Pre-STEP is helping Pakistan improve the quality of basic education by supplying better teachers.

The quality of instruction in Pakistan’s schools is weak, in large part because of a poorly prepared teacher corps. With the help of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Education Development Center Inc (EDC), Pakistan is reforming the systems that develop and support new teachers.

The primary objective of the Pre-Service Teacher Education in Pakistan (Pre-STEP) program is to develop, introduce, and implement innovative curricula for a new, four-year Bachelors’ Degree in Education and a two-year Associate Degree in Education. To achieve that goal, Pre-STEP also assists the provincial governments create systems, policies and standards that will ensure effective execution of the degree programs.

Pre-STEP’s assistance is tailored to support the priorities and plans for pre-service teacher education as determined by each province, and to enhance capacity and strengthen systems that will remain once PreSTEP ends.

The result will be outstanding instructors graduating from colleges and universities with the knowledge, skills and dispositions required to meet Pakistan’s National Professional Standards for Teachers.

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