June 2016

# EDUCATION

**The United States Government through USAID is helping millions of Pakistani children and young adults rise as far as their hard work and initiative will take them. The United States and Pakistan place a priority on ensuring Pakistan has an educated population prepared for the 21st century workforce.**

## Our Impact:

- **Over the past six years, USAID built or repaired over 1,000 schools across Pakistan.**
- **In the past three years, USAID trained 20,500 teachers and school administrators.**
- **Since October 2009, USAID has provided more than 15,400 scholarships, which include 7,354 for temporarily displaced students, to attend Pakistani institutions of higher education.**

## Improving Basic Education

Literacy is the foundation of learning. Since 2013, the United States has improved Pakistani children's reading skills by providing reading instructional materials to classrooms, training thousands of teachers in new reading instruction techniques, and encouraging schools to dedicate more classroom time for reading. USAID is also investing in teachers by building or repairing 17 Faculty of Education buildings across Pakistan and providing over 3,100 scholarships (under Pakistan Reading Project) so teachers can earn their education degrees.

## Increasing Access to Basic Education

Every child deserves a high-quality education. USAID is building schools in underserved communities like Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. The United States believes societies thrive when girls and boys, regardless of origins or personal circumstances, have equal opportunity for education. USAID supports efforts nationwide to address barriers that keep students from enrolling and staying in school, and is providing emergency education to communities displaced by natural disasters and violent conflict.

## Cultivating a Culture of Higher Education

USAID and the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan established the Merit and Needs Based Scholarship Program for deserving, but financially constrained students who could not otherwise afford to earn their degrees.

To strengthen a culture of applied research, USAID launched the U.S. Pakistan Centers for Advanced Studies (USPCAS) in 2015. USPCAS connects three U.S. universities with expertise in energy, agriculture, and water with four Pakistani universities to modernize curricula, conduct joint research, and foster student and faculty exchanges.

USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

www.usaid.gov/pakistan