



FACT SHEET

Links to Learning: Education Support (ED-LINKS)

This USAID project works with federal and provincial education ministries in Sindh, Balochistan, FATA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Islamabad to improve the quality of middle and secondary education.

ED-LINKS focuses on four core school subjects (English, science, math, and computer literacy) where student performance is poor. The project trains teachers, school managers, and district education officials; renovates schools; supports parent-teacher committees; and helps ensure that district examinations conform to the new curriculum. Ed-LINKS benefits internally displaced people (IDPs) in FATA and KP, and rehabilitates and restocks 400 flood-affected schools in Malakand, Balochistan, and Sindh. When the project ends in June 2012, students and teachers from 1,700 schools will have benefitted from it.



Girls in flood and conflict-affected areas of Malakand enjoy being able to go to school again. Photo: USAID

Achievements

- 1.1 million students at 1,300 schools benefitted
- 5,000 middle and secondary school teachers trained
- 1,500 education managers trained
- 600-plus trainers from teacher training institutes trained
- 101 students and 44 teachers trained in the United States
- 35,000 students attended IT and science camps and clubs and received school supplies
- 23,000 children received schooling in 27 IDP camps in FATA and KP
- enrollment increased by 14% in FATA schools supported by ED-LINKS
- 12,000 IDP families of FATA and KP received school supplies
- 200 schools in FATA and Malakand renovated and furnished
- 500-plus computers provided to schools
- 88 science labs improved at schools and teacher training institutes

Photographs of schools supported by ED-LINKS



ED-LINKS set up tent schools in 27 IDP camps and provided essential supplies for 23,000 students (including books, sweaters, gloves, and shoes) to survive winter and continue education. Photo: AIR



ED-LINKS helped renovate, furnish, and equip hundreds of schools that were damaged by floods and conflicts in FATA and Malakand. Teachers were trained to use innovative methods to teach science, IT, English, and math. Photo: AIR



To increase the availability of female teachers in FATA, ED-LINKS renovated and equipped a female teacher college in Jamrud, Khyber Agency of FATA. The college headmistress has informed the project that during the recent exams, all students improved their scores due to improved teaching methodologies and other support provided by ED-LINKS. Photo: AIR