

Chapter 10 | YOUTH AND SPORTS

According to an estimate about 28 per cent of Pakistan's population is aged between 15-29 years and by 2040 this population is projected to reach 40 per cent of the total population. This exceptional youth bulge which is also called Youth Dividend offers an opportunity to harness their potential for prosperity and development of the country. Unemployment, poverty, disparity in education, illiteracy and non-engagement are the risks to this dividend. Mainstreaming of youth is being done through education, skill development, entrepreneurship, training, employment, engagement, empowerment, sports and recreational facilities.

Performance review 2016-17

Prime Minister's Youth Programme

Prime Minister's Youth Programme, a flagship initiative of the Federal Government for youth empowerment, is successfully being implemented all over the country through financial institutions and recognized training institutes. Under the Programme the following six schemes are being successfully implemented:

Prime Minister's Youth Business Loan Scheme

Prime Minister's Youth Business Loan Scheme is designed to provide subsidized financing for nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) beneficiaries, through designated financial institutions namely National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) and First Women Bank Ltd. (FWBL) which offers small business loans ranging from Rs0.1 to 2.0 million with tenure of up to 8 years including first year as a grace period. The loan under the scheme is disbursed to potential entrepreneurs across Pakistan. All young Pakistani men/women with a valid CNIC, aged 21-45 years, and having entrepreneurial potential are eligible to apply for these loans. The updated status of the scheme is as under:

Institution	No. of cases disbursed	Disbursed amount	Recovery rate
National Bank of Pakistan	17,051	Rs17.07 million	92.5%

Prime Minister's Interest Free Loan Scheme

Prime Minister's Interest Free Loan Scheme is targeted at the socio-economic uplift of under developed areas. Vulnerable rural and urban poor with poverty score of up to 40 are eligible to apply under this scheme. Fifty per cent of loans are earmarked to be given to female borrowers, which will empower them both socially and financially. The scheme is aimed at engaging the population of these areas in broadening economic activities and strengthening the process of development. Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) is the executing agency of the scheme, which has engaged 26 Partner Organizations (POs) having necessary expertise in the field. An allocation of Rs3.5 billion has been made initially for this scheme. The fund shall be sustainable by ensuring that the amount returned will be

deposited in a permanent fund available to the community for future lending on revolving basis. The updated status of the scheme is as under:

Total budget allocation	Rs3.5 billion
Total Disbursement	6.11
Number of Borrowers	272,092
Female (62%)	168,555
Male	103,537
Recovery Rate	99%
Districts Covered	44
Union Councils	431
BISP Beneficiaries	54,000
Partner Organizations (PO's)	26

Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Programme

Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Programme is aimed at providing 6-month vocational and technical training in demand-driven trades to 25,000 unemployed youth, for acquiring productive skills for gainful employment. Monthly stipend of Rs3,500 is paid to each beneficiary of the scheme (Rs4,000 for trainees from FATA). This scheme focuses on students who have passed eighth grade (middle level education) and are up to 35 years of age. National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC)/Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training is the executing agency of this scheme. NAVTTTC engages nation-wide public and private sector vocational and technical training institutes following a competitive evaluation process. The updated status of the scheme is as under:

Feature	Phase-I (2014-15)	Phase-I (2015-16)	Phase-I (2016-17)	Total (2014-2017)
Financial allocation (Rs billion)	0.8	1.18	2.63	4.61
Target trainees (Nos.)	25,000	25,000	50,000	100,000
Passed out trainees (Nos.)	24,934	24,887	23,596	98,417
Number of institutes	336	317	Batch-1 (333) Batch-2 (397)	
Number of trades	100	195	95	
Amount of stipend (Rs)	2,000 and 3,000 (for FATA)	2,500 and 3,500 (for FATA)	3,000 and 4,000 (for FATA)	

Prime Minister's (National) Programme for the Provision of Laptops

The Prime Minister's (National) Programme for provision of laptops to talented students is an attempt to enhance the scope of research and quality education and to increase access to information technology in the country. Annually, 100,000 laptops are targeted to be distributed among students; both male and female, registered in an HEC approved public sector educational institution. MS, MPhil, and PhD students are also given laptops under this scheme, while the remaining laptops are distributed among Masters' and Bachelors' students on the basis of merit. The scheme has nationwide outreach. The Higher Education Commission (HEC)/Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Trainings is the executing agency for this scheme. The updated status of the scheme is as under:

Provinces/Regions	Phase I (2015-16)	Phase II (2016-17)	Total
Azad Jammu and Kashmir	2,970	2,029	4,999
Balochistan	4,318	2,987	7,305
Gilgit – Baltistan	346	18,386	18,732
Islamabad	24,118	470	24,588
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA	14,773	12,371	27,144
Punjab	32,401	40,509	72,910
Sindh	21,074	12,767	33,841
Grand Total	100,000	89,519	189,519

Prime Minister’s Fee Reimbursement Scheme for Less Developed Areas

Prime Minister’s Fee Reimbursement Scheme for less developed areas aims at encouraging the pursuit of higher education for student registered in a Masters/M.Phil/Ph.D programme in an HEC approved public sector educational institution and domiciled in interior Sindh, Southern Punjab (Divisions of Multan, Bahawalpur and DG Khan), Balochistan, less developed areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Malakand, Kohistan, D.I Khan, Lakki Marwat, Batagram, Kala Dhaka/Torghar, Hangu, Kohat, Bannu and Karak), G.B and FATA are eligible to apply under the scheme. Higher Education Commission (HEC)/ Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training is the executing agency of the scheme. The updated status of the scheme is as under:

Features	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
Financial Allocation (Rs Billions)	1.1	1.8	1.8	1.8	6.5
Students	51,995	52,658	49,244	17,137	171,034

Prime Minister’s Youth Training Scheme

Prime Minister’s Youth Training Scheme is aimed at professional development of young graduates in order to equip them with abilities to avail job opportunities both in the local and international market by providing them 1-year paid on job training/internships at private and public sector departments/organizations. All graduates having 25 years of age, and 16-years of education or 03-years Diploma in Associate Engineering after Matric/FA along with *Madaris* graduates having degrees equivalent to that of Masters’ are eligible to apply under this scheme. A monthly stipend of Rs12,000 is paid to each selected intern for a period of 12 months. National Internship Programme/Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination is the executing agency of this scheme. The updated status of the scheme is as under:

Budget allocation	Rs7.9 Billion per year
Interns placed under Phase-I	49,847
Interns to be placed under Phase-II	50,000
Total employers (public and private sector)	2,618

Outlook 2017-18

The outreach of the ongoing six Programmes i.e. business loan, interest free loan, skilled development, laptop scheme, fee reimbursement and training has been expanded to the entire country including Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir. In total about three hundred thousand youth of the country will benefit from these programmes during 2017-18. For channelizing energies of young population sports facilities such as Sports Stadia, Sports Complexes and grounds are being established in various parts of the country.

Programmes

Programme-wise summary alongwith financial requirements for 2017-18 are as under:

Programme/Scheme	(Rs Billion)
	Allocation
Prime Minister's Interest Free Loan	5.0
Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Programme	6.5
Prime Minister's Fee Re-Imbursement Scheme	3.0
Prime Minister's Youth Training Scheme	11.5
Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme	5.4
Prime Minister's Youth Business Loan Subsidy	0.5
Total	31.9

Sports

In Pakistan Vision 2025, sufficient thrust has been laid on development of sports at grassroots level to identify talent along with encouragement to national players and teams to be world champions in two sports and win at least twenty five (25) medals in Asian Games. This is with particular reference to Hockey, Cricket, Athletics, Boxing and Squash etc. In order to achieve these objectives, the following initiatives have been undertaken: Creation of sports facilities, infrastructure of international standards, Holding of National Games annually with the primary objective of hunting, grooming and encouraging the local talent and promoting inter-provincial harmony.

Performance Review 2016-17

The revised allocation for Sports Sector for financial year was Rs1322 million which is expected to be utilized fully by the end of June, 2017.

Holding of the national games

An amount of Rs145 million was provided to the project titled "Holding of National Games" to organize Quaid-e-Azam Inter- Provincial Youth Games 2017. The games will be held at Jinnah Stadium, Pakistan Sport Complex, Islamabad. It is expected that more than 2800 athletes including officials from four provinces, Gilgit Baltistan, Islamabad, Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) will participate in these games. Both men and women teams will take part in thirteen (13) different sporting

events including: athletics (male/female), badminton (m/f), boxing (m), football (m/f), hockey (m/f), judo (m/f), karate (m/f), squash (m/f), table tennis (m/f), taekwondo (m/f), tennis (m/f), volleyball (m/f) and wrestling (m).

Construction of sports complex

During the financial year, an amount of Rs1,182.40 million was allocated to the project titled “Construction of Sports Complex Narowal” which will be fully utilized up to June, 2017. The project envisages construction of cricket stadium with pavilion and seating area, football ground with athletic track, pavilion and seating arrangement, hockey ground with synthetic turf and seating capacity, squash courts with seating steps, two tennis courts, one volleyball court, gymnasium, one basketball court, kabbadi court and covered swimming pool with allied facilities, mosque, players’ residences/dormitories and mess, administration offices, guest house, furniture, furnishing, equipment, restaurant, entrance gate, boundary wall, clock tower, fountain, pavements /footpaths, internal roads, sewerage system, landscaping, utilities, external services, equipment and machinery for grounds, security system, 1.5 kilometre metalled road to project site, and landscaping etc. The physical work on the project is in progress and various components of the project are at different stages nearing completion. Cumulative physical progress on the project is 71 per cent while financial utilization is around Rs1500 million.

Programmes

An allocation of Rs3044.16 million has been provided for Sports Sector during 2017-18. The project-wise details are as follows:

Allocation in PSDP 2017-18

		(Rs million)
S.No.	Name of Project	Allocation 2017-18
1.	Construction of Sports Complex at Narowal	495.55
2.	Holding of National Games	92
3.	Laying of Synthetic Hockey Turf at Gilgit(PM’s Directive)	15
4.	Establishment of Bio Mechanical Lab at Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad	61.61
5.	Replacement of Synthetic Hockey Turfs in seven cities viz. Islamabad, Faisalabad, Wah Cantt, Peshawar, Quetta, Abbottabad and Lahore	200
6.	Laying of Synthetic Hockey Turf at Swat (PM’s Directive)	55
7.	Construction of Boxing Gymnasium at PSB Coaching Centre Quetta (President Directive)	50
8.	Construction of Boxing Gymnasium at PSB Coaching Centre Karachi (President Directive)	50
9.	Strengthening of sports infrastructure	2000
Total		3044.16

An amount of Rs495.55 million has been allocated for the on-going project titled “Construction of Sports Complex at Narowal” in PSDP 2017-18 which is targeted to be completed by December, 2017. Similarly, funds to the tune of Rs92 million and Rs61.61 million have also been earmarked for on-going projects titled “Holding of National Games” and “Establishment of Bio-Mechanical Lab at Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad”, respectively during 2017-18. Moreover, funds to the tune of Rs200 million have been

earmarked in PSDP 2017-18 for replacement of Synthetic Hockey Turf in Seven Cities viz Islamabad, Faisalabad, Wah Cantt, Peshawar, Quetta, Abbottabad and Lahore. An allocation for Rs50 million each has been made for the two projects pertaining to construction of Boxing Gymnasiums situated in Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) Coaching Centres at Quetta and Karachi for completion. Rupees 70 million have been allocated for laying synthetic hockey turfs at Swat and Gilgit. For construction of football ground at Chaman an amount of Rs25 million has been earmarked. Moreover, for the first time a huge amount of Rs2 billion has been allocated for strengthening of sports infrastructure in the country.