



**USAID**  
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



# **USAID/PAKISTAN**

## **EDUCATION FACT SHEET**

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

### **HIGHLIGHT**

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, higher education, and research geared toward meeting the needs of the 21st century. USAID built or repaired more than 1,600 schools in Pakistan, including 946 in the Tribal Districts of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. USAID has also worked with the Government of Pakistan to train teachers and school administrators, develop educational policies responsive to local needs, and increase community involvement in schools by actively involving families and the private sector.

### **OUR IMPACT**

- USAID has trained more than 46,000 teachers and school administrators since 2013.
- USAID has also provided approximately 19,000 scholarships for talented students to attend tertiary education in Pakistan over the past nine years.
- USAID's reading programs have reached more than 2 million primary-level learners throughout the country, and improved oral reading fluency for 26 percent of grade-two graduate students in early grade reading supported classrooms.
- In addition, USAID has built 17 faculties of education to ensure training of future teachers.

### **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 have provided emergency education to children displaced by military conflict, disseminated health and instructional materials to over 5.9 million people during school closures brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, and enrolled new students in schools and non-formal education programs. During the COVID-19 outbreak, USAID reached over 5.9 million people through various technologies such as mobile phone text messages to share reading and literacy resources, and broadcasted stories to boost literacy across radio networks, increasing awareness, engagement, and reach to a broader audience of over 8 million. USAID also works with the Government of Pakistan, private sector and community representatives 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 much more likely to succeed and ultimately stay in school. USAID has invested in training thousands of teachers on how to teach reading, developed attractive, age and grade appropriate, and instructionally sound teaching and learning materials in Urdu, Sindhi, Balochi, Brahui, and Pashto, established classroom libraries in thousands of schools, and encouraged schools to dedicate more classroom time for reading. USAID has also helped the Government pioneer the flagship public private partnership program in the form of Education Management Organizations (EMOs) to work with reputable private sector organizations to improve the operations of public schools and enhance students' learning achievements. To date, the government has handed over 139 schools with 64,000 students to seven EMOs in Sindh.

## **IMPROVED ACCESS TO & QUALITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

USAID programs help Pakistani universities increase access to and improve the quality of their degree programs. USAID has provided scholarships to talented low-income and marginalized students and we help Pakistani universities improve their ability to manage financial aid programs. To enhance the quality of higher education programs and research, USAID has also connected experts in energy and water at U.S. universities with Pakistani universities. USAID also has established advanced research centers and laboratories where Pakistani universities partner with the U.S. universities to conduct joint research to develop practical and policy solutions to energy and water problems in Pakistan.