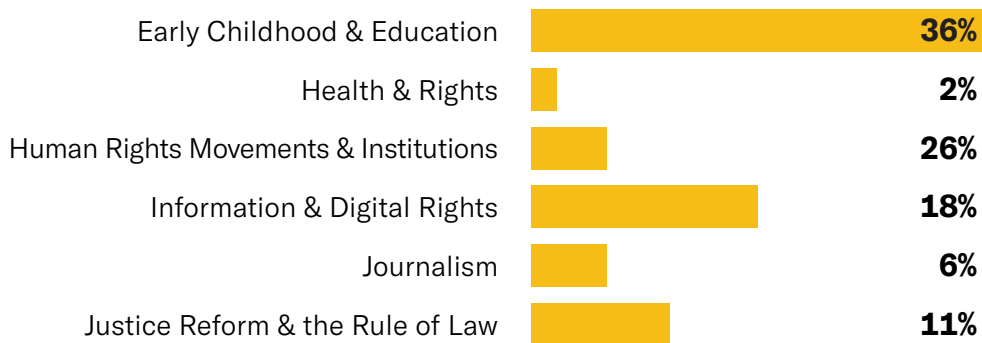


The Open Society Foundations began working in Pakistan in 2005, supporting local groups involved in education and then providing emergency funds after that year’s devastating earthquake. The Foundation Open Society Institute Pakistan (FOSIP) opened in 2008. Based in Islamabad, FOSIP is run by a staff of Pakistani nationals, and guided by an advisory board that includes some of Pakistan’s most respected thought leaders.

Since 2005, the Open Society Foundations have contributed over \$40 million to support social and economic development and stability in Pakistan. Today, FOSIP is a partner with the government of Pakistan in its drive to meet the goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development—including Sustainable Development Goal 4 (providing inclusive, quality education) and Sustainable Development Goal 16 (building peace, justice and strong institutions).

In addition to working with all levels of government, we also work alongside other international funders. FOSIP generally provides no more than one third of any group’s total annual budget, to ensure their independence and sustainability.

PAKISTAN: 2020 BUDGET BY THEME



Total Budget for Pakistan in 2020:

\$3.6M

2020 Budget for Asia Pacific:

\$53.5M

9 FACTS ABOUT OPEN SOCIETY IN PAKISTAN

- 1** FOSIP partnered with the Ministry of Education in Islamabad to create a national center of excellence for early childhood care and education—as part of a national effort to raise standards for teaching and caring for young children and families.
- 2** In 2011, the foundation helped launch the country’s first Children’s Literature Festival initiative, an effort to promote reading, creativity, and critical thinking that has engaged thousands of children, teachers, and parents in cities across the country.
- 3** FOSIP seeks to promote an educational culture of critical thinking rather than rote memorization through a comprehensive professional development program for primary and secondary school teachers. The program has been developed with The Citizens Foundation, a private, non-profit network of over 1,400 schools in poor and remote areas, and with the Teachers’ Resource Centre to support government schools.
- 4** Our efforts to expand education for all include providing educational programs for children held in a number of prisons.
- 5** FOSIP works with the Rural Support Program Network, the largest network of NGOs in Pakistan, to train community-based paralegal advisors in remote villages.
- 6** Our support for independent journalism includes helping establish the Pakistan Coalition for Media Safety, which documents and monitors threats to journalists.
- 7** We have funded the work of the Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives, which provides independent research-based social and economic policy advice to the Punjab provincial government on issues such as education, urban growth, policing, budgets, and taxes.
- 8** Through our grantees, we support the work of government-established information commissions across Pakistan, and promote the adoption and implementation of access to information laws.
- 9** The Open Society Foundations have twice responded to international appeals for emergency relief funding in Pakistan, delivering \$6 million after the devastating 2010 monsoon floods, and \$3 million after the 2005 earthquake.