ROSHNI HELPLINE

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Founder's Message

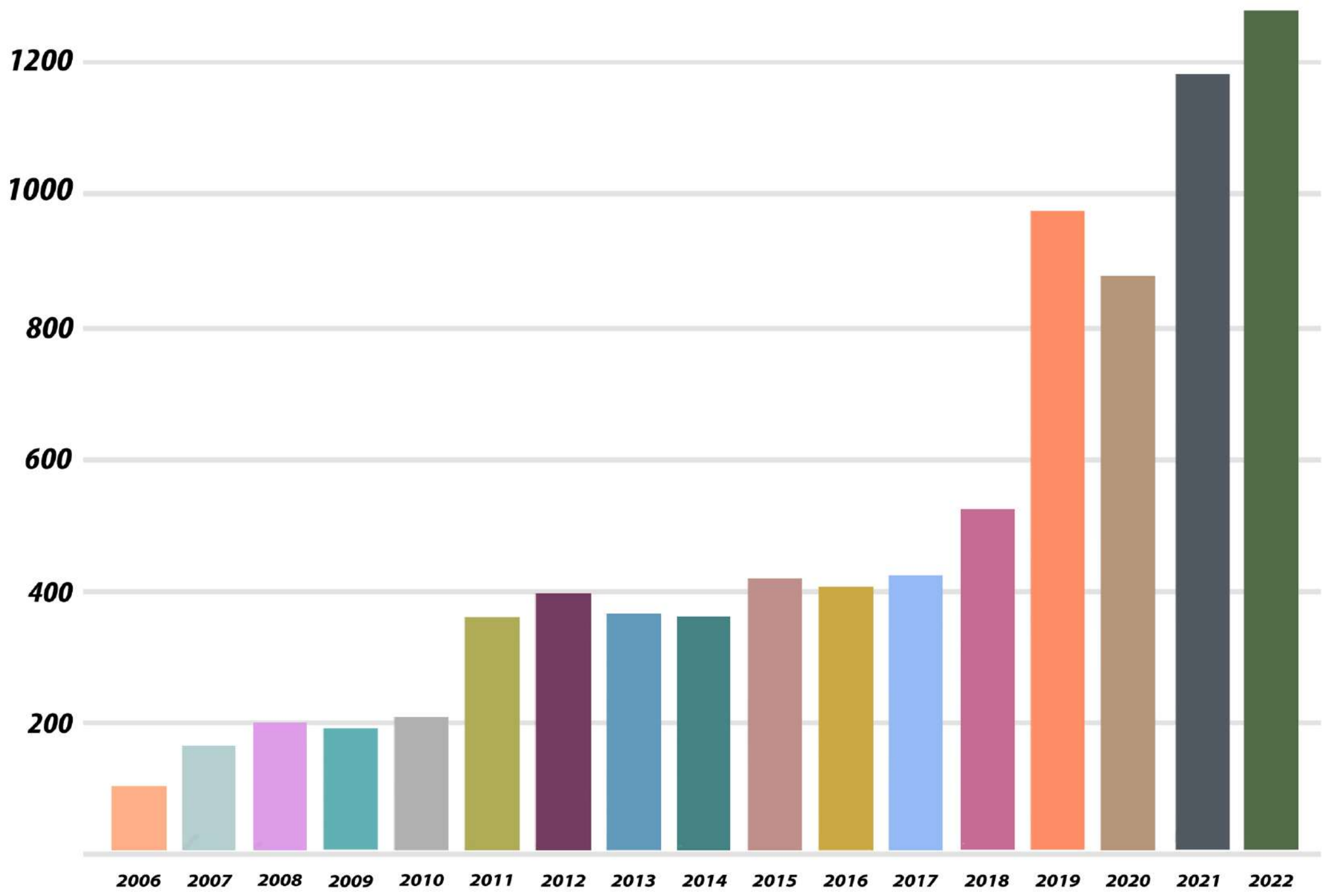
2022 has been a wonderful and productive year for Team Roshni with many big new steps taken, incredible growth and nationwide expansion, new ideas and projects initiated, and several amazing milestones reached.

I would like to thank my exceptional team, all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers, our generous donors, our well-wishers and all of our partner organizations, without whose incredible support and encouragement none of this would be possible!

We at Roshni are feeling really grateful and full of hope because you are all standing with us in this struggle. Looking forward to another great year of working together with you all.

7,000 missing children recovered

We are very happy to reach a new milestone this year of 7,000 missing children recovered! Since our humble beginnings in 2003, Team Roshni has recovered more than 7,500 missing children from all over Pakistan.



The graph above shows our yearly recovery data over the years.

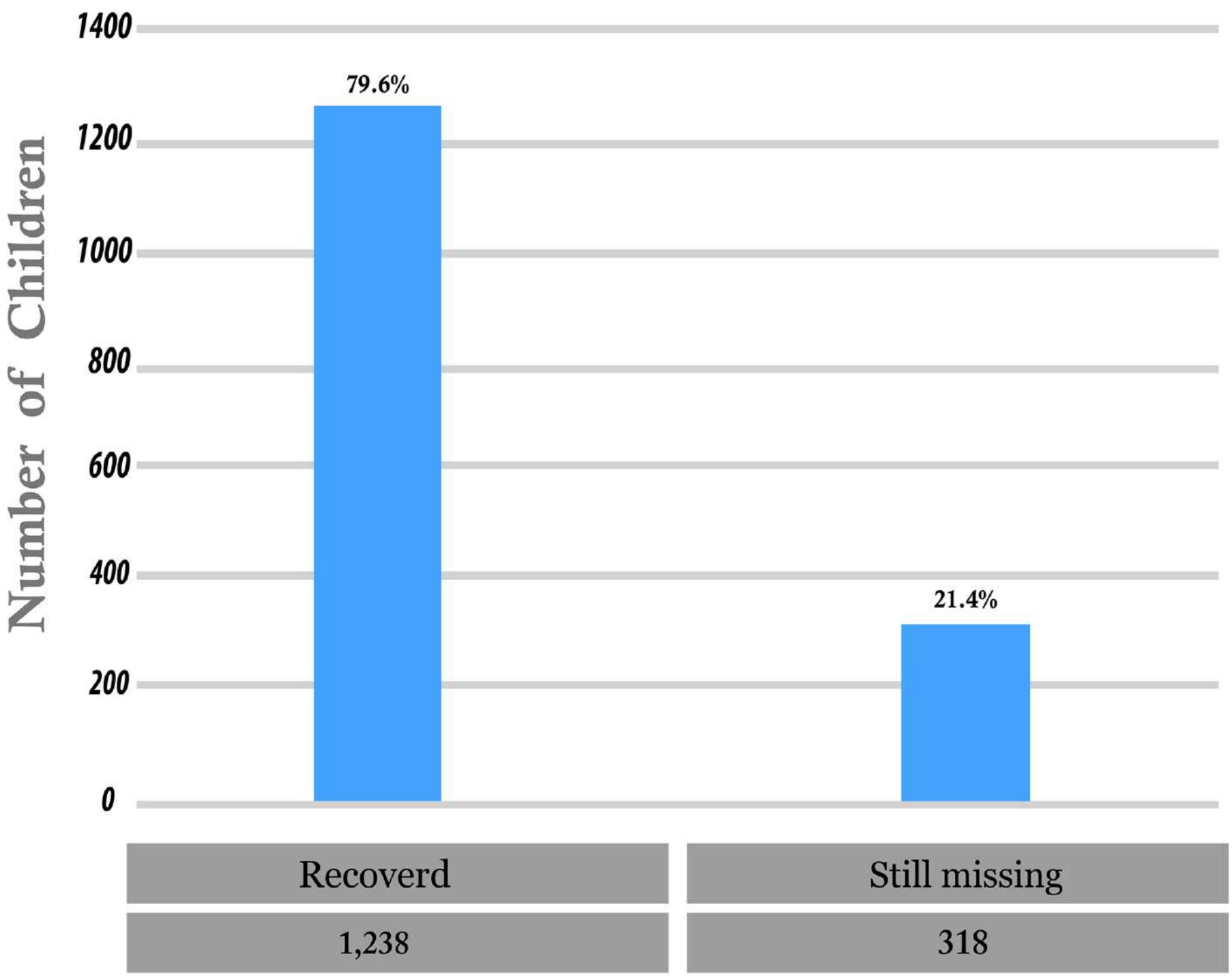
Missing children report 2022

As part of our work, we collect the most comprehensive data available on missing children cases in Pakistan, which we publish annually.

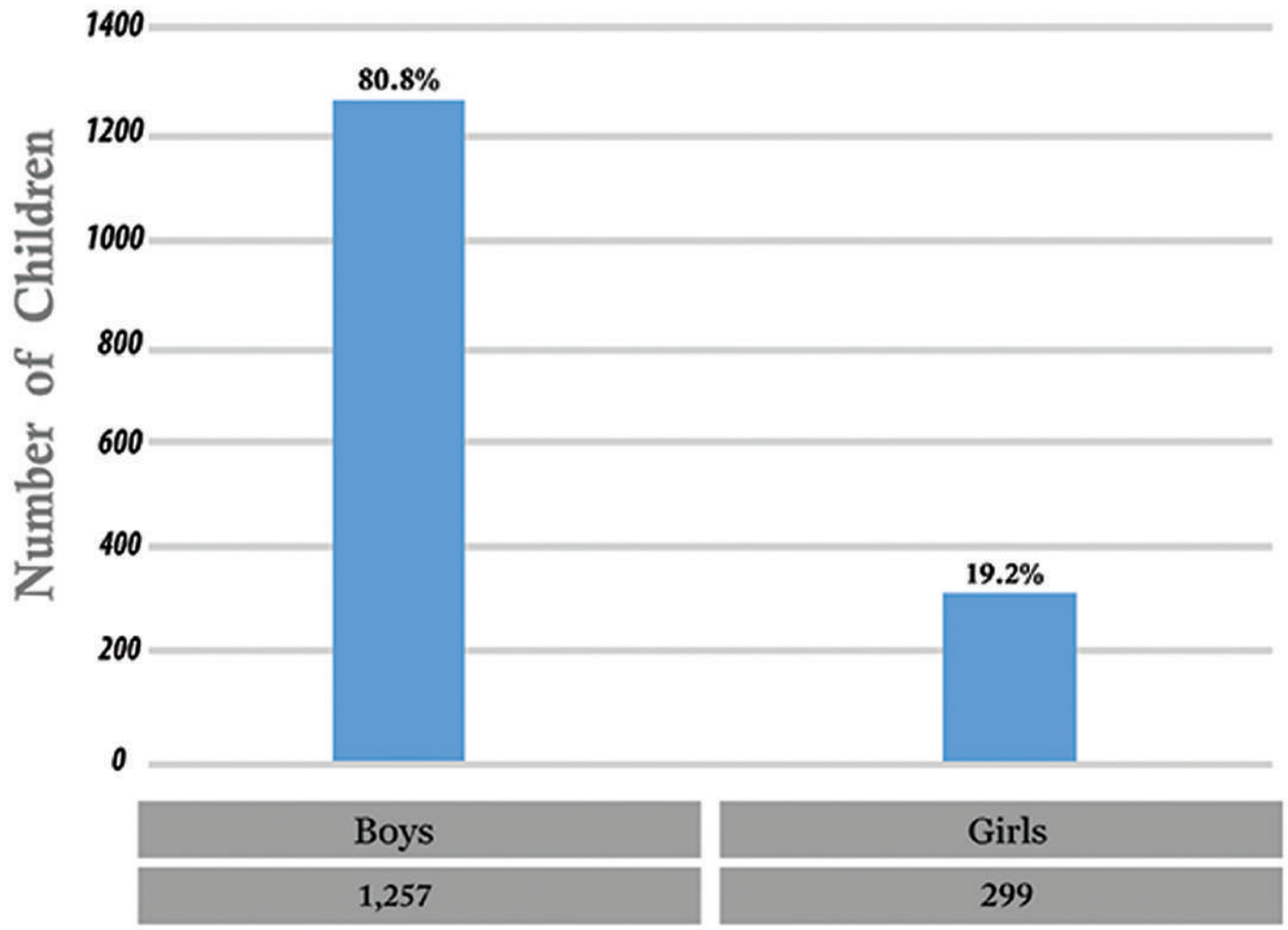
This report is based on data collected by Roshni Helpline during 2022 from across Pakistan through various sources including data provided by law enforcement agencies, child protection bureaus and other government agencies, shelter homes, partner organizations, from social media and cases reported to us on our nationwide missing children helpline 1138.

Overview of missing children cases

Out of 1,556 cases reported



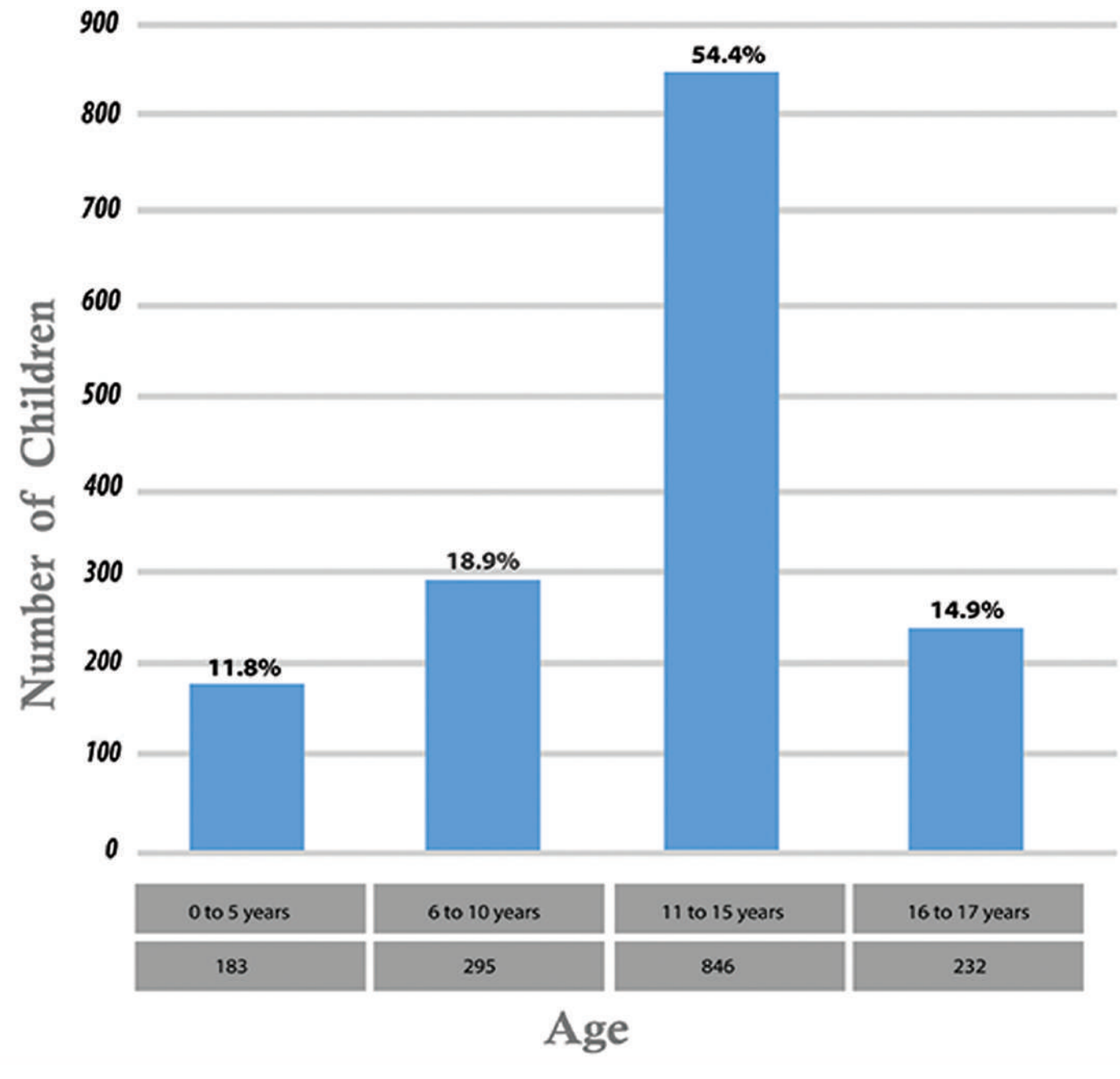
Missing children by gender



Boys	Girls
1,257	299

Gender

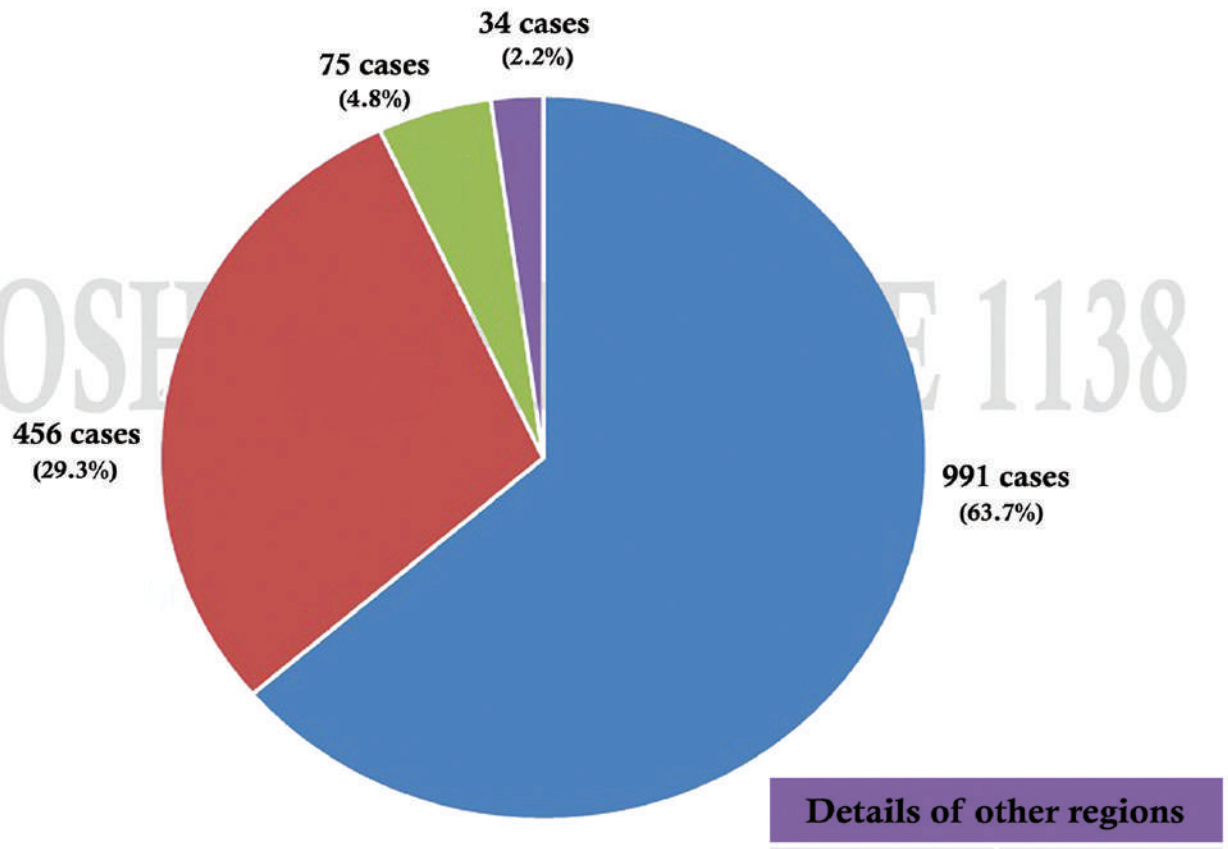
Missing children by age



0 to 5 years	6 to 10 years	11 to 15 years	16 to 17 years
183	295	846	232

Age

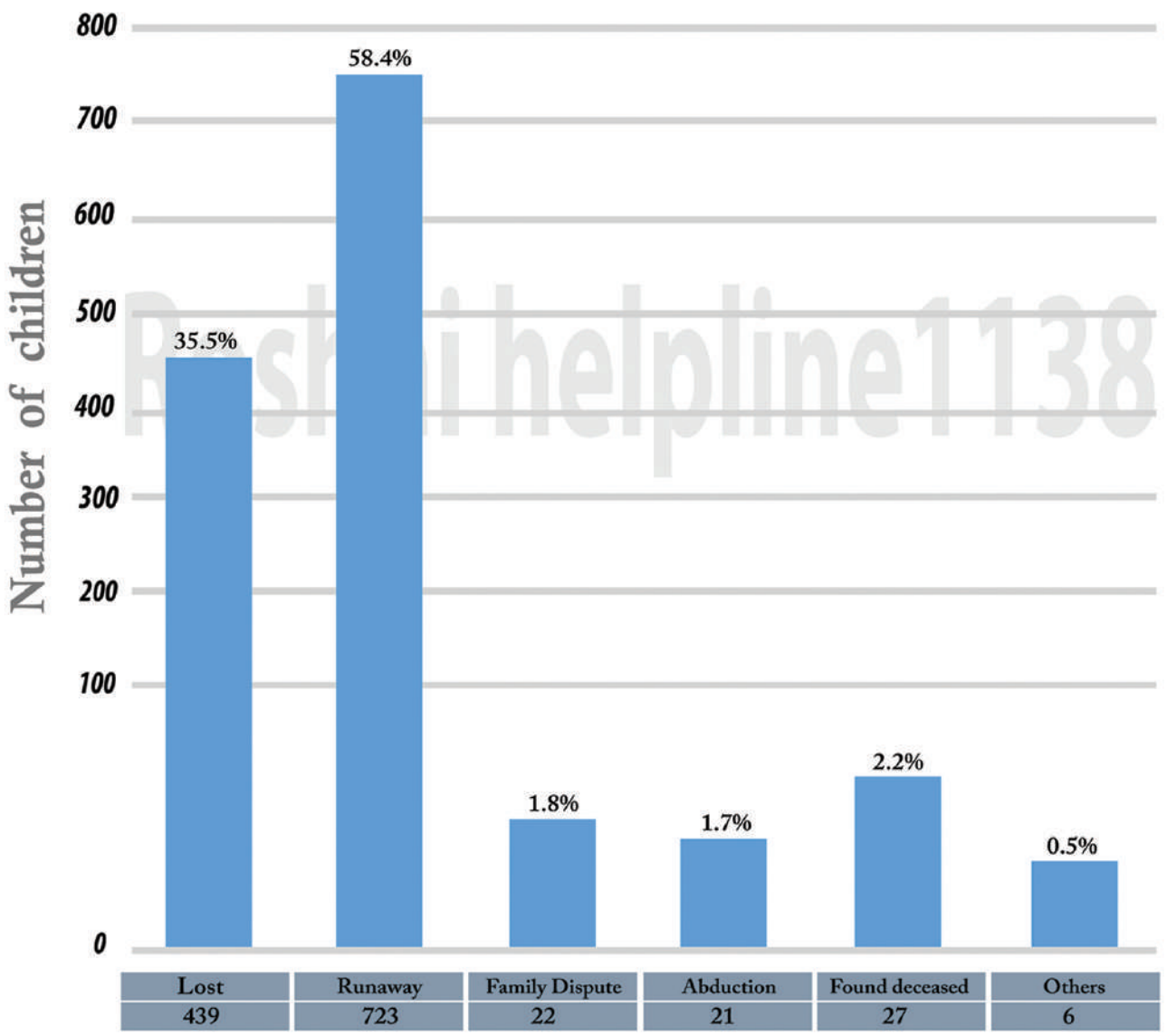
Geographical distribution of missing children cases



Details of other regions	
Balochistan	14
Islamabad	13
Gilgit	03
AJK	04

Sindh Punjab KPK Other regions

Reasons for going missing

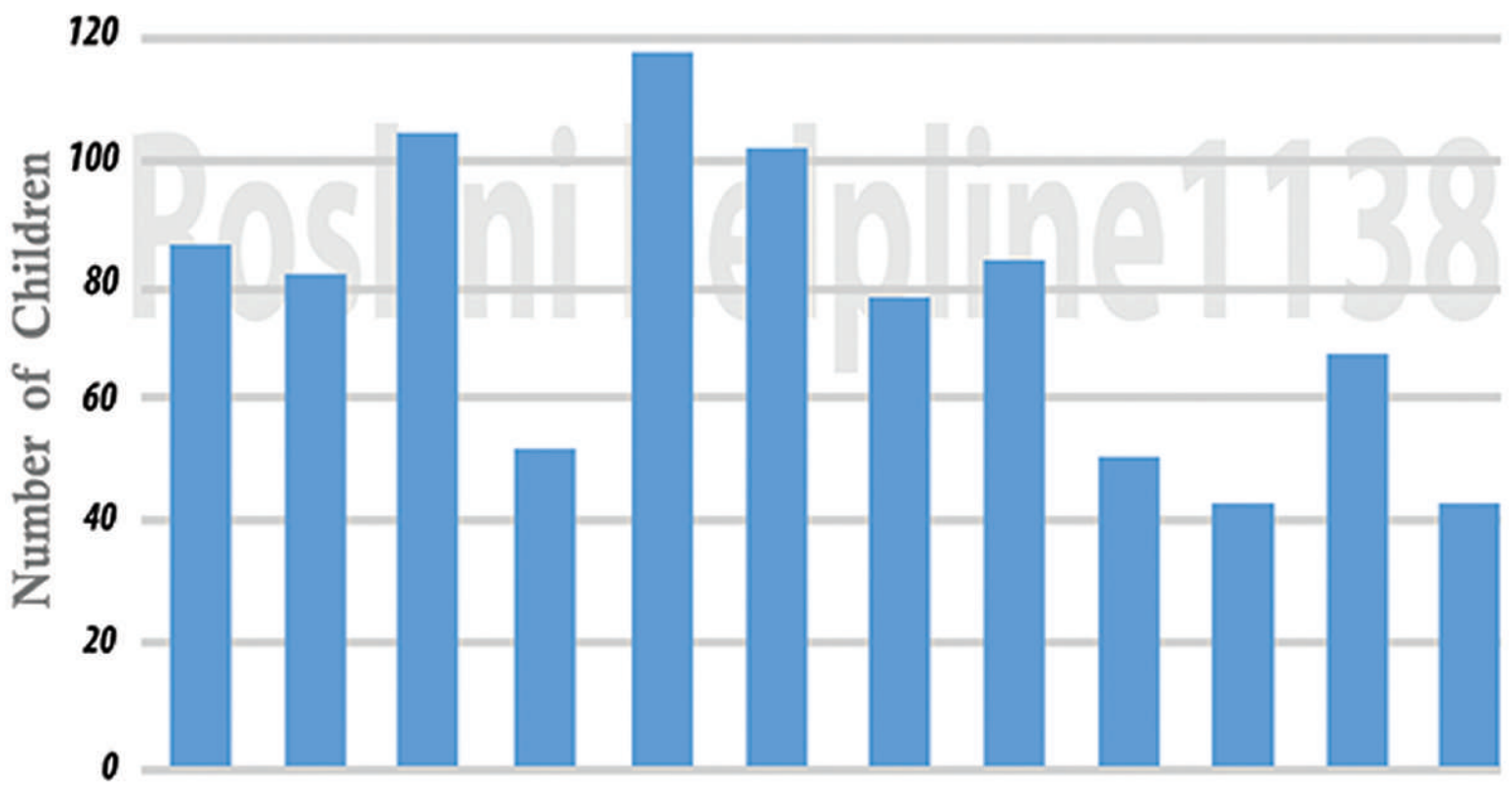


Lost	Runaway	Family Dispute	Abduction	Found deceased	Others
439	723	22	21	27	6

Reasons

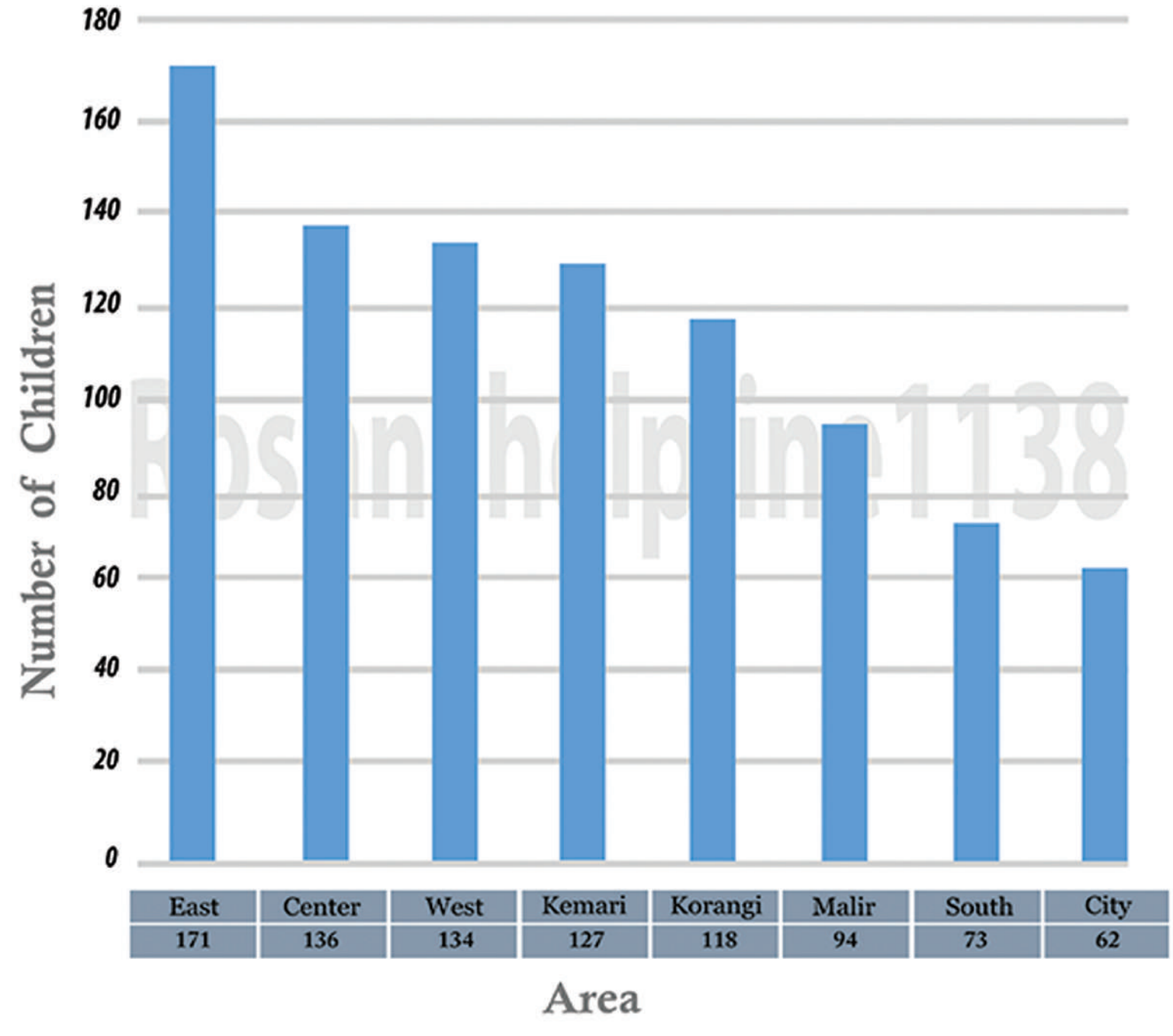
Karachi cases by month

Out of 915 cases



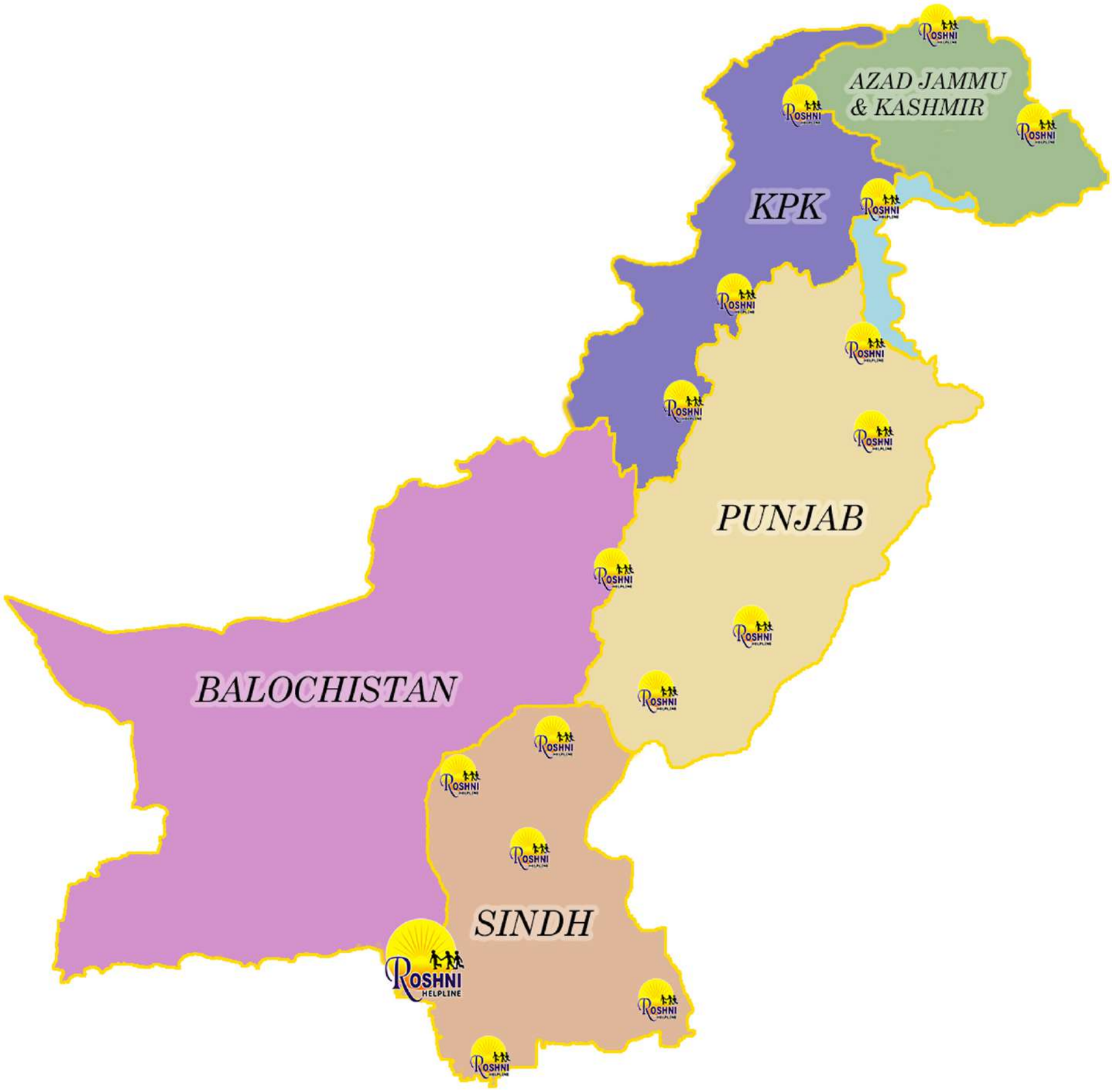
Karachi cases by area

Out of 915 cases



Nationwide Expansion

One of the biggest steps taken by Roshni Helpline in 2022 was the expansion of our services to new several regions of Pakistan. After many years of developing and perfecting our missing children search and recovery model in Karachi, we finally began our nationwide expansion. In the first phase of expansion, we focused on establishing our presence and developing our network of volunteers and partner organizations throughout interior Sindh, South Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Azad Jammu & Kashmir.



The map shows the regions covered in the first phase of expansion

Roshni on Wheels - fleet of bikes

This year also saw the launch of the Roshni on Wheels fleet of bikes, the second instalment of the Roshni on Wheels project. Our new fleet of four bikes will work together with our Roshni on Wheels mobile office van, making a formidable team of vehicles moving swiftly through the streets of Karachi at all times, searching for missing children, facilitating the children's families, engaging with police, and spreading awareness for our cause.

When a child goes missing, the first few hours are critical. Thanks to the Roshni on Wheels fleet of bikes, we will now be able to reach the family immediately, collect information and begin the search operation before it's too late. This will greatly increase the chances of finding the missing child.

Winner of K-Electric KHI Award 2022

We are very happy to announce that we won the prestigious K-Electric KHI Award 2022, which recognizes the achievements of the best civil society organizations working for the betterment of Karachi.

It is a great honor for us to win this award two years in a row! This year, we won in the category of Digital Accessibility and Financial Inclusion, for our missing children mobile application Bacha Finder.

We would like to thank K-Electric for acknowledging and supporting our work of finding missing children in Pakistan, and look forward to working together with them to keep our children safe.

Winner of NEPRA CSR Award

We were also honored with a special award by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) in the 2nd NEPRA CSR Awards. We are one of only five social welfare organizations from across Pakistan who received this prestigious award.

NEPRA's CSR Drive - Power with Prosperity is a wonderful and unique initiative launched by NEPRA Chairman Mr. Tauseef H. Farooqi to create a bridge between NEPRA licensees and Pakistan's top social welfare organizations to further the CSR activities of Pakistan's energy sector.

We would like to thank NEPRA and especially NEPRA's Chairman Mr. Tauseef H. Farooqi for recognizing and highlighting Roshni's work with missing and exploited children.

Pakistan Railways Project

Roshni Helpline and Pakistan Railways have recently initiated a joint venture to stop child trafficking through the nationwide railway network, and to raise awareness among the Pakistan Railways staff regarding issues related to missing and exploited children.

The project entails raising awareness amongst the general public regarding trafficking, building the capacity of Railways staff and as improving security measures at train stations throughout Pakistan. In the first phase of the project, we have placed awareness posters at 18 major train stations in Sindh and Punjab as well as conducted capacity building sessions with Railways staff in Karachi and Sukkur.

National Conference on Missing and Exploited Children

The National Conference on Missing and Exploited Children 2022, organized by Roshni Helpline, was held on 19 November in Karachi to mark the occasion of World Children's Day. The conference highlighted the most serious issues related to child protection in Pakistan, including an in-depth discussion on modern forms of child abuse.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was the Governor of Sindh Mr. Kamran Tissori, and also present were top officials from child protection authorities from across Pakistan, as well as senior police officers, and eminent thought leaders and stakeholders.

Police trainings, community engagement sessions, child safety workshops

During the year we conducted several training and capacity building sessions as well as community engagement sessions throughout Pakistan.

We conducted three training and capacity building sessions for police officers, one with Sindh Police in Karachi, one with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police in Dera Ismail Khan, and one with Azad Jammu and Kashmir Police in Muzaffarabad. In addition to these, we conducted two further training and capacity building sessions for Pakistan Railways staff, one of which was held in Karachi and the other in Sukkur.

We conducted ten community engagement sessions throughout Pakistan, including in Orangi and Sohrab Goth in Karachi, In Sargodha and Burewala in Punjab, as well as in Dera Ismail Khan.

We also conducted two child safety workshops for children in schools in Hyderabad and Dera Ismail Khan.

MoUs and Collaborations

We are always striving to work in close collaboration with all relevant stakeholders and this year we widened our network of partners by formalizing agreements and signing Memorandums of Understandings (MoUs) with several key institutions and organizations throughout Pakistan.

We signed an MoU and began a close collaborative partnership with Azad Jammu and Kashmir Police to build their capacity to handle missing children cases and to educate them about the recently passed Zainab Alert Response and Recovery Act (ZARRA) 2020. We also signed an MoU with the Islamic Ideology Council (IIC) to work together with them on the Jali Amil Pir (JAP) Campaign to prevent exploitation of missing children families by fraudulent faith healers.

In addition, we signed agreements with the the Burewala Press Club as well as the prominent social welfare organization Khidmat-e-Masoom Welfare Trust based in Larkana.

New FM radio show

Another wonderful development in 2022 is our new FM radio show on the issue of missing children "Gumshuda Bachon Ki Talash" which airs every week on FM 101. This show, which is a collaboration with Radio Pakistan, provides us with a great platform to reach a large audience and spread awareness about the missing children crisis, highlight the most critica l missing children cases, share our data and analysis, disseminate prevention guidelines and much more. The show has been receiving a great response and we have been getting numerous calls from listeners asking questions, reporting cases, and offering to volunteer for our cause.

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