



Let Girls Learn in Pakistan



U.S. Government **Initiative**

- Launched by First Lady Michelle Obama on October 22, 2015
- Whole-of-government approach
- Girls and young women aged 10-19
- Partnerships and resources to lift up adolescent girls in Pakistan, by:

Increasing Access to Quality **Education**

Barriers to

Empowering Adolescent Girls



Girls' Education: Best Practices

Improve the quality of education

Ensure adolescent girls' health needs are met at school

Reduce the time and distance to and from school

Provide alternative education service delivery

Engage communities

Support safe, adolescent girl-friendly schools

Make schools more affordable

Accommodate needs of female learners with disabilities



Access to Quality Education

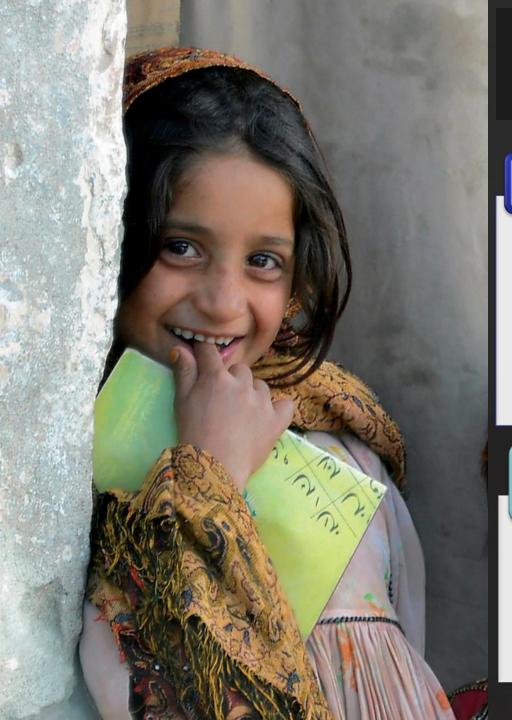


Sindh Basic Education Project

- Construction of 19 schools for 9,000 girls
- Support to robust community mobilization to enroll over 10,000 girls
- Acquisition of fundamental reading skills
- Screening of over 7,000 girls for health deficiencies; distribution of vitamin/ nutritional supplements; referrals to health units

Pakistan Reading Project

 Providing reading skills to 100,000 adolescent girls across 68 districts of Pakistan





Goal 3

Safer Schools Program

- Partnering with UNICEF to provide access to education for 15,000 girls in displaced communities
- Instructional materials and teacher training

Support to Internally Displaced Children

- Partnering with UNDP to restore access to education to 15,000 girls
- Rehabilitation of 300 schools damaged by conflict

Empowering Young Women

Merit and Needs-Based Scholarships

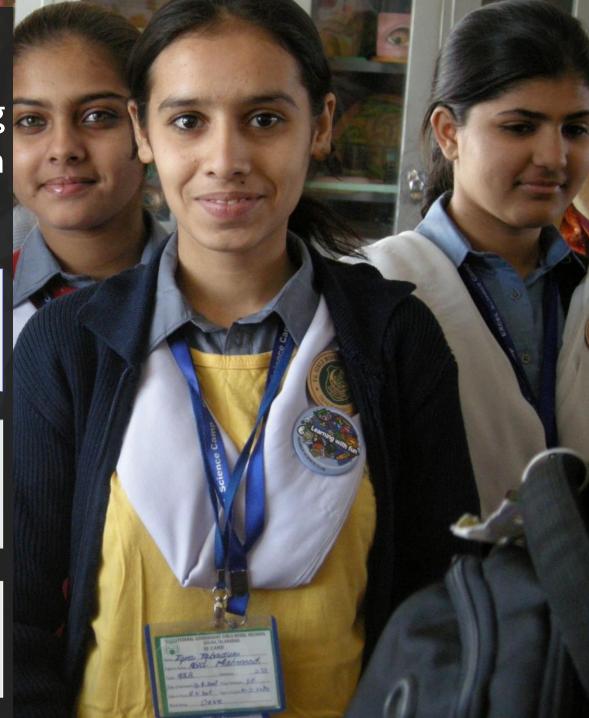
 Providing 450 university scholarships to talented yet economically disadvantaged students

Pathways to Success

 Paths to employment and entrepreneurship through training, scholarships, and internships

Youth Employment

 Building a skilled labor force for the garment and home textiles industry in Karachi





Small Grants

- Engaging Pakistani civil society, communitybased, and private sector organizations
- Up to \$4 million for Let Girls Learn small grants

Looking for innovative approaches to:

- Reduce local barriers to girls' education;
- Improve equitable access to quality education;
- Build local capacity to improve girls' education and empowerment







Thank You!