EDUCATION

USAID works with the Government of Pakistan and development partners to increase access to and improve the quality of basic and higher education.

Individuals make healthier, more economically advantageous life choices and are more likely to engage in their communities when they have access to quality education. The United States and the Government of Pakistan partner to provide quality basic education and market-based workforce development training and research geared toward meeting the needs of the 21st century.

Highlights:
Since fiscal year 2010, USAID built or repaired over 1,600 schools in Pakistan including 946 in the Tribal Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. While the number of students receiving US-funded scholarship to attend Pakistani institutions of higher education 18,800. Tribal Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and supported reading programs for over 1.7 million primary students.

Our Impact:
- Built or repaired 1,607 schools throughout Pakistan since 2009.
- Trained over 44,950 teachers and school administrators since 2013.
- Provided over 19,000 scholarships for talented students to attend tertiary education in Pakistan over the past nine years.
- Reached more than 1.7 million primary-level learners through reading programs.
- Built 17 Faculties of Education.

Access to Basic Education
In Pakistan, nearly 22.5 million children are out of school. Increasing access to education opportunities for out of school children is a USAID priority. USAID’s education programs provide emergency education to children displaced by military conflict, enroll new students in schools and non-formal education programs, repair and construct schools in underserved communities, and work with communities to address barriers that keep students from enrolling and staying in school.

Improved Basic Education Quality
Teachers make the biggest impact on what students learn. USAID partnered with Pakistan’s Higher Education Commission to develop two professional teaching degree programs, the Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees in Education, now offered in 110 universities and teacher training colleges across the country. Reading is the foundation of learning, earning, and critical thinking. By building a child’s reading skills at an early age, that child is more likely to succeed and ultimately stay in school. USAID has invested in training thousands of teachers on how to teach reading, developed teaching and learning materials in Urdu, Sindhi, and Pashto, established classroom libraries in thousands of schools, and encouraged schools to dedicate more classroom time for reading.

Improved Access To & Quality Of Higher Education
USAID programs help Pakistani universities increase access to and improve the quality of their degree programs. USAID provides scholarships to talented low-income and marginalized students and helps Pakistani universities improve their ability to manage financial aid programs. USAID also connects U.S. universities with experts in energy and water with Pakistani universities. USAID established research centers where Pakistani universities partner with U.S. universities to conduct joint research to develop practical and policy solutions to energy and water problems in Pakistan.

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