

RESULTS OF RAPID ASSESSMENT OF AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS

REASONS WHY PEOPLE, BLIND DUE TO CATARACT, HAVE NOT BEEN OPERATED

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This report is for the survey area:

Peshawar District

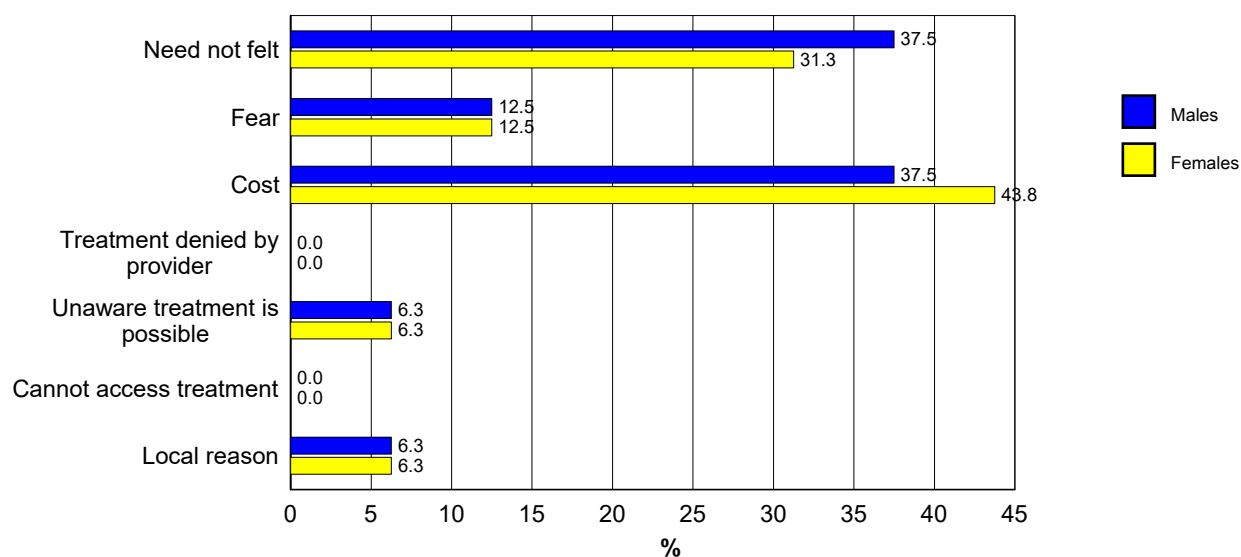
Year and month when survey was conducted:

2013- 8 until 2013- 9

RAAB is designed as a rapid procedure and there is not enough time during the RAAB to hold in-dept interviews why people blind from cataract have not yet been operated. Hence, the data on barriers should be regarded as an indication whether more detailed qualitative studies are required.

1. Barriers to cataract surgery in sample (bilateral BCVA<6/60 due to cataract)

	Males		Females		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Need not felt	6	37,5	5	31,3	11	34,4
Fear	2	12,5	2	12,5	4	12,5
Cost	6	37,5	7	43,8	13	40,6
Treatment denied by provider	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0
Unaware treatment is possible	1	6,3	1	6,3	2	6,3
Cannot access treatment	0	0,0	0	0,0	0	0,0
Local reason	1	6,3	1	6,3	2	6,3
Total	16	100.0	16	100.0	32	100.0



2. Barriers to cataract surgery in sample (unilateral BCVA<6/60 due to cataract)

	Males		Females		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Need not felt	28	35,4	23	32,4	51	34,0
Fear	11	13,9	18	25,4	29	19,3
Cost	28	35,4	19	26,8	47	31,3
Treatment denied by provider	6	7,6	6	8,5	12	8,0
Unaware treatment is possible	2	2,5	0	0,0	2	1,3
Cannot access treatment	2	2,5	0	0,0	2	1,3
Local reason	2	2,5	5	7,0	7	4,7
Total	79	100.0	71	100.0	150	100.0

