



Developments in Literacy

Transforming Lives Through Education



Donor Impact Report

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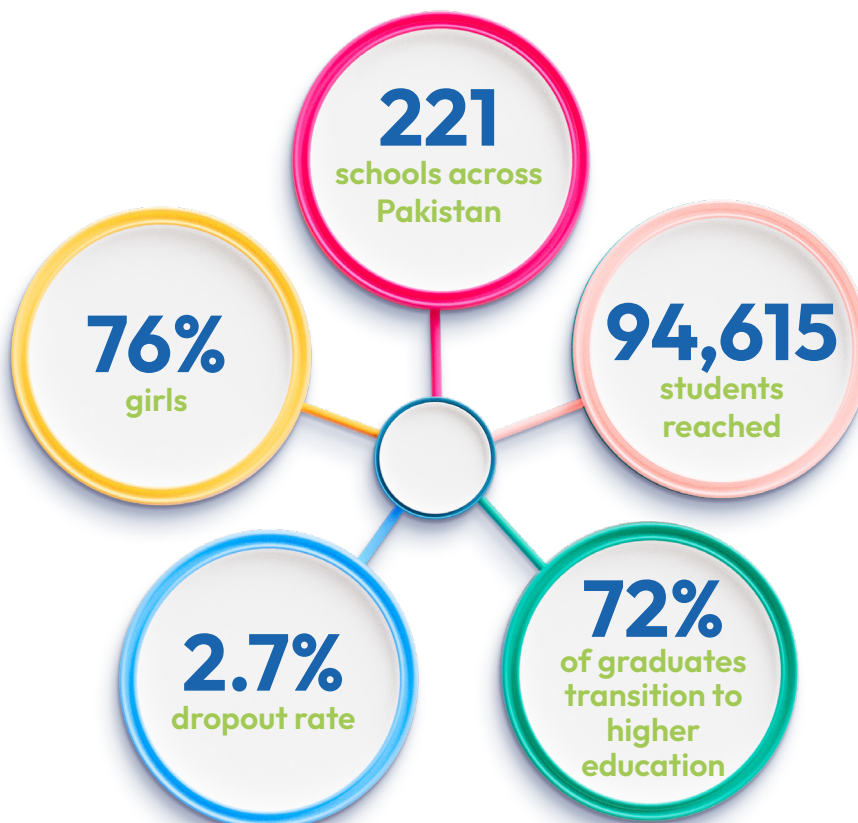
DELIVERING LEARNING AT SCALE

Across Pakistan, millions of children attend school but are not learning at grade level. At Developments in Literacy (DIL), we focus on improving how children learn so that time spent in school leads to real understanding and progress.

In the second half of 2025, we continued to expand our reach while strengthening the quality of learning across our schools, including the addition of new schools through government partnerships. Today, DIL serves students across a growing network of community and government schools, with a continued focus on equity, especially for girls.

Impact at a Glance

All figures reflect program data as of December 2025.



IMPROVING LEARNING

At DIL, improving education means focusing on what happens inside the classroom. Across our schools, we combine technology, structured teaching approaches, and engaging classroom practices to support meaningful learning.

Technology That Enables Learning

In 2025, DIL launched its Learning Management System (LMS) across its network of schools.

The platform brings together curriculum, assessments, teacher resources, and student data in one place. It allows educators to track progress more consistently, identify learning gaps, and adjust instruction based on student needs.

DIL has provided Chromebooks to its college students to support their academic work. In 2025, this access expanded to include students in Grades 9 and 10, enabling earlier exposure to research, independent learning, and digital tools.



Reimagining the Classroom

At DIL, learning goes beyond memorization. Through innovative teaching approaches and engaging classroom experiences, students are encouraged to think critically, solve problems, and participate actively in their learning.

TEAL (Technology Enabled Academic Learning)

DIL's TEAL model continues to transform learning across middle and secondary classrooms. By combining digital content, interactive lessons, classroom technology, and ongoing teacher support, TEAL helps students engage more actively with concepts and develop a deeper understanding of what they learn.

TEAL moves classrooms beyond lecture-based instruction by encouraging participation, collaboration, and inquiry. Students are not simply receiving information; they are interacting with it, discussing it, and applying it in meaningful ways.



Math Circles

Through Math Circles, students move beyond textbook exercises and engage in problem-solving, collaboration, and critical thinking.

These sessions encourage students to explore mathematical concepts, test ideas, and develop confidence in approaching unfamiliar challenges. Delivered in partnership with leading institutions such as LUMS, Habib University, and IBA Karachi, Math Circles expose students to new ways of thinking and learning.

DIL's curriculum approach is further supported by structured lesson plans and assessments aligned with national standards, helping ensure consistency in how learning is delivered across schools.



PROGRAMS IN ACTION

Reading and Access to Books

Reading is one of the strongest predictors of long-term academic success. Through its Libraries and Reading Program, DIL continues to expand access to books, digital resources, and reading opportunities for children across Pakistan.

In the second half of 2025:

- **14 new libraries** and **15 e-libraries** were established
- Over **20,000 books** were distributed to schools
- Students borrowed more than **62,000 books**

This level of engagement reflects growing reading habits among students and reinforces a culture of learning beyond the classroom.

Teachers and community members are also actively using library resources, helping extend the impact of reading into homes and communities.

Mobile Library

DIL's Mobile Library brings books and literacy activities directly to underserved communities, creating opportunities for children to engage with reading outside traditional school settings.

In 2025, the Mobile Library participated in national events including the Pakistan Learning Festival and the Children's Literature Festival. These platforms helped introduce thousands of children and families to reading activities while increasing awareness of the importance of literacy and lifelong learning.

By bringing books directly to communities and expanding access to both traditional and digital libraries, DIL is helping foster a lasting culture of reading for the next generation.

YEAR-END HIGHLIGHTS

- Solar energy systems were installed to support uninterrupted learning
- IT labs were expanded to strengthen access to technology
- New schools were added through government partnerships
- Vision 2030 was reaffirmed, with a goal of reaching 500,000 students annually by 2030

SUCCESS STORIES

The Walk That Changed Everything



In a remote mountain village in Lower Dir, KPK, Iqra begins her day with a three-kilometer walk to school and the same journey back home.

The eldest of five siblings, she grew up in a household where her father farms the land all day and her mother stitches clothes late into the night to support the family. For years, the nearby government school seemed like her only option.

Everything changed the day she visited DIL Community Model School, Tootko.

What she found was different. Classrooms were active and engaging. Students were not just memorizing. They were questioning, experimenting, and building understanding. She returned home determined to make the journey every day.

At her new school, learning began to make sense. Through interactive lessons and guided instruction, concepts that once felt out of reach became clear. With the support of her teachers, her confidence grew alongside her academic progress.

Today, Iqra walks to school with purpose. She studies harder, dreams bigger, and believes that education can change the future for her entire family.

Am I Truly Making a Difference?



This was the question haunting Uzma each dawn as she stepped onto the steep, isolated path toward DIL's Zarbaig School. In remote Lower Dir, where opportunities for girls are scarce, she walked this treacherous route with only a young child beside her, a quiet response to her family's concern for her safety.

Everything changed the day she attended her first DIL teacher development session. What she expected to be routine became a revelation.

She discovered a new way of teaching, one rooted in encouragement, curiosity, and the belief that children could dream far beyond the mountains that surrounded them.

When she returned to her classroom, the impact was immediate. The little boy who once escorted her simply for safety began learning alongside her students. He came home each afternoon excited to show what he could now read. His progress turned her family's fear into faith. Soon, every child in her extended family was enrolled.

Today, Uzma no longer walks that path alone. She rides a shared wagon filled with children whose futures now feel possible. As they travel to school each morning, she no longer wonders if she is making a difference. She sees the answer in every hopeful face around her.

SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL

From Classroom to Careers

DIL's work extends beyond school, supporting students as they transition into higher education and future careers.

In the second half of 2025:

- **72 students** secured admission to universities
- **110 scholarships** were awarded across higher education and higher secondary levels
- **34 students** completed the Youth Social Leadership Project (YSLP)
- **54 students** participated in a Career Fair, engaging with industry professionals
- **117 students** joined mentorship and learning sessions through U-GO

These efforts help students continue their education and move forward with greater confidence and direction.

Looking Ahead

As DIL continues to grow, our focus remains on improving how children learn and expanding access to quality education across Pakistan.

In the years ahead, we will continue to strengthen classroom learning through technology, expand access to reading and digital resources, and support students as they transition into higher education and future careers.

We will also continue working toward our Vision 2030 goal of reaching 500,000 students annually through a combination of community engagement, government partnerships, educator support, and innovative learning solutions.

None of this would be possible without the generosity and commitment of our supporters.

Thank you for helping create opportunities for children, families, and communities across Pakistan.

