

Newsletter on UK aid to Pakistan – Issue No.1

Welcome to the newsletter of the Department for International Development (DFID) - the government department leading the UK's fight against global poverty.

ادارہ برائے بین الاقوامی ترقی (DFID) کے نیوز لیٹر کی جانب سے خوش آمدید! حکومت کا یہ محکمہ عالمی غربت کے خلاف برطانیہ کی جنگ کی قیادت کر رہا ہے

This six monthly newsletter is designed to keep those in the UK with an interest in and affection for Pakistan informed of the work we are doing in support of the Government of Pakistan to build a better future for the poorest.

This first edition gives an overview of the poverty challenge, and what DFID is doing to help.

DFID in Pakistan

The Department for International Development's assistance to Pakistan is defined by a ten year agreement signed in November 2006 by the then Prime Ministers of the UK and Pakistan, helping to reduce poverty, and improve the way public money is managed.

Pakistan has made good progress towards making life better for the poorest in society. Despite this, great challenges remain.

The UK wants to help Pakistan achieve its vision of becoming a fairer, more stable place for all sections of society. We have been helping to tackle poverty in Pakistan for many years and a new, democratically elected Government presents a great opportunity to make further progress.

DFID support for the 2008 elections contributed to strengthening the electoral system and processes, securing a competitive election outcome.

ادارہ برائے بین الاقوامی ترقی پاکستان میں

ادارہ برائے بین الاقوامی ترقی (DFID) کی پاکستان کے لئے امداد کا تعین ایک دس سالہ معاہدے کے تحت کیا گیا ہے جس پر نومبر 2006 میں اس وقت کے برطانوی اور پاکستانی وزرائے اعظم نے دستخط کئے تھے، یہ معاہدہ غربت میں کمی اور عوامی رفہوم کے استعمال کو بہتر بنانے میں معاونت کے لئے ہے۔

معاشرے کے غریب ترین افراد کی زندگی بہتر بنانے میں پاکستان نے اچھی پیش رفت کی ہے، جو کسی حد تک مضبوط اقتصادی شرح ترقی کی مربون منت ہے۔ اس کے باوجود بڑے چیلنج ابھی باقی ہیں۔ پاکستان میں ہر چار میں سے ایک شخص غربت کی قومی سطح سے نیچے زندگی گزار رہا ہے۔

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پاکستان اپنے معاشرے کے تمام گروپوں کے لئے ایک زیادہ منصفانہ اور مستحکم تر ملک بننے کا تصور رکھتا ہے اور اس کے حصول میں ہر طائفہ اس کی مدد کرنے کا خواہشمند ہے۔ ہم کئی برس سے پاکستان کو غربت سے نمٹنے میں مدد دیتے آئے ہیں اور مزید پیش رفت کے لئے نئی منتخب جمہوری حکومت ایک سنہرا موقع فراہم کرتی ہے۔

ادارہ برائے بین الاقوامی ترقی کی جانب سے فروری 2008 کے انتخابات میں تعاون سے انتخابی نظام اور طریقہ ہائے کار کو تقویت ملی اور مسابقتی انتخابی نتائج حاصل ہو سکے۔

Personal story: Khalida Bibi

Five years ago, Khalida's husband was a daily labourer struggling to make ends meet. They had five children, three sons and two daughters. In an attempt to help her husband, Khalida used to make charpays and stitch clothes but despite their combined efforts the family didn't have a permanent source of income. Khalida joined a DFID funded Kashf initiative and with her first loan ventured into the milk business. She used the money to buy milk and then sell it at a profit. She used her second loan to further inject money into this business. With her third loan she not only put money into her own business but also gave money to her son to start his own paint business. The loans that followed were used by Khalida Bibi to buy cows and then sell them at a profit, keeping one cow with her whose milk she sold. Khalida Bibi proudly declares that she earns about rs.10000 monthly through selling milk, sixty percent of which she saves for her daughter's wedding. She now has a stable income for her family.



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خالده بی بی کی کہانی

خالده بی بی شادی شدہ ہے اور اس کے پانچ بچے ہیں۔ اس کا گھرانہ، روزانہ اجرت پر کام کرنے والے مزدورشوہر کی آمدنی میں بڑی مشکل سے گزارہ کر رہا تھا۔ ادارہ برائے بین الاقوامی ترقی کے تعاون سے چلنے والے ایک پروگرام کی مدد سے خالده نے قرضہ لے کر منافع پر دودھ فروخت کرنے کا کاروبار شروع کر لیا۔ اس نے اپنے کاروبار کو بڑھا لیا ہے اور اب ماہانہ دس ہزار روپے کما رہی ہے جو اس کے گھرانے کے گزارے کے لئے کافی ہیں اور وہ اپنی بیٹیوں کی شادی کے لئے بچت بھی کر لیتی ہے

10 Pakistan Poverty Facts

1. 1 in 10 children (423,000) die before their fifth birthday each year - the fourth highest rate in the world
2. Average annual income per head is £543 compared to £22,000 in the UK
3. In Pakistan one in four people live below the national poverty line.
4. 15,000 women die each year, due to complications of pregnancy and childbirth
5. 2 out of 5 children are malnourished
6. 96,000 people live with HIV/AIDS and numbers are increasing rapidly in high risk groups
7. Half the adult population is illiterate, including 2 out of every 3 women
8. 97% of the female population in Federally Administered Tribal Areas cannot read
9. About half of 5-9 year old children do not attend primary school
10. Two out of every three households do not have access to tap water and a third do not have access to a toilet

Development in Pakistan

The Government of Pakistan is working hard to help develop Pakistan. DFID is helping support a number of sectors including the education sector so more children get the chance to go to school and receive a decent education.

Our aim is to get five million more children into school by investing up to £250 million over five years, in primary and secondary education. This funding will also help provide vocational training for older teenagers and young adults.

We will do more in the areas bordering Afghanistan – expanding our current programme in North West Frontier Province (NWFP), and working in Balochistan and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA).

Our capacity to deliver this development assistance will depend on security – another real challenge for Pakistan. A number of suicide attacks in 2007 killed hundreds of people and left many more injured. In the midst of all of this, the UK continues to help people cope better with, or escape poverty.

How the UK is helping

DFID's support to the health sector has helped to make a real difference to the poorest in Pakistan. We have helped to save 200,000 children's lives; stopped 800,000 children becoming malnourished and increased the percentage of children being immunised from 53% to 76%.

We have helped to: prevent 15,000 mothers' deaths; prevented 2.4 million TB and 450,000 malaria cases. The number of polio cases has dropped from 5,000 in 1993 to 75 so far this year.

To prevent disease and save lives we have provided clean drinking water, toilets and washing facilities to over 1.1 million people in North West Frontier Province in the last five years. To help feed families, 300,000 poor women have increased their incomes by over 50% through access to fair business loans.

DFID provided £53 million in emergency relief after the 2005 earthquake, and since then we have provided £49 million for reconstruction that has helped rebuild 250,000 homes.

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The UK and Pakistan

The UK is a great friend of Pakistan not least because of a long and shared history and strong cultural and economic ties.

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Thankfully, individuals in UK communities like yourselves are committed to helping Pakistan fight poverty. There are literally hundreds of community initiatives established each year to help some of Pakistan's poorest people, often owing to family connections. The magnitude of the response to the earthquake was a particular example of this.

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Our shared commitment to Pakistan's future remains strong, and we look forward to a continuing partnership in achieving a stronger, fairer and more stable country for all.

If you would like a copy of the Pakistan Country Plan please visit www.dfid.gov.uk/pakistan. If you would like to know more about how to get involved in the fight against global poverty visit www.dfid.gov.uk/getinvolved/

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