Let Girls Learn in Pakistan
U.S. Government Initiative

- Launched by First Lady Michelle Obama on October 22, 2015
- Whole-of-government approach
- Girls and young women aged 10-19
- Partnerships and resources to lift up adolescent girls in Pakistan, by:
  - Increasing Access to Quality Education
  - Reducing Barriers to Success
  - Empowering Adolescent Girls
Girls’ Education: Best Practices

- Improve the quality of education
- Ensure adolescent girls’ health needs are met at school
- Reduce the time and distance to and from school
- Provide alternative education service delivery
- Engage communities
- Support safe, adolescent girl-friendly schools
- Make schools more affordable
- Accommodate needs of female learners with disabilities
Access to Quality Education

**Sindh Basic Education Project**
- Construction of 19 schools for 9,000 girls
- Support to robust community mobilization to enroll over 10,000 girls
- Acquisition of fundamental reading skills
- Screening of over 7,000 girls for health deficiencies; distribution of vitamin/nutritional supplements; referrals to health units

**Pakistan Reading Project**
- Providing reading skills to 100,000 adolescent girls across 68 districts of Pakistan
Goal 3

Safer Schools Program

- Partnering with UNICEF to provide access to education for 15,000 girls in displaced communities
- Instructional materials and teacher training

Support to Internally Displaced Children

- Partnering with UNDP to restore access to education to 15,000 girls
- Rehabilitation of 300 schools damaged by conflict
Empowering Young Women

**Merit and Needs-Based Scholarships**
- Providing 450 university scholarships to talented yet economically disadvantaged students

**Pathways to Success**
- Paths to employment and entrepreneurship through training, scholarships, and internships

**Youth Employment**
- Building a skilled labor force for the garment and home textiles industry in Karachi
Small Grants

• Engaging Pakistani civil society, community-based, and private sector organizations

• Up to $4 million for Let Girls Learn small grants

Looking for innovative approaches to:

• Reduce local barriers to girls’ education;
• Improve equitable access to quality education;
• Build local capacity to improve girls’ education and empowerment
Thank You!