

7.1. Part of the country

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When identifying the part of the country to be considered for IPA, the decision-maker should take into account factors related to individual circumstances, including, *inter alia*, the applicant's area of origin and existing ties with the proposed area of relocation, such as previous stay or residence and/or availability of a support network, within the proposed area.

This guidance document looks into the existence of internal protection alternative, specifically in the three cities of **Islamabad**, **Lahore**, and **Karachi**, as the major urban and economic centres in Pakistan. **This is without prejudice to the possibility to assess the reasonableness of IPA in other locations in Pakistan.**

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