition. Seven out of nine Annual Conferences were hosted by academic institutions with the aim of developing linkages with these institutions and to create awareness on population research within the academic community.

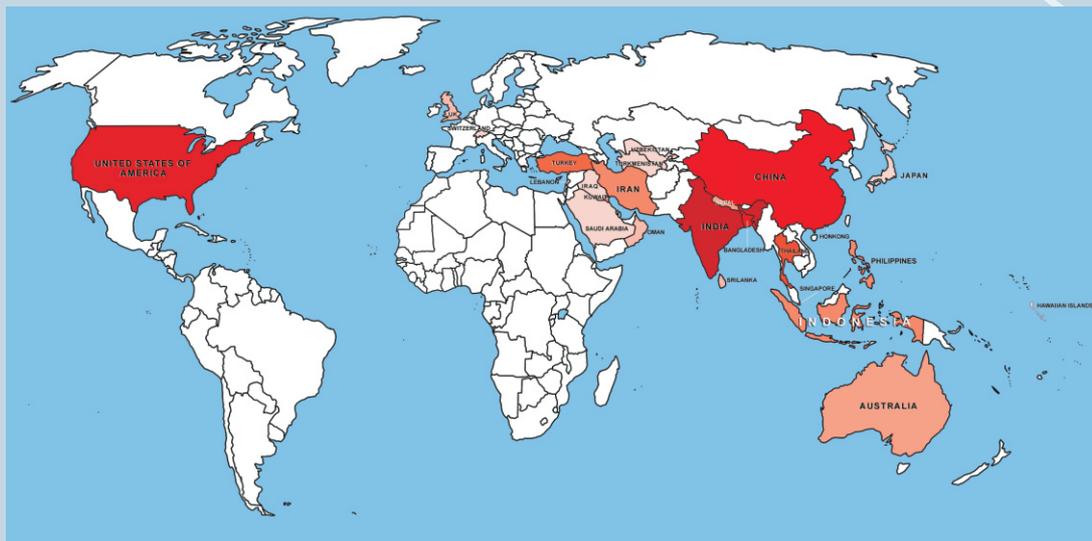
Over the past ten years PAP has organized annual conferences on a wide range of themes, such as:

Year	Theme	Collaborating Partner
2000	Pakistan's Population Issues in 21st Century	Population Council Islamabad & Department of Community Health Sciences. The Aga Khan University Karachi.
2001	Pakistan's Population Stabilization Prospects	MCH Centre - Pakistan Institute Of Medical Sciences – Islamabad.
2002	Population and Sustainable Development in Pakistan	Department of Sociology, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
2003	Population Research and Policy Development in Pakistan	Department of Rural Sociology, Agricultural University of Faisalabad.
2004	Sharing Population and Development Research across South and West Asia	Department of Sociology, University of Karachi.
2005	Linkages Between Population and Millennium Development Goals: The Asian Perspective	National Library, Islamabad
2006	Population at the Crossroads of Development	Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Peshawar.
2007	Population and Regional Development Nexus	Department of Anthropology, Quaid –i- Azam University, Islamabad.
2008	Population Dynamics and Security: Public Policy Challenges	Centre for Public Policy and Governance - Forman Christian (FC) College A Chartered University, Lahore.

The Annual Research Conference organized on various themes has been one of the major achievements of PAP. Research papers were invited from all over Pakistan and advertised internationally. In response to the call for research paper, more than a thousand abstracts were received during 2000-09 of which 300 were selected and presented at Annual Conferences.

<i>Keynote speakers at Inaugural session (Year Wise)</i>	
Speakers	Year
Professor Gavin Jones Convener, Graduate Program in Demography Australian National University	2000
Dr. Arif Hassan Chairman, Orangi Pilot Project Research and Training Centre Karachi	2001
Dr. Nafis Sadik Advisor to Secretary General United Nations	2002
Dr. Anrudh Jain Senior Director , Policy and Regional Programs, Population Council New York	2003
Dr. Peter Xenos East West Center, University of Hawaii, USA	2004
Mr. Shahzado Shaikh, Secretary, Ministry of Population Welfare Islamabad	2005
Dr. Ather Hussain Deputy Director, Asia Research Centre, London School of Economics, UK	2006
Professor John Casterline Professor of Social Demography ,The Ohio State University, USA	2007
Dr. Amy Coen CEO & President, Population Action International, Washington	2008

PAP, fulfilling its role defined in its Memorandum of Association, has also provided an opportunity to researchers from other countries to participate in the conference. Over the years more than one hundred research international papers have been presented at the PAP Conferences. The country wise breakdown of the international representable is as follows.



Country	No. of Papers	Country	No. of Papers
Australia	3	Oman	2
Bangladesh	12	Philippines	4
China	7	Saudi Arabia	1
Hawaii	1	Singapore	3
Hong Kong	1	Sri Lanka	2
India	19	Switzerland	1
Indonesia	4	Thailand	6
Iran	4	Turkey	5
Iraq	1	Turkmenistan	1
Japan	1	UK	2
Kuwait	3	USA	14
Lebanon	1	Uzbekistan	1
Nepal	3		

The Association is now recognized both in Pakistan and internationally as a forum for promoting an environment of dialogue and exchange of scientific knowledge among professionals from population and related sectors.

The PAP annual conference is supported by a team of volunteers that comprises mainly students from the host institution who help with the conference logistics and management. The highly active team of volunteers is a source of tremendous success in carrying out PAP activities.

PAP has encouraged young professionals and students to present papers there by contributing to their professional growth and confidence building. More than 150 young professionals were provided an opportunity to exhibit their talents by participating in poster exhibitions during the past ten years.

Advocacy

PAP by organizing key lectures by eminent professional plays an important role of introducing emerging demographic and health issues to policy makers and sensitizing them towards evolving solutions and policy measures.

Participation in PAP Conferences and Regional Seminars has helped policy makers use research findings in developing and reforming policies and programs. PAP can lay claim to have sustained the interest of policy makers, development partners and civil society in the population and reproductive health agenda in Pakistan.

Regional Seminars

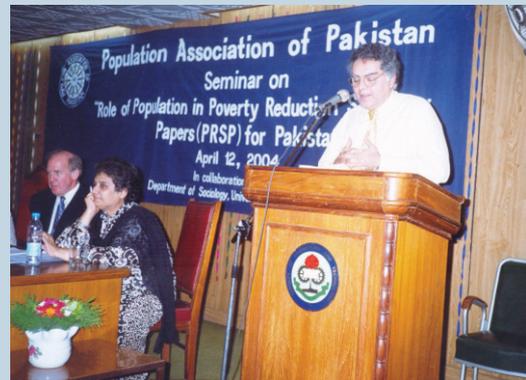
One of the main objectives of the Population Association of Pakistan is to foster a dialogue on development issues at the provincial as well as district level, and to obtain a regional perspective of the problems faced at the grass root level. To pursue this objective, PAP in collaboration with local organizations, academic institutions and relevant government departments periodically organizes seminars/panel discussions in major cities of Pakistan. Fourteen such seminars on pertinent regional issues have been organized.

- Is Pakistan's Population Growth Sustainable? - Islamabad
- Stretching the Limits- Population Pressure on Peshawar City - Peshawar
- Urban Boom or Urban Decay: Population Pressure on Karachi - Karachi
- Rural to Urban Migration: Fallouts for Pollution and Water Shortages - Lahore
- Population Policy- Challenges for Implementation - Karachi, Lahore, Quetta and Peshawar
- Role of Population in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) for Pakistan Peshawar, Lahore, Quetta, Karachi
- Women Employment: Empowerment or Compulsion: Gujrat

Occasional Lectures

PAP also organizes occasional lectures and workshops for its members. The aim of this activity is to hold lectures, and discussions whenever any renowned researchers and scholars visit Pakistan. One such lecture was organized in Islamabad in December 2001 which was addressed by Dr. Malcolm Potts, Professor, Population and Family Planning, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley and Dr. Iqbal Alam from United Nation's Statistics Division on "**Fertility Transition**".

Pictorial Glimpses of Regional Seminars



Policy Issues and Solutions

The expertise available in the area of demography and population studies resulted in Ministry of Population Welfare requesting PAP to facilitate in drafting and finalizing its Interim Population Sector Perspective plan 2002-2012.



PAP Executive Council members provided direct technical support to the Ministry of Population Welfare in drafting the Interim Population Sector Perspective plan 2002-2012 which provided the framework for achieving the objectives of the Population Policy.

Interaction and involvement of Policy makers

PAP has successfully involved key politicians, senior civil servants, and programme managers across Pakistan in its annual conferences.

<i>Chief Guest of Inaugural session</i>	<i>Chief Guest at Concluding session</i>
Dr. Shahid Amjad Chaudhury (Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan)	Dr. Attiya Inayatullah (Federal Minister, Ministry of Population Welfare)
Mr. Tariq Janjua (Federal Secretary, Ministry of Population Welfare)	Miss Naseem Lodhi (Minister of Population Welfare, Government of Punjab)
Dr. Nafis Sadik (Advisor to Secretary General United Nations)	Dr. Saeeda Malik (Minister for Women Development, Govt. of Sindh)
Miss Syeda Sughra Imam (Minister of Social Welfare, Govt. of Punjab)	Dr. Muhammad Nizamuddin (Vice Chancellor, University of Gujrat)
Mr. Mian Mohammad Somroo (Chairman Senate)	Dr. A. J. Khan (Minister for Population Welfare)
Dr. Harun Rashid (Vice Chancellor University of Peshawar)	Mrs. Neelum Jabbar (Provincial Minister for Population Welfare, Government of Punjab)
Mr. Ejaz Rahim (Secretary, Ministry of Health, Government of Pakistan)	

Capacity Building

The association has played an important role in developing the capacity of young researchers to enable them to present their research findings from the platform of the association. PAP has organized abstract writing workshops that have helped young professionals in producing succinct abstracts for future conferences.

Coverage by media and newsprint

PAP has actively involved local and national media for the coverage of annual conference and regional seminars. Coverage of inaugural sessions and concluding sessions by television and news print helped widely disseminate the theme of the conference.



Message from the Population Minister

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan

Federal Minister for Population Welfare

Government of Pakistan

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) on completing ten years of its establishment. The Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) has indeed played a major role in bringing together the population community by providing an important forum for sharing research evidence and undertaking a dialogue among population professionals on a wide range of demographic topics that has led to mainstreaming the population issues.

Today the population of Pakistan has crossed the mark of 165 million people, most of whom inhabit the least developed and remote corners of the country.

Our government is conscious of the alarming population growth rate as it distorts the development of all social sectors and compromises the thrust of poverty alleviation strategies of the government. The present government is fully aware of the fact that population growth rate is a national issue and must be discussed openly and publicly. As per the vision of our great leader Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, the Population Welfare Program has been accorded a high priority in the national agenda realizing its important role in ensuring a healthy and prosperous life for the people of Pakistan. The budgetary allocation to this programme has been enhanced accordingly. Hailing the efforts of the government, international organizations and donors are showing renewed interest to support the innovative initiatives in the Population Welfare Programme and the private sector has also intensified its supportive efforts. I am happy to note that Population Association of Pakistan has over the years through its ever increasing membership been able to involve all stakeholders including academics, researchers, policy makers and program managers in key deliberations yielding important lessons and recommendations that the Ministry of Population Welfare has benefited from. PAP has helped in forging important linkages to main stream Population and Development concerns, improve inter sectoral coordination, and strengthen Public Private Partnerships. We want intellectual debate and prudent policy choices from all segments of society and expect that PAP will continue to play a pivotal role towards this endeavor.

I wish the PAP continued success in all its endeavors in the years to come.



Message from the President

Dr. Saeed Shafqat

Research and academic activity thrive through professional associations. These associations provide a forum where scholars, students and researchers belonging to a discipline or set of disciplines meet annually and share knowledge, innovative ideas and emerging trends in their fields. In Pakistan for multiple reasons academic professional associations have remained either weak or unable to evolve or sustain themselves. In this context Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) represents a symbol of success. Under challenging times it is holding its 10th Annual Conference. The conference was to be held in November, 2009 but the country's security environment forced us to postpone the date and change the venue and that did shake the momentum of organizers and participants but not their will. Under these conditions we need to show stronger resolve to enhance the membership, continue to endeavor that associational network grows, and ensure that national, regional and international participation grows and PAP remains sustainable. Cognizant of these realities PAP welcomes and encourages membership from all relevant disciplines.



This year's conference theme Population, Peace and Development is indicative of transformations that Population studies are undergoing globally. The dominant trend is that fertility is on decline globally and it is visible in Pakistan too. Reproductive Health and family planning concerns continue to be areas of primary research in demography, but the landscape of demographic research is undergoing titanic shifts; issues of security, governance, violence, gender, youth bulges, migration, urbanization, impact on climate change and ecological degradation make population studies a cross cutting discipline. Population study is being increasingly pursued from multi-disciplinary perspectives. Eminent demographers in Pakistan have been propounding and pleading that the country is passing through demographic transition and is ready for reaping the 'demographic dividend'; is it really? There is growing consensus among demographers and interested scholars/policy experts that demographic dividend is achievable if policy inputs--such as education (particularly re-vamping public sector education), employment generation, skill based knowledge, technology and investment in youth is given urgent attention and priority. The second decade of 21st Century demands that Pakistan must treat population management as a core national issue and strategize to reap the demographic dividend. Let us make the tenth Annual conference an opportunity for agenda setting for this decade.

Message from the Secretary General

Mrs. Seemin Ashfaq

Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) is the first ever association of population professionals in Pakistan, which gives it a unique significance. Ever since its inception in October 2000, over the last 10 years it has evolved as a sustainable association of population professionals having many accomplishments to its credit. On the 10th anniversary of the PAP, the Executive Council felt the need for archiving the history, background, individuals' contributions, achievements and current activities of PAP in the form of a compendium "10 years of PAP. Today, I feel very elated having seen the trail of over 10 years of sustainability, and evolution of the association whose seed was sown in front of my eyes which has included my own humble contributions.



I feel appreciative of the vision and contributions of my senior colleagues; Mr. Peter C. Miller and Dr. Zeba A. Sathar and founding members of the PAP, as I look back with nostalgia the initial days and months when we were struggling putting together the Association.

It was in late 1999 when we had exciting brainstorming sessions and in year 2000, we were framing its constitution and by-laws, designing the logo and getting the registration done by overcoming the bureaucratic procedures and hurdles, soliciting the membership and finally launching the Association on October 24, 2000. Many people were keeping their fingers crossed over the success and sustainability of the PAP as a first ever association of its type in Pakistan and the possibility of population professionals rallying behind its objectives. However, today, as I look back being a humble PAP member attached with the association since its conceptualization and formation stage till to date; I believe that PAP is growing like a strong tree with deep roots among the population community. This sustainability has been possible due to the fact that from the outset the Association attracted the membership of established and renowned population professionals who have contributed tremendously in making this Association a viable and sustainable organization. The transfer of reins of the Executive Council has always been smooth in all 5 elections held so far. All the elected Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretary Generals and Joint Secretaries, Treasurers and EC members have massively contributed towards the sustainability of the association, many of them



leaving excellent precedents to be followed later on by their successors. The credit must be given to the Population Council for providing the vision, leadership, and home to the activities of the PAP for the last 10 years, and to the Packard Foundation for providing the financial support for the initial establishment and first 5 years of its functioning.

The growing interest of population professionals, students and the general public in PAP activities, as indicated by the continued response to various initiatives undertaken by PAP will I am sure ensure the long-term sustainability of the Association.

I am honored to share that so far PAP has organized 9 international annual research conferences and has produced 8 Conference Proceedings, organized 14 Regional Seminars, and produced 14 issues of quarterly newsletters, Windows & Dareecha for wider distribution among the population community. The EC members of the PAP have contributed in the Interim Population Sector Perspective Plan 2012 and Population Policy of Pakistan. PAP has kept the members connected through sharing of emails, dissemination of information about conferences, trainings and job opportunities. PAP has always encouraged and provided a platform to the students, specially to present their posters, papers and participate in the Abstract Writing trainings.

I wish best of luck to PAP for its future and I pray that in coming years it serves as a major think tank in the population field and contribute in formulating policies for the betterment of the people of Pakistan.



Vision of Dr. M. S. Jillani, one of PAP's founding members and first President (2001-02)

“With a population of over 140 million and a growth rate of over 2 percent per annum, Pakistan's population looms large in relation to its development and other goals. Population was recognized as a problem area in Pakistan since its independence in 1947. The first Five Year Plan of Pakistan categorically stated that rapid population growth was a major impediment for its economic development. Unfortunately, the study of population not had the breadth or attention it deserves in a country of this size.



Although population was being taught as a subject for higher education as far back as the 50's, in the last few decades opportunities for academic training in this area have remained static if not dwindled altogether. The newly formed Population Association of Pakistan turns its attention to bridge this gap by organizing research conferences. Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) plans to hold these conferences annually and publish its proceedings as a part of PAP annals. Over the years, this should build a body of scientific knowledge on Pakistan's demography. It will also help strengthen the population fraternity created through PAP besides performing the function of dissemination of demographic work and discussion of basic issues of population.” - PAP First Annual Conference 2000

Messages from Former Presidents of PAP

Dr. Zeba A. Sathar (2003-04)

It gives me the greatest pleasure to congratulate the Population Association of Pakistan on completing a decade of remarkable accomplishments. As an original member and former President of the Association the brief history is memorable from many aspects , most of all was to successfully bring together an otherwise fragmented group of professionals with common objectives but disciplines considered widely divergent such as economics, sociology, criminology, medicine, public health and administration. The common objectives include the pursuit of research, and the use of evidence to advocate for better policies and programs in the population and health sectors which has shown a visible and remarkable impact.



When I look back I see in the past few years a distinct move towards policies based on research and evidence guiding new initiatives. It is a matter of huge pride that the membership of the Association has grown from a meager 285 members in 2000 to a current membership of 1262 members. The regional, demographic and professional diversity of the association is impressive. I also congratulate PAP on surviving a decade without core funds, instead carving out opportunities for funding which have kept the annual research conference alive and the proceedings a prized publication in many professional offices and libraries. The bi-annual elections have been held with impeccable regularity and ensured a healthy turnover of leadership and governance of the association, representing all members of its constituency. In the end I feel very honoured to have been a President of this Association and wish PAP the very best in sustaining the vibrancy and importance of population issues for the wider community in the next decade!

Dr. Mehtab S. Karim (2005-06)

It's a matter of great pleasure to know, that PAP is celebrating its tenth anniversary. I recall that hardly half a dozen of hard core demographers and population experts under the leadership of late Dr. M. Jillani, put their efforts together to establish PAP. When the first conference was organized at the Aga Khan University in December 2000, the turnout of over 300 participants indeed surprised many of us. Since then, PAP has never looked back, as its membership has been almost tripled. On the march towards PAP's growth and expansion, many individual members and academic organizations have played key roles.



Particularly, the services of university administration which took turns in organizing the annual conferences and the energetic young students who served as volunteers are highly commendable, along with the generosity of international donors without whose support PAP would not have reached at this stage. Within a couple of years of its formation, PAP was also recognized internationally and several scholars from neighbouring countries submitted abstracts and participated in its conferences. The 2005 conference in Islamabad was a landmark, which was attended by delegates from about 20 Asian countries besides over 200 participants from Pakistan. Another milestone of the PAP has been the timely publication of annual conference proceedings. I had opportunities to attend all the previous conferences and feel, that every year the quality of papers presented has been improving.

As PAP enters the second decade, I feel that besides its role in promoting the field of population and reproductive health in the country, it should also encourage other professionals to have a closer look at some important issues which are as important and are either affected by excessive population growth or affect population growth itself. These include, formation of public policy related to human development, environment, and higher education. I also feel, that it is high time, that PAP Council should consider as a top item on its agenda, the establishment of high quality PhD programs in Demography and Population Sciences at several universities in the country, which could produce population experts and leaders, who could steer PAP in the future.

I wish PAP success in its future endeavors.

Dr. Naushin Mahmood (2007-08)

I am greatly delighted to greet you on the 10th Annual Conference of the Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) to be marked as a milestone in its journey to success.

It is the time to celebrate and recognize PAP's accomplishments and achievements over the past years. PAP has evolved to a strong and vibrant organization, and has earned wide recognition and population at both national and international levels for its contributions to identifying and disseminating population research issues. The holding of annual conference on diverse themes of population and is an exhibition of PAP's significant role in moving development discourse in collaboration with major universities in different cities of Pakistan is an exhibition of PAP's significant role in moving population agenda forward.

As Pakistan is going through difficult and challenging circumstances, the threats of population insecurity are linked to large social inequalities, poverty, unemployment, lack of food and health care provision exacerbated by low education and skills. Today, youth population is the largest in history that requires huge investments to boost educational skills and productivity to capitalize on demographic dividends. The demographic trends demands that population should be recognized as a core national problem due to its close linkage with sustainable development, and PAP is uniquely positioned to promote research and advocacy on population and policy relevant issues.

My tenure as President PAP for 2007-08 was both challenging and rewarding in terms of its nurturing and growth and in promoting and sustaining its professional standard. PAP is a young organization at the verge of entering its adolescent phase of life that needs intense attention, strong leadership and direction, and high commitment from us to take its mission forward and make it a stronger institution in the population field. Following its past record, it appears certain that PAP will continue to flourish and enhance its activities in population research and policy advocacy to retain our active interest in the field.



Messages from Collaborating Partners

University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

Dr Ashfaq Maan

Head of Department, Population Sciences

The inception of the PAP in 2000 filled the gap of availability of any such association in the field of population in Pakistan. Taking initiative after the PAP conference in 2003, we feel proud that first and pioneering Masters' in Population Studies (MPS) program was launched in University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. The teachers and students of our MPS department take a lot of interest in the PAP activities and regularly contribute Papers & Posters in the PAP Conferences. We are further pleased that PAP is every year sponsoring PS students to participate in their annual conference. This surely enhances two-way interaction, support and performance on both sides.

We hope that this academic and research collaboration will be strengthened in future.

University of Karachi

Dr. Fateh Muhammad Burfat

Professor, Department of Sociology/Population Sciences

The PAP Conference 2010 is a source of great joy for all population professionals and particularly for the students of Population Sciences, Department of Sociology, University of Karachi. It is a great leap forward from the PAP Conference 2004, held at the Department Of Sociology, University of Karachi.

The PAP and Population Council, Islamabad has contributed immensely in the promotion of the discipline of Population Sciences at the University of Karachi. The start of MPS programme in the Department of Sociology is a landmark achievement of the PAP and the Population Council, Islamabad. The participants from the University of Karachi have gone with a firm resolve to interact with the international community, and work for the promotion of Population Sciences.

I feel that PAP has already achieved full maturity. The Population professionals have now a clear mission to further add to the luster of PAP.

I join hands with colleagues to warmly greet and welcome the participants of the Conference. Our best wishes and hopes for the roaring success of the PAP Conference 2010.

University of the Punjab, Lahore

Dr. Muhammad Hafeez

Director, Institute of Social & Cultural Studies

When PAP in collaboration with Department of Sociology organized its conference in the Punjab University campus in year 2002, the interest of faculty and students was generated in the scope of population field. During conference the interactions and meetings with renowned population professionals like Dr Nafis Sadik, Advisor to Secretary General, United Nations gave impetus to the young students in forging their careers in this new field. With the technical support from Population Council, the Department of Sociology than started two years degree program in Masters in Population Sciences in year 2004, and since then successfully producing a cadre of young individuals who are ready to contribute in the field of population.

Chronological Profile of PAP

Launching Ceremony of PAP at 1st Research Conference 2000; Pakistan's Population Issues in the 21st Century

The first annual conference of PAP was held from October 24-26, 2000 at the Aga Khan University Karachi. The theme of the conference was "Pakistan's Population Issues in 21st Century". Over all 37 papers were presented. There were three panel discussions on "Results of the 1998 Census", "Abortion as Public Health issue" and "Aging as an emerging concern".



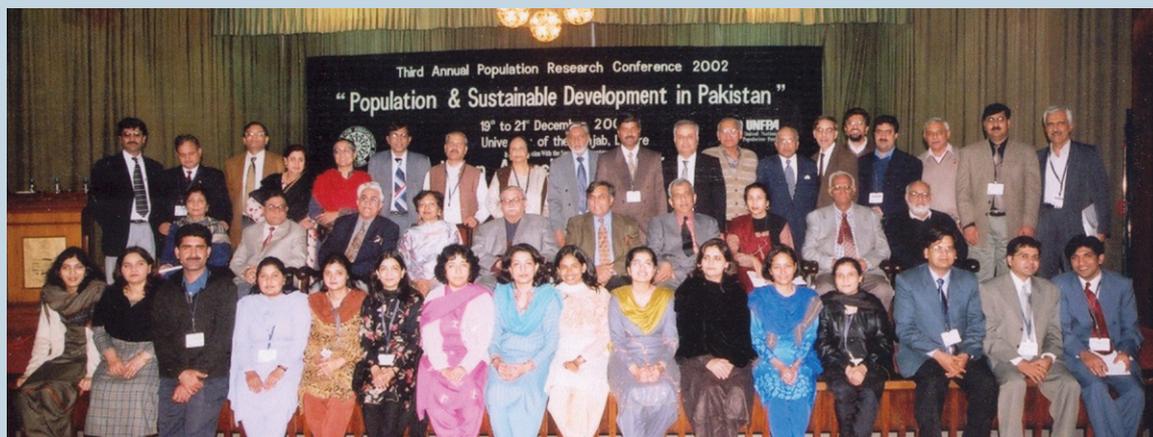
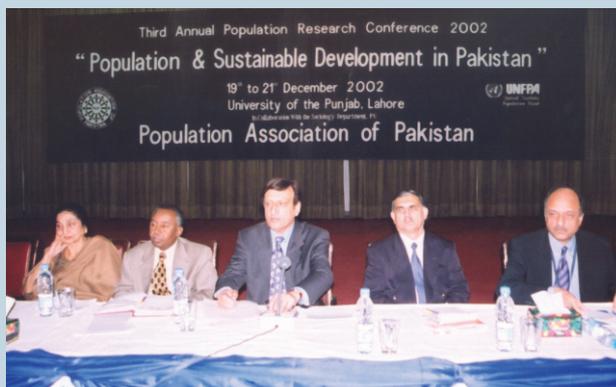
2nd Research Conference 2001; Pakistan's Population Stabilization Prospects

Second annual conference was held in 31st October - 2nd November, 2001 at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences Islamabad. The theme of conference was "Pakistan's Population Stabilization Prospects" In all 48 papers were presented. There were three panel discussions on "Planning for the future: Challenges in teaching and Research in Population and Health", "Brining men and Adolescents into the Population Agenda" and The Post ICPD Challenge: Issues of Governance, Decentralization and Integration".



3rd Research Conference 2002; Population and Sustainable Development in Pakistan

Third annual conference was held in December 19-21, 2002 at University of the Punjab, Lahore. The theme of the conference was "Population and Sustainable Development in Pakistan". 42 papers were presented. Three panel discussions were held on "Capacity building in the field of Population", "Panel on aging", "New Challenges in the Population and Health sectors",



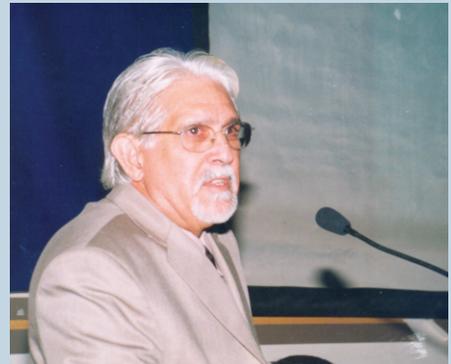
4th Research Conference 2003; Population Research & Policy Development in Pakistan”

Fourth annual conference was held at the University of Agricultural Faisalabad from December 9-11, 2003. The theme of the conference was “Population Research and Policy Development in Pakistan”. 29 papers were presented. There were three panel discussions on “Does research have any role in formulation of Policy?”, “Challenges in Teaching Population Sciences” and Population and Rural Economy”.



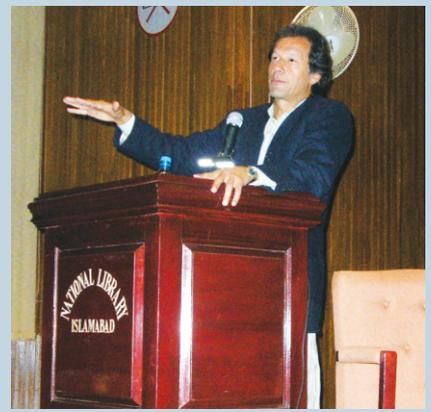
5th Research Conference 2004; Sharing Population and Development Research across South and West Asia

The Fifth Annual Research Conference entitled "Sharing Population and Development Research across South and West Asia" was held in Karachi from 14-16 December 2004. The Conference was organized in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, University of Karachi. Overall 38 Research papers were presented in the conference and 3 Panel Discussions were organized on: "Challenges of Sharing Population and Development Research Across South & West Asia"; "Can Pakistan meet its Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Maternal Health?" and "Capacity & Resource Constraints in Population/Reproductive Health"



6th Research Conference 2005; Linkages between Population and Millennium Development Goals: The Asian Perspective

Sixth Annual Research Conference entitled "Linkages Between Population and Millennium Development Goals: The Asian Perspective" was held at the National Library, Islamabad from November 29 December 1, 2005. Overall 44 Research papers were presented in the conference and 3 Panel Discussions were organized on: "Poverty, Population & Health"; "Population Policies in the coming Decade" and "Prospects for Demographic and Health Research"



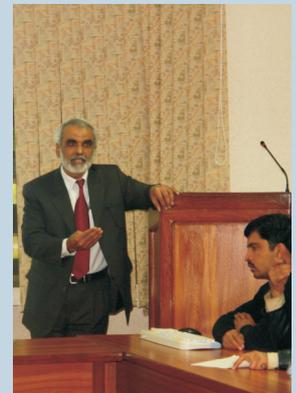
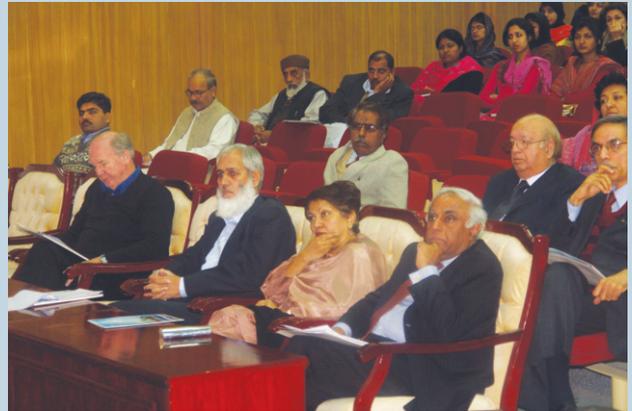
7th Research Conference 2006; Population at the Crossroads of Development

Seventh Annual Research Conference entitled "Population at the Crossroads of Development" was held in Peshawar from November 28-30, 2006, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Peshawar. Twenty five research papers were presented. Where as 4 Panel Discussions were held on: "Population and Family Planning Programmes: Learning from Experience of Neighboring Countries"; "Internal and International Migration: Pakistan's Experience"; "Prospects for Devolution of Family Welfare Program in Pakistan" and "Data Collection through Census and Surveys in Pakistan"



8th Research Conference 2007; Population and the Regional Development Nexus

Eighth Annual Research Conference on "Population and Regional Development Nexus" was held in collaboration with the Department of Anthropology, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad from December 17-18, 2007. Overall 23 Research papers were presented in the conference and 3 Panel Discussions were organized: "Population and Regional Development Perspective"; "Demographic Dividend: Opportunities and Challenges" and "Availability & Utilization of Demographic & Health Data".

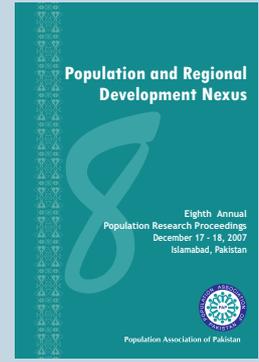
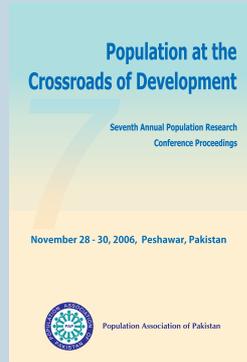
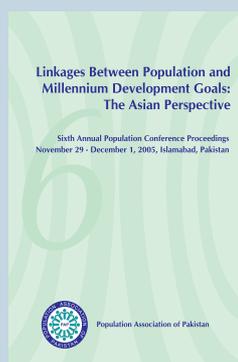
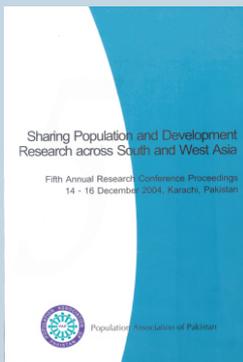
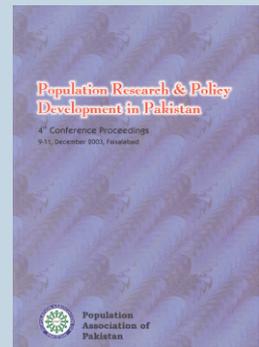
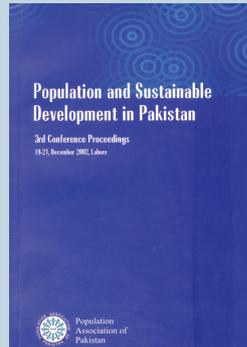
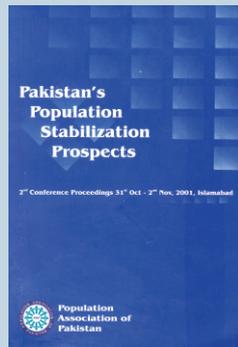
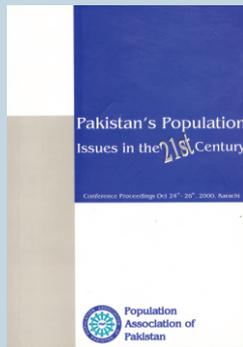


9th Research Conference 2008; Population Dynamics and Security: Public Policy Challenges

Ninth Annual Research Conference entitled "Population Dynamics and Security: Public Policy Challenges" was held in collaboration with the Centre for Public Policy and Governance - Forman Christian (FC) College Lahore from December 2 - 4, 2008. Overall 22 Research papers were presented in the conference and 3 Panel Discussions were organized on: "Repositioning Family Planning as a Health Intervention"; "Demographic Dividend: An Opportunity not to be Missed" and "Population and Health Data for Policy Making"



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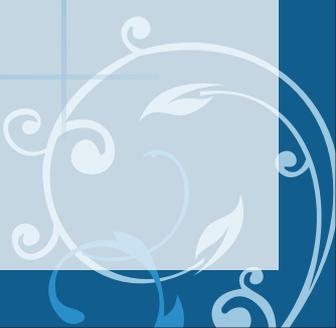
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