

# Education Pakistan



Exploitation and hunger are daily companions of the poor in Pakistan. They work for landowners in agriculture or in primitive brick production facilities. They cannot afford to send their children to public school. The lack of perspectives feeds their hopelessness and makes them susceptible to disease.

## Initial position and challenges

Many families who work as serfs find themselves in this desperate situation: Thousands of adults have zero prospects for the future. As the state does nothing to improve the situation, change can only be brought about through private initiatives.

This prompted AVC to launch an education program for children and a vegetable growing project for women in 2016. In a model farm and in various micro-villages, women are taught how to grow vegetables organically, including the production of organic fertilizer. The women, many of whom are traumatized by abuse, also receive pastoral care.



**Capital**  
Islamabad  
**Area**  
770 875 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Population**  
247.6 Mio.  
**Life expectancy**  
70 years  
**Child mortality**  
53 (per 1000)  
**Alphabetization**  
58 %  
**Religions**  
96.5 % Muslims  
3.5 % others, including Christians and Hindus

## Commitment

Operation of six elementary schools for 250 children from poor families in order to enable them to get a good education and to be able to attend higher, public schools. 250 poverty-stricken women from 22 villages are trained in vegetable growing seminars. After completing the training, they receive tools and seeds to create their own garden. The project serves to secure the livelihood of families in the Sindh province.



## Objectives

Contribute to sustainable change in the country by educating the next generation. Constantly improving the school level through regular courses for the teachers. Helping families to become self-sufficient through vegetable farming projects and the opportunity to sell part of the produce in order to break out of the spiral of exploitation.

## Financial needs

	since 2016	2023	2024
<b>One-time costs</b>			
Infrastructure (school building)	-	-	-
<b>Running costs</b>			
School - Salaries + books	144 700	24 700	28 000
Agriculture - Salaries + crops	54 000	9 000	10 700
<b>Total costs</b>	198 700	33 700	38 700
Financed		100 %	0 %

Amounts in CHF, including expenses for project management, administration and fundraising