

Pakistan has a strong economic growth rate, and the poverty rate continues to decline. However, the country remains one of the lowest performers in the South Asia Region on human development indicators, especially in education and stunting. The Net Enrolment Rates in education have been increasing in Pakistan but still lag behind other South Asia countries. Infant and under five mortality rates represent a similar story. Gender disparities persist in education, health and all economic sectors. The spending on health, nutrition, and education, now totalling 3 percent of GDP, is significantly lower than most other countries.



OUR PROGRAMMES

BRAC launched in Pakistan in 2007, and since then we have reached over 3 million people. Our programmes in Pakistan are Microfinance, Education, Health and Ultra-Poor Graduation.

OUR TEAM



We have a total of **734** staff, of whom all are Pakistani nationals and **50%** are women. In the Country Management Team, **25%** of the members are women.

CURRENT GRANTS

PROGRAMME	PROJECT	DONOR	STARTING DATE	DURATION	BUDGET (USD IN MILLIONS)
Education	BRAC Primary School	UKAID	April 2014	7 years	13
	BRAC Primary School	Sindh Education Foundation	April 2016	4 years	5
	Elementary School	Sindh Education Foundation	August 2018	Long term	0.276 (per year)
Ultra-Poor Graduation	PPR (Programme for Poverty Reduction)	Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF)	April 2017	2 years	0.4

MONITORING HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAMME/PROJECT	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	ANNUAL TARGET 2018	ACHIEVEMENT (SEPTEMBER 2018)	% ACHIEVED
Education (OPM and SEF)	Average number of learners attendance per day	24	24	100.0
Health-Child Life Foundation	Number of Antenatal Care services provided	727	627	86.2
	Number of Postnatal Care services provided	605	444	73.3
Total Microfinance (all products)	Number of total borrowers	64,939	70,490	108.6
	Loan disbursement (million in USD)	30.04	18.41	61.3
	Operational Self Sufficiency	131.21	144.76	110.3

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- BRAC Pakistan ranked 9 out of 29 non-banking microfinance providers in Pakistan, according to data from Pakistan Microfinance Network.
- BRAC Pakistan and Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) joined hands to open 8 elementary schools (Grades 1-8) in Karachi to bridge the gap between primary and secondary education.
- 11,270 students graduated from BRAC schools and 63.3% of them were girls

CHALLENGES

- Parents are reluctant to send their children to school, enrolling them due to security concerns.
- Government's non-cooperation in registering community institutions is a challenge for our Graduation programme.
- Securing funding for social development programmes is a challenge.
- Securing visas: For the last three years, no visas have been granted to Bangladeshi staff.

PRIORITIES FOR 2019



- Establish a new legal 'for-profit' company to carry out Microfinance programme activities.
- Continue microfinance digitisation, both for credit appraisal and the disbursement / collection process.
- Expand activities to new rural areas to enrol more children within the Education programme.
- Build staff capacity – particularly mid-level management.