

Self-Description

Multinational Qualitative study on »Children's Understanding on Wellbeing- Global and Local Context«

Research Team from Pakistan

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We work at Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad situated in the capital territory of Pakistan. This university was established in 1967. Our team works at the Department of sociology, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad which is newly established in this university and it became functional in 2014. Quaid-Azam University has around 9.000 students in natural, biological and social sciences faculties. It offers a wide range of courses to students.

We conduct our study with the help of students from the Department of sociology. Our aim was two-fold: to find out about children's subjective wellbeing and to train students in sociological research, enhancing their sociological knowledge and developing their professional values.

Our study population was in Islamabad and Rawalpindi. We conducted interviews in schools, a colleague's house and in a park. We developed a friendly environment to work with children of Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

Initially, children were not interested to work with us and many of them refused. We adopted a strategy to play with them first. We offered them a »social bonus« (refreshment, drinks and chocolates). By developing friendly relations, we were able to work with the children on the research project. At first, they were reluctant to share their experiences because maybe they were not familiar with this kind of research. Later on they became our friends and shared their experiences with the research team. However, they felt some difficulties with filming a video at the end of the project.

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