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Let Girls Learn in Pakistan



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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

Reducing
Barriers to
Success

Empowering
Adolescent
Girls



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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



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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



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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

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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, community-based, 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





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Thank You!