



# Health and Water

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*(National And International News With Reference And Evidence)*

### 3. Polluted water causes 40% of deaths in Pakistan annually

(Resources: **Pakistan Today**)

<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2012/04/17/polluted-water-causes-40-of-deaths-in-pakistan-annually/>

“Around 62 percent of Pakistan’s urban and 84 percent of its rural population do not treat their water, resulting in 100 million cases of diarrheal diseases registered in hospitals, with 40 percent of deaths attributed to drinking polluted water.



Unsafe drinking water is a source of many diseases including diarrhea, typhoid, intestinal worms and hepatitis and an estimated 250,000 child deaths occur each year in Pakistan due to water-borne diseases.



It is estimated that more than 1.6 million DALYs (Disability Adjusted Life Years) are lost annually as a result of death and ailment due to diarrhea and almost 90,000 as a result of typhoid.

In terms of financial loss, the country is bearing Rs.112 billion per year as water, sanitation and hygiene-related diseases cost more than Rs. 300 million per day to treat.”