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## Sindh Basic Education Project

The USAID Sindh Basic Education Program supports the Government of Sindh's goal to increase and sustain student enrollment in primary, middle, and secondary schools in seven target districts of northern Sindh and five selected towns / areas of Karachi. The program aims to create school environments conducive to teaching and learning. The program funds the construction and rehabilitation of government schools affected by 2010 floods and supports the Government of Sindh's policy of merging, consolidating, and upgrading schools through new construction. The Sindh Basic Education Program also seeks to improve early grade reading and numeracy in primary and secondary schools, mobilize communities to increase girls' enrollment and improve the nutritional status of children, and offer technical assistance to build the capacity of the Sindh Department of Education.



### OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the Sindh Basic Education Program is to increase student enrollment in primary, middle, and secondary schools in seven districts of northern Sindh and in Karachi.

### MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Reconstruct up to 75 larger schools in targeted districts affected by 2010 floods
- Reconstruct up to 45 larger schools in target districts in support of the Government of Sindh's policy to merge, consolidate, and upgrade schools
- Improve early-grade reading skills of 750,000 students in grades K through 3 in targeted districts
- Provide technical assistance to the department of education and literacy, government of Sindh and build their capacity in project management, monitoring, evaluation and conducting assessments
- Mobilize communities to engage in consultations around school construction, to increase girls' enrolment, improve children's health and hygiene practices, and improve children's nutritional status and improve school management through public-private partnership



The Sindh Basic Education Project helps ensure quality basic education for children in Sindh

## RESULTS TO DATE

- Detailed architectural & structural plans for three batches of schools to be constructed in Khairpur and Sukkur has been prepared by USAID A&E firm and approved by USAID. Government of Sindh has approved the sub project PC-1 for the first two batches in District Khairpur.
- Program Management and Implementation Unit (PMIU) has issued the Letter of Acceptance of the bid of the construction contractor for the construction of first batch of 6 schools in Khairpur
- Seven batches of schools in Districts Khairpur (15), Dadu (13), Sukkur (11), Larkana (21), Kambar-Shahdadkot (31) and Kashmore (14) have been approved by Program Steering Committee of Sindh Basic Education Program after technical assessment of these schools by USAID A&E firm.
- A second exercise of pre-qualification of construction contractors is ongoing to expand the pool of the pre-qualified contractors.
- Project Management and Implementation Unit (PMIU) office established at Karachi. Program Director (PD) is appointed by Department of Education, Government of Sindh. Hiring of other staff is in process.
- All schools in seven target districts in Northern Sindh and five selected towns of Karachi have been surveyed / mapped under District School Consolidation and Planning Exercise Project by iMMAP. MIS/GIS data base and web portal have been developed.
- Sindh Community Mobilization Program awarded to International Relief and Development on August 07, 2013.
- Sindh Reading Program is under procurement and is expected to be awarded to an international firm in January 2014.