

# Importance of Education In Pakistan

**Education breeds confidence.  
Confidence breeds hope.  
Hope breeds peace**



Education carries utmost importance because it is an engine of development, progress and prosperity for any nation. The soul reason of backwardness of developing countries including Pakistan lies in the negligence of educational sector. Despite the change, education in Pakistan is not receiving enough attention from the government side. That is why the educational system is largely unsatisfactory in our country. Low literacy rate coupled with drop-outs, ghost teachers and bleak picture of the educational system.

According to Pakistan Educational Statistics 2019-20, "21 percent primary schools in the country are being run by a single teacher while 14 percent have one room. As regards to schools' infrastructure, 40 percent public sector primary schools operate without electricity, 28 percent do not have toilets, 25 percent are without boundary walls and 29 percent have no access to drinking water. While 7 percent schools do not have any building and 43 percent have dilapidated buildings".

Low literacy rate in Pakistan has always remained constant. Pakistan has barely witnessed improved literacy rate or enhanced enrollment over a couple of past years. The depressing fact is that old, stereotype and traditional ways of teaching are still deeply rooted in the educational system. Children are educated under trees and open sky. In addition, textbooks that were taught years before- are still part of our curriculum.

Undoubtedly, education is the only means of moving forward. Progress and development of any nation entirely depend on this necessary tool. Education alone can help Pakistan address its grave issues such as poverty, unemployment and others.

It is high time for the government to take immediate action to bring drastic improvement in literacy rate and structural changes in education especially by extending the budget allocations. State and relevant authorities also direly need to play their crucial role in providing every child with free and quality education to improve the sorry state of education in Pakistan. These millions of children deprived of this basic right can be brought back to school by ensuring their constitutional right that guarantees free and compulsory education for all children under the age of 06 to 16 years.

Furthermore, the educational sector will improve unless teachers are equipped with the necessary training and modern techniques of teaching. Thus, teachers should be trained through technical and vocational training. Additionally, modern and online methods must be introduced for imparting students smoothly and effectively. Whereas, the revival of curriculum will only bring unprecedented change in education system. Therefore, it should be revised and updated with latest and quality material. If these things are put into practice. In turn, sooner or later but surely they would promise the bright and prosperous future of Pakistan.

Education is the driver of social and economic growth. As 'father of nation' Muhammad Ali Jinnah cited: Without education, it complete darkness and with education it is light. Education is a matter of life.

## WHAT PEF HAS BEEN UPTO IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

1. On January 11, 2021 PEF team learned something new with Mr. Shabbir Baxzamoosa and Mr. Zahoor Iqbal. The highlights of the session was: deeper understanding of Pivot point tables, Donor Database and methods to convert student scholarship form on a digital platform.



2. On 19 January 2021 Pakistan Center of Philanthropy (PCP) team visited PEF at their office for completion of the PCP audit.

### What is PCP?

PCP is a designated Certification Agency by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), and Government of Pakistan. Non-Profit Organisations working in Pakistan are required to seek approval of Commissioner Inland Revenue to be recognised as not for profit.



3. In the month of December - January PEF started its annual process of internal audit. This year PEF is being audited by A.F. Ferguson & Co.

### Who is A.F. Ferguson & Co.?

It is the oldest and one of the largest professional accounting firms in Pakistan. The firm offers professional services in the fields of accounting, transaction advisory, risk advisory services, sales and purchase agreements.

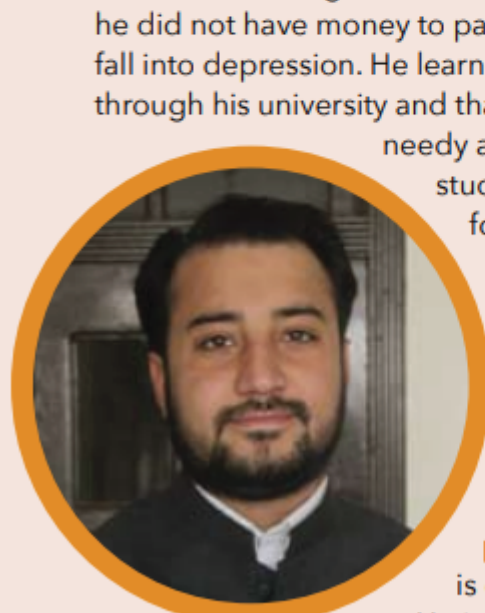


## A Life Transformed

**Zain Muhammad**  
*Ayub Medical College, Abbottabad*

Zain did his MBBS from Ayub Medical College, Abbottabad. His father passed away in 2005 so his uncle supported the family but he could not continue as he was a farmer and did not earn much.

Zain topped every class till Matric and attained first position in his district. He saw an advertisement about a full FSc scholarship. He appeared in the test and topped in KPK. After doing his FSc, Zain appeared for the entrance test of AMC and got outstanding marks. Since he did not have money to pay for his fees, he fall into depression. He learned about PEF through his university and that they helped



needy and deserving students. Zain applied for a scholarship and soon got the call that would change his life forever.

Today Zain is working in a private hospital and is earning Rs. 75,000.

He is supporting his mother and sisters whom he has encouraged to study and pay their fees.

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