

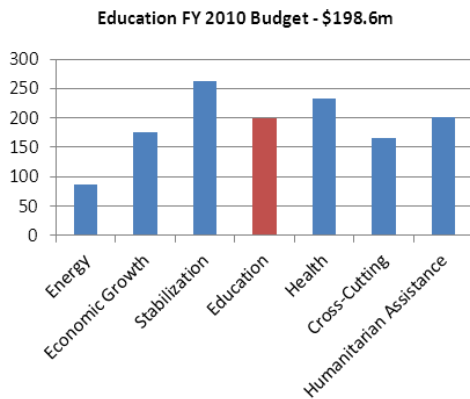


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Education Program



Although education is a top priority for families in Pakistan, about 20 million school-age children do not receive a basic education. The U.S. Government, through USAID, is helping ensure that Pakistan's children have access to a quality basic education as well as generous opportunities for higher education. Current projects focus on supporting teacher education, expanding the use of technology in the classroom, providing training to administrators in budgeting and finance, providing scholarships, and rehabilitating and reconstructing schools.

Objectives

- Renovate and reconstruct schools
- Increase access to education and improve the quality of teaching
- Provide grants and scholarship for exchanges, research, and higher education
- Foster links between U.S. and Pakistani academic institutions.

Current Projects

Links to Learning Project

This initiative funds the renovation of schools in flood-affected areas, exchange programs for students and teachers in the United States, teacher in-service training programs, student learning camps, and the training of education officials in budget and data-based decision-making.



Children's Television Project

This project will develop basic literacy and numeracy skills with entertaining and culturally inclusive TV, radio, and website programs. The programs will target young children and their caregivers and are offered in Urdu and four regional languages.



Pakistani students visit Washington through the Link to Learning project

Fulbright Scholarships

The Fulbright program in Pakistan is the largest in the world. It offers exceptional Pakistani students and scholars the opportunity to pursue Master's and Ph.D. degrees and conduct post-doctoral research at U.S. universities.



Teacher Education Project

USAID is helping improve teacher education programs by institutionalizing pre-service teacher education and training. USAID is strengthening teacher training curricula and institutions to help teachers meet new accreditation standards.



Teachers practice a science exercise as part of the Teacher Education project



Higher Education Commission Support

USAID is providing co-financing support to 21 leading universities and women's institutions so they can upgrade laboratory equipment and teaching materials for the study of agriculture, engineering, energy, technology, and hydrology.



Merit and Needs-Based Scholarships

The program offers competitive, meritorious grants to students for study in agriculture, business, engineering, and the social sciences at the undergraduate and graduate level at 11 universities in Pakistan. More than 1,800 Pakistani citizens have already benefitted from this program.



U.S.-Pakistan Science and Technology Cooperative Program

Research grants support collaboration between Pakistani and U.S. scientists, engineers, and healthcare specialists.

Key Accomplishments, 2010

- Provided Fulbright scholarships to 378 Master's and Ph.D. students to study at U.S. universities
- Supported the restoration, furnishing, and equipping of 150 schools and the training of more than 600 teachers in Malakand Division of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- Provided support to the Government of Pakistan for two new academic degree programs in education, piloted by 16 institutions
- Provided more than 400 new scholarships to disadvantaged students for university study