

Table 1 Overview of Environmental Health Situation in Pakistan

Variable	Status
Overall environmental health situation in Pakistan	Not very satisfactory
Major environmental health issues	Water safety, health care waste, air pollution, and food safety
Mandate of agencies managing environmental risks and hazards	Several agencies responsible, but none have the mandate of protecting human health from such hazards
Coordination and collaboration between environmental and health agencies and with other stake holders	Very little
Implementation and enforcement of existing laws, rules and regulations	Very weak and limited
Level of awareness of the linkage between environment and health	Very little
Environmental health as a priority in the country	Low as reflected by limited annual budget allocations
Availability of human resources in environmental health	Extremely limited
Engagement of health sector in motivating action by other sectors for health protection	Very limited, needing further efforts and urgent action
Availability of evidence based information in environmental health for sound policies and decision making	Extremely limited
Regular surveillance and monitoring systems for air, water and food	Very limited
Availability of environmental management tools, resources and infrastructure to provincial and local authorities	Very limited