U.S. Government
Assistance to Pakistan

# Education

## The United States funds comprehensive education programs that will help millions of Pakistani children unlock their full potential.

Education is the key to future prosperity and economic growth. Pakistan needs a workforce with the knowledge and skills to compete in today's global marketplace.

Millions of school-age children in Pakistan do not receive a basic education, leading to a literacy rate lower than the regional average, according to UNESCO. Many schools are in disrepair, and many teachers need training. In addition, Pakistanis at all income levels need better access to higher education.

The United States and the Government of Pakistan are working toward a brighter future for the people of Pakistan. Unlocking every child's full potential with a quality education is one of our top assistance priorities. Together, we are carrying out comprehensive education programs that help millions of Pakistan's children and young people rise as far as their hard work and initiative will take them.

## Helping 3.2 million children learn to read:

Our goal is to help 3.2 million children read at or above their grade level over the next five years. We are working with the Government of Pakistan to create two and four year accredited degree programs at 90 teacher colleges and universities. More than 2,600 future teachers are currently enrolled in these programs, and we have awarded 1,900 scholarships to talented young Pakistanis throughout the country.

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Key U.S. Projects:

- Building or rehabilitating nearly 800 schools
- Launching new degree programs in education at 90 teacher colleges and universities
- Providing university scholarships for 12,000 students to study in Pakistan
- Operating the largest Fulbright academic exchange program in the world

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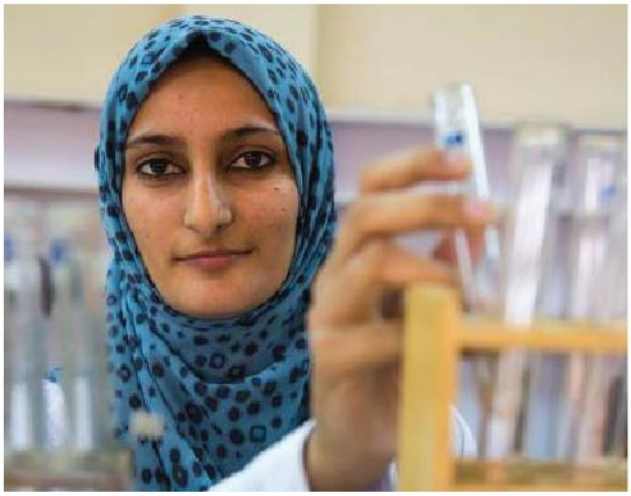
## Increasing access to higher education:

In Pakistan, the United States funds the largest Fulbright academic exchange program in the world. Almost 900 Pakistani students have studied in American universities in the past five years in fields such as agriculture, business, science and math. Additionally, more than 10,600 low-income students have attended college at home in Pakistan as a result of U.S. funded scholarships. These programs equip the next generation of Pakistani leaders with the knowledge and skills they need to compete in the global economy.

Together with the Government of Pakistan, the United States is establishing Centers for Advanced Studies at three Pakistani universities. These universities will partner with American universities and focus on applied research in agriculture, energy, and water.



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## Training teachers:

To support teachers, the United States has provided more than 1,000 scholarships for them to obtain high-quality training and certifications. We are also helping to build six new training facilities for teachers at Pakistani universities, with ten more to come.

*Information as of March 31, 2013*

## Building schools:

We are building or rehabilitating 800 schools, benefitting 62,000 school children, particularly girls.

*Nearly 62,000 Pakistani school children learn in new or rebuilt schools*

## Expanding English skills:

English has become the common language of trade and education throughout the world. More than 5,000 low income children are learning English with U.S. assistance, and we will expand that opportunity to 10,000 children. We also train teachers of English to enable even more students to compete for good jobs and admission to higher education.

## Expanding understanding through exchanges:

Hundreds of Pakistani high school students have spent a year living, studying, and learning in the United States since 2004. By the summer of 2013, more than 800 undergraduate students will have spent a semester at an American university as a result of U.S. assistance.

To learn more about many other U.S.-Pakistan initiatives that are making a positive impact on the lives of Pakistanis – in energy, economic growth, and health – please visit http://transition.usaid.gov/pk/ or e-mail us at uspakassistance@state.gov.