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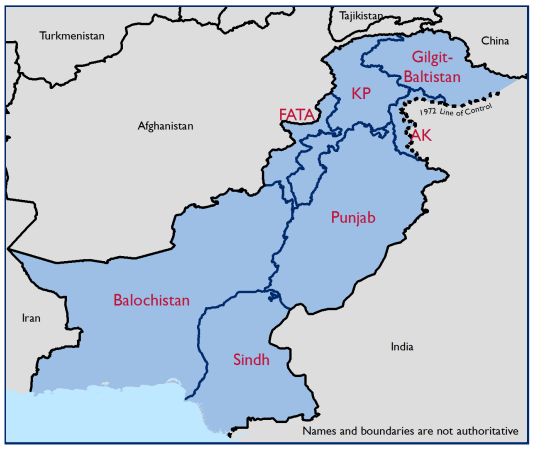
Higher Education Commission Support Program

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) Support Program is helping Pakistani society recover from humanitarian and economic crises by strengthening the country's university system. The program is not only providing budgetary support to universities in conflict-affected areas but is also making available state-of-the-art laboratory equipment to improve the quality of research and instruction in areas critical to Pakistan's economic and social development. These focus areas include: agriculture, water, energy, technology, business, and health. Scholarships for higher education are also being offered to students from conflict-affected areas who are internally displaced and unable to return home under the program .



OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the Higher Education Commission Support Program is to stabilize the higher education sector with budgetary support to universities, financing for student scholarships, and upgrade of resources for teaching and research.

Meeting

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Cash transfer to Pakistan's Higher Education Commission

RESULTS TO DATE

- More than 7,300 one-year scholarships provided to internally displaced students in crisis situations
- Financial assistance provided to 40 universities
- Laboratory equipment to improve teaching and research in engineering and agriculture provided to 21 universities