

# Higher Education ills and remedies

## 1 Introduction

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General statements

Thesis statement: The higher education in Pakistan have numerous ills that undermin the quality of education.

However, by implementing certian remedies, it is possible to adress the root causes of these issues.

## 2 Overview of reasons behind the ills of Higher education

### 3 Severe ills of higher education that damage the quality of education

(a) Lack of political will promoting corruption and poor ~~gover~~ policy implementation in education system.

[case study: inconsisten implementation of Single National Curriculum 2020]

(b) Poor Governance of education institution has negative impact on quality of education.

[“Pakistan and Gulf Economist” analysis about Board of Governance in higher education institution]

(c) Rising cost of education has made the access to higher education institution of low-income people.

[Assessment by “center for Research in education and development Pakistan” 2024]

(d) Limited funding for research and development hinders the innovative learning approaches.

[UNICEF report 2024 about education budget of Pakistan]

(e) Outdated curricula fail to integrate the latest technological advancement, leaving students underprepared for the modern workforce.

[HEC Report; 2024]

(f) Poor internet connectivity and frequent power outages disrupt online classes [case study: Balochistan]

## 4 Remedies for all of higher education that can enhance the quality of education

(a) By improving digital infrastructure, the quality of education can be improve

[Case study: Singapore's Smart Campus Initiative]

(b) Revise and modernize Curricula can help to align graduates skills in workplace areas.

[Nust 2024 Curriculum]

(c) Enhancement of faculty Training should be ensure to encourage innovating teaching methods.

[Case study: Finland's Teacher Training program]

(e) Increase funding to promote research and development in higher education institution.

[Case study: National Research Program]

(f) Higher education should cultivate adaptability and develop critical thinking art in students

[21 lesson for 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Noah Harari, "The 4C Concept"]

## 5 Conclusion

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# Essay

Higher education opens door not just to careers, but to new opportunities, perspectives, and ideas. As Kevin Carey rightly said "The purpose of high education is not to train people for jobs, but to teach them to think critically and to be creative problem solvers." But in this era, higher education institutions do not focus on developing skills. There are some ills in higher education system of Pakistan. Firstly, Poor policy implementation and corruption is present in higher education institutions because of absence of political will. Secondly, quality of education is low because of poor governance. Thirdly, rising cost of education and limited funding for research and development hamper approach for innovative learning. Moreover, outdated curricula and poor internet quality has negative impact on quality of education. However, some pragmatic measures can help to remove these ills

from higher education system. Advance digital infrastructure can enhance the quality of education. Similarly, modernize curricular and enhancement of faculty training should be ensure to encourage innovative teaching methods. Additionally, research and development ought to be priority during budget allocation. Furthermore, by cultivation adaptability and develop critical thinking should be ensure to enhance quality of education. In the nutshell, there are many ill in higher education system that reduce quality of education. However, some remedies can be fruitful to diminish the root cause of these ills.

Rising cost of education is the most emerging ill in current education system. The commercialization of education has turned the learning into business. Education institution is more interested to gain profit rather than to provide

quality education to their students. This rising trend of skyrocketing fee for higher education made the accessibility to quality education tough. According to Economic Survey 2022-2023 the illiteracy rate ~~for higher~~ in Pakistan is 59.3%. This report highlights that rising cost of education reduce access to education. Moreover the public Universities are also changing into private that demand more tuition fee. In short, rising cost of higher education creates hurdle to access quality education.

In similar way, poor governance of education institution reduce the quality of education. Poor governance often result in weak oversight, leading to unqualified staff. ~~in past~~ This reduces the overall standard of teaching and administrative work. Moreover, It promotes corruption in allocation of funds. This reduces the overall standard of teaching and administrative work. In addition to this, appointment is done

finalized on favouritism. As Pakistan and Gulf Economist analyzed that board of governance in education institution is combination of alumni, donors, public figure and government nominees. The appointment for board of governance is not finalized on the basis of possess knowledge of how universities should be perform. The analysis shows that the board of governance have not deep knowledge about how to run university. This reduces the overall performance of institution. Hence, the quality of education has decreased because of poor governance board in education institution.