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Information on literacy levels for adult males

A table on page xxxiii of a report by SPARC published in 2007 notes a literacy rate of 63% for males. (Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child, (2007), *The State of Pakistan's Children 2006*). Page 96 of the report says "Pakistan is at serious risk of not attaining the goal of adult literacy by 2015, warns Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2007. The theme of this year's report is Literacy for Life. Pakistan having over five million illiterates is one of the countries where global illiteracy is concentrated." (ibid)

The CIA in April 2009 provides a figure of 63% for literate males. (CIA (9 April 2009) *Pakistan, The World Factbook*)

Page 185 of a report published in March 2008 by the *Human Rights Commission of Pakistan* says that

"A noticeable difference in the literacy rates among males and females was recorded across the country. The adult female illiteracy rate in the country was twice as high as for males, according to a report released by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in September. The illiteracy rate was 23.3% for males and 46.9% for females. In the adult population, this percentage was 35.9% males and 64.9% for females, according to the 'Key Indicators of the Labour Market (KILM),' released by ILO, the UN labour agency." (Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (29 March 2008) *VI Social and Economic Rights, Education, Pakistan: State of Human Rights in 2007*)

Page 8 of a paper by *PILDAT* from January 2008 says "In 2005, Pakistan's adult literacy rate (for population aged 15 years and above) was 50% [64% for men and 36% for women] which is among the lowest in the world and much below the South Asian average of 65% (Table 4)" (PILDAT, (January 2008), *Education For All In Pakistan: Key Issues*)

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