



# DFID in Pakistan

## Winter Update 2014/15

### UK Development Results

Results for 2011-2015 thanks to UK aid from the British people. All figures sourced from Operational Plan December 2014 or more recent sources.

**In 2013-14, DFID's programme was £253 million.**

#### EDUCATION

**400,000 girls** have received stipends to help them go to school since 2009.

**36,000 classrooms** will be constructed in Punjab and Khyber Paktunkhwa and **90,000 teachers** trained.

#### GIRLS AND WOMEN

**10,000 community midwives** have been trained and **over 70 midwife schools** constructed or renovated since 2009.

**35,000 women** victims of violence have received counselling and legal aid.

**555,750 women from the poorest families** will receive financial support to buy food and medicine, and to help send their children to school.

#### JOBS AND GROWTH

**1.23 million people** will access microfinance loans to establish their own small businesses by end 2015.

**Over 40,000 people** will receive training in new marketable skills by end 2015.

**3 million people** will be able to access financial services from their mobile phones by end 2015.

#### HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

**2.7 million people** have received assistance since the devastating floods in 2010. This included emergency lifesaving aid; provision of flood-resistant homes; seeds; and livestock.



Richard Montgomery, Head of DFID Pakistan, with students of Bahria University Islamabad after a discussion on post-2015 development goals.  
Photo: Aakash Ashraf

### COUNTRY CONTEXT

**Entrenched poverty denies opportunities**, and undermines Pakistan's long-term stability and prosperity.

**Population - 185 million.** By 2050 the population is expected to increase by half.

**Approximately 36% of people live on 30p a day or less.**

**One in 11 children die** before their fifth birthday.

**12,000 women die in childbirth** each year.

**12 million of the world's out-of-school children** - live in Pakistan.

### NEWS

#### August 2014

Discussions on the post-2015 development agenda - a great opportunity for the UK and Pakistan to work together on Pakistan's own future development and also contribute to the international debate on a new framework for sustainable development goals.

#### September 2014

HMRC provided technical assistance to the Pakistan Federal Board of Revenue to help them increase tax revenue collection.

#### October 2014

DFID holds discussions on post-2015 development agenda with university students in Islamabad.

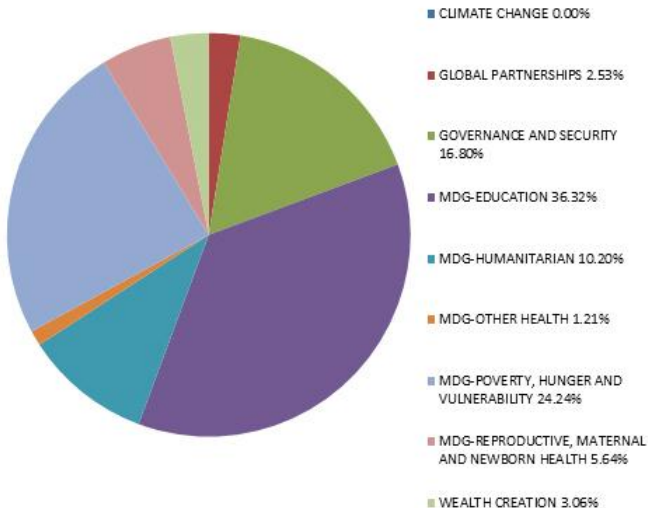
#### November 2014

Punjab Skills Development Fund (PSDF) launched third round of its training schemes to train more than 24,000 individuals.

Increasing access to affordable and safe digital financial services working with the Gates Foundation.

## WHERE UK AID MONEY GOES

### Pakistan programmes by sector 2013-14 Total Spend £253.1m



## DFID's APPROACH

DFID aims to support a stable and prosperous Pakistan at peace with its neighbours. The driving principle of our partnership with the government of Pakistan is to catalyse reform and spending in the areas of: peace building and stability; democratic reform; promoting macroeconomic stability, growth and jobs; and effective delivery of public services. By helping to promote stability and tackle poverty, these priorities support wider national security objectives for Pakistan, the region and the UK.

As part of the UK cross-government team, we work with the government of Pakistan to strengthen its systems and financial management, so public services are delivered more effectively. Ultimately Pakistan will not need to depend on aid. We also work with other partners, such as non-governmental organisations and the private sector, to deliver our programmes.



Jehan Iqbal Photo: World Bank/MDTF

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA) have consistently been among the poorest regions in Pakistan. The worsening of the security situation and subsequent crisis in 2009 displaced an estimated 2 million people and caused massive damage to infrastructure and livelihoods.

Grants provided through the Multi-Donor Trust Fund's (MDTF) Economic Revitalisation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA project help small and medium enterprises affected by the crisis in the region. The UK is the largest contributor to the MDTF. This will help create new jobs and restore the livelihoods of those who lost their jobs during the crisis – and help improve the overall business environment.

Jehan Iqbal from Bari Bandi, Mingora in Swat set up Iqbal Brothers Silk Mill in 2005. As the security situation in Swat deteriorated towards the end of 2006, an attack nearby damaged the factory's roof, which collapsed onto the equipment inside.

When Jehan returned to the area 3 years later, his factory's structure including all the equipment inside, had been completely destroyed. In his desperation, Jehan sought help from the MDTF. After receiving the first installment of the grant, Jehan carried out minor repair work, paid a year's rent in advance and bought new machines.

*"These initiatives not only help business owners like me to get back on their feet, but also contribute towards overcoming rising unemployment, which in the long run would help promote peace and security in the area."*

## MORE INFORMATION

The UK coalition government believes that international development is not just the right thing to do, but the smart thing to do. It is in all our interests for countries around the world to be stable and secure, to have educated and healthy populations and to have growing economies. We're ending the need for aid by creating jobs, unlocking the potential of girls and women and leading the global effort to help save lives when humanitarian emergencies hit.

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