

The third cause of deforestation is the societies that have been built on barren land without obtaining approval from relevant division authority. The societies like DHA, Ettihad Town, and New Metiu City, are a few examples that are built on agriculture land. The agriculture land conversion on a massive scale leads to deforestation, because trees on farms, orchards, and shelterbelts are cleared before construction. In addition to Pakistan's forest cover is only about 4-5% of total land area, which is far below than the average of 31%. Despite having relatively low forests cover, Global Forest Watch reported that Pakistan lost 460 acres of agriculture land in 2024 alone. Due to this, people have experienced a decrease in water retention, higher flood risks, and loss of biodiversity. The development of societies have led to decrease in forests, and its impact has been seen in the recent floods of 2025, which caused billion of rupees in losses to the Pakistan.