

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Pakistan
<b>Program Title:</b>	Primary Education and Literacy
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	391-003
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$19,183,000 DA; \$45,207,000 ESF
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:</b>	\$18,993,000 DA; \$41,827,000 ESF
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2002
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2007

**Summary:** USAID's education program in Pakistan provides the training, technical assistance, and infrastructure needed to enable appropriate government officials, citizens, and the private sector to deliver and maintain high quality education throughout Pakistan. The program improves classroom instruction in government schools in Pakistan's most impoverished areas -- selected districts in Sindh and Balochistan provinces, the Islamabad Federal Territory, and in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) that border Afghanistan. USAID makes higher education more accessible to poor students by providing need-based scholarships to Pakistani universities. USAID also provides funding to the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan, through the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, to administer Fulbright scholarships for deserving candidates to study in the United States. Current USAID initiatives include support to the Government of Pakistan's (GOP) education reform strategy to develop strong policies and planning; conduct a national education census; increase the capacity of teachers and education administrators; improve youth and adult literacy; expand public-private partnerships to improve access to and the delivery of education services; and encourage teaching methods that are child-centered, interactive and promote critical thinking skills among students and draw families into the life of the school community.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2006 Program:

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education (\$18,745,000 DA; \$25,382,000 ESF). USAID is focusing on capacity building and support for systemic education sector reform at the national, provincial, and district levels in FY 2006. The program is developing and implementing School Improvement Plans in nine target districts in rural areas of Balochistan and Sindh provinces that will benefit 3,135 schools. USAID is continuing to construct 44 buildings under the FATA school reconstruction and rehabilitation program, although security issues may cause delays in some areas. Through the United Nations Children's Fund, USAID is beginning a water and sanitation program in 190 girls' schools. USAID is helping the GOP develop national policies for information communications technology, teacher training, and early childhood education; training 8,000 teachers and administrators; and supporting the Ministry of Education's census, the data from which will contribute to the USAID-funded Integrated Management Information System. Principal Implementers: Research Triangle Institute, Academy for Educational Development (AED), Children's Resources International, Aga Khan Foundation, United Nations Educational and Scientific Cultural Organization, and Associates in Development.

Improve Quality of Workforce through Vocational and Technical Education (\$239,000 DA; \$526,000 ESF). USAID is increasing assistance to Pakistani industry through new activities to develop a more skilled workforce. USAID technical assistance, in collaboration with the government and academia, is helping industry to identify potential opportunities and implementation mechanisms for workforce training and job placement. Principal Implementers: United States Educational Foundation, the GOP's Higher Education Commission, Aga Khan University, and Forman Christian College.

Increase Capacity of Higher Education to Contribute to Development (\$199,000 DA; \$19,299,000 ESF). To increase the capacity of higher education institutions and expand the human capital base in Pakistan, USAID is providing 550 merit-based scholarships for Pakistanis to study business and agriculture in their

country's leading universities. Professors from U.S. universities are providing technical assistance to improve the capacity of local training providers. Through the United States Educational Foundation of Pakistan, USAID is providing 126 scholarships to fund Pakistanis obtaining Master's and Ph.D. Degrees in the United States. USAID is continuing to support the establishment of an independent examination board for university aspirants, renovate a recently denationalized college to make it a center of academic excellence, and explore ways to increase opportunities for higher education for women. Principal Implementers: United States Educational Foundation, the GOP's Higher Education Commission, Aga Khan University, and Forman Christian College.

**FY 2007 Program:**

Achieve Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education (\$18,223,000 DA; \$20,033,000 ESF). USAID will continue to support the GOP's Education Sector Reform Program with more integrated technical assistance at the federal, provincial, and district levels. USAID will sponsor the Teacher Accreditation program of the Higher Education Commission as well as the Teacher Training Blueprint and continue to promote pre- and in-service teacher training, emphasizing child-centered methodologies. USAID will support the GOP's Adult Literacy Program through technical assistance. The School Improvement Grant program will continue. USAID will ensure that the examination system is sustainable and continue with FATA school construction and teacher training programs. Principal Implementers: Research Triangle Institute, AED, and Children's Resources International Pakistan.

Improve Quality of Workforce through Vocational/Technical Education (\$500,000 DA; \$495,000 ESF). USAID will further invest in the workforce development component and work with the GOP to improve its business environment. Principal Implementers: Nathan Associates, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and U.S. Department of Commerce.

Increase Capacity of Higher Education to Contribute to Development (\$270,000 DA; \$21,299,000 ESF). USAID will continue to provide both Pakistan and U.S.-based scholarships for Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. students through the in-country scholarship program and the Fulbright Commission. USAID will improve access to higher education for women by supporting women's universities. Principal Implementers: United States Educational Foundation, the GOP's Higher Education Commission, Aga Khan University, and Forman Christian College.

**Performance and Results:** USAID has trained 16,770 teachers and administrators. USAID continues to construct 44 sites under the FATA school reconstruction and rehabilitation program, although security issues cause construction delays in some areas. Another group of 63 teacher-educators completed a short-term intensive program in teaching mathematics, science, and English as a Second Language, while 172 teacher trainers are undergoing a comprehensive follow-up program. At the request of the Pakistani Ministry of Education, and in order to build the expertise of local training providers, the programs will now focus on in-country teacher training. Professors from U.S. universities will work with in-country training providers to build their capacity to impart teacher training in Pakistan. In 2005, ninety-two students departed for the U.S. under the USAID-supported Fulbright program, and 292 students enrolled in various universities in Pakistan for Bachelor's and Master's Degrees.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Pakistan

	DA	ESF
391-003 Primary Education and Literacy		
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	59,500	5,566
Expenditures	44,627	5,566
Unliquidated	14,873	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	20,573	46,100
Expenditures	50	15,000
<b>Through September 30, 2005</b>		
Obligations	80,073	51,666
Expenditures	44,677	20,566
Unliquidated	35,396	31,100
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	19,183	45,207
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006</b>		
Obligations	19,183	45,207
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA</b>		
Obligations	18,993	41,827
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	118,249	138,700