

# The Damage Caused

Drone attacks not only kill and maim individuals and destroy property, they assault mental health, family and community life, education, economic stability and the ability of people to meet and organize.

Drones hover twenty-four hours a day over communities in northwest Pakistan, striking homes, vehicles, and public spaces without warning. Their presence terrorizes men, women and children, giving rise to anxiety and psychological trauma ...

*"Some community members shy away from gathering in groups, including important tribal dispute-resolution bodies, out of fear that they may attract the attention of drone operators. Some parents choose to keep their children home, and children injured or traumatized by strikes have dropped out of school. Waziris told our researchers that the strikes have undermined cultural and religious practices related to burial, and made families afraid to attend funerals. In addition, families who lost loved ones or their homes in drone strikes now struggle to support themselves."*

From the video „Living Under Drones“, 2012



"The numbers debate aside, one civilian death or injury is enough to dramatically alter families' lives. In Pakistan, families are often large, and their wellbeing is intricately connected among many members.



The death of one member can create long-standing instability, particularly if the breadwinner is killed.. In regions most often targeted by drones, women often have a limited earning capacity, and savings and insurance are not common, which leaves widows and orphans extremely vulnerable. Sons may drop out of school to provide for their family, and daughters may forgo education to become caretakers."

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According to a UNICEF study, almost four million children in Afghanistan are excluded from school education. According to this study, girls are particularly affected.

[www.tagesschau.de/ausland/unicef-afghanistan-101.html](http://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/unicef-afghanistan-101.html)



On September 7, 2013, Aisha lost everything a child could lose. After a US drone aimed at the pick-up of Aisha's family in Kunar, eastern Afghanistan, the fire of a Hellfire rocket broke over her. Fourteen people, most of them women and children, were killed. The then four-year-old Aisha survived, but she lost her entire family - and face - in the attack.

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