



SPOTLIGHT:

PAKISTAN

THE DALITS

In Pakistan, Dalits face casteism and discrimination due to skin colour and as mostly minority Christians in a Muslim country. When natural disasters occur, they tend to be the last to receive any form of support or aid.

Dalits face a lack of recognition by the government. Officially, Dalit Christians make up only 1.6 percent of the population but filled 80 percent of the sweeper jobs. Most are illiterate and many work as slaves in bonded labour. As victims of crime, they have little support.

Women are particularly vulnerable. Dalit girls and women suffer abduction, forced marriage and conversion, trafficking and sexual abuse. Only one in ten Dalit girls will get to go to school.

OVERVIEW

**MARGINALISED GROUP:
THE DALITS**

**POPULATION SIZE:
OFFICIAL FIGURE OF 800K,
BUT GENERAL ESTIMATES
ARE 8 TO 10 MILLION**

**AREA:
MAJORITY IN THE PUNJAB
AND SINDH PROVINCES**

**MAIN RELIGION:
CHRISTIAN**

**DISCRIMINATION:
EMPLOYMENT OFTEN
CONFINED TO SCAVENGING
AND CLEANING, SEXUAL
ASSAULT, UNTOUCHABILITY'**

THE CHRISTIAN NETWORK AGAINST CASTE DISCRIMINATION

CNACD exists to challenge the entrenched, antiquated beliefs of caste systems and to help foster positive change.