

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Q. Discuss the impact of foreign aid on Pakistan in post 9/11 scenario. (20 marks)

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INTRODUCTION

9/11 incident was the violent attack on United States of America by extremist and terrorist group Al-Qaeda operating in Afghanistan. A Pakistan, a foreign aid dependent country right after its independence, became the major USA's ally to counter these groups. Therefore, USA aided it economically and militarily in the post 9/11 incident. However, this USA's efforts against the terrorism and instable regional Afghanistan adversely impacted the political, economic, and social conditions of the country.

2) BACKGROUND

The violent attacks on the USA by extremist group Al-Qaeda were retaliated with the War on Terror. War on Terror was the USA and international effort to condemn extremism and terrorism. That is why the Pakistan-USA relations improved significantly after 9/11.

3) WHY PAKISTAN IS DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN AID; SPECIFICALLY AFTER 9/11

Pakistan sought and got loan internationally after 9/11 due to condemn the extremism and terrorism happening in its neighbouring. Besides, the military aid was given to it to develop military capacity against extremist Al-Qaeda. That is why it received 2500 mm USD aid from USA, right after 9/11.

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4) IMPLICATIONS OF FOREIGN AID ON PAKISTAN IN POST 9/11 SCENARIO

4.1) Strengthened the military rule;

Although the economic and military aid given to Pakistan was at to counter terrorism operating in Afghanistan. It also strengthened ~~in~~ Musharraf's rule, a military leader, in the country.

4.2) Shifted alliances and foreign policy;
The 9/11 incident shifted the foreign policy and alliances of Pakistan. Particularly, the country's relations with the USA improved.

4.3) Increased aid flows;

The foreign aid increased in the post 9/11 scenario in Pakistan.

The country got 4500 mn USD foreign aid from the USA in 2010 (Ref: Center for Global Development)

4.4) Shift in aid focus and economic disruption:

In the post 9/11, the foreign aid was spent on the military development due to security concerns. Thus the economic development was ignored. This led to economic disruption and instability.

4.5) Increased dependence:

Pakistan became more dependent on the foreign aid after the 9/11. It sought to get, for example, loans from IMF frequently.

4.6) Increased terrorism and insecurity:

The instable neighbour, Afghanistan, also deteriorated the security conditions in Pakistan. It increased violent attacks. For instance, the attack on the public school killed many children in 2014.

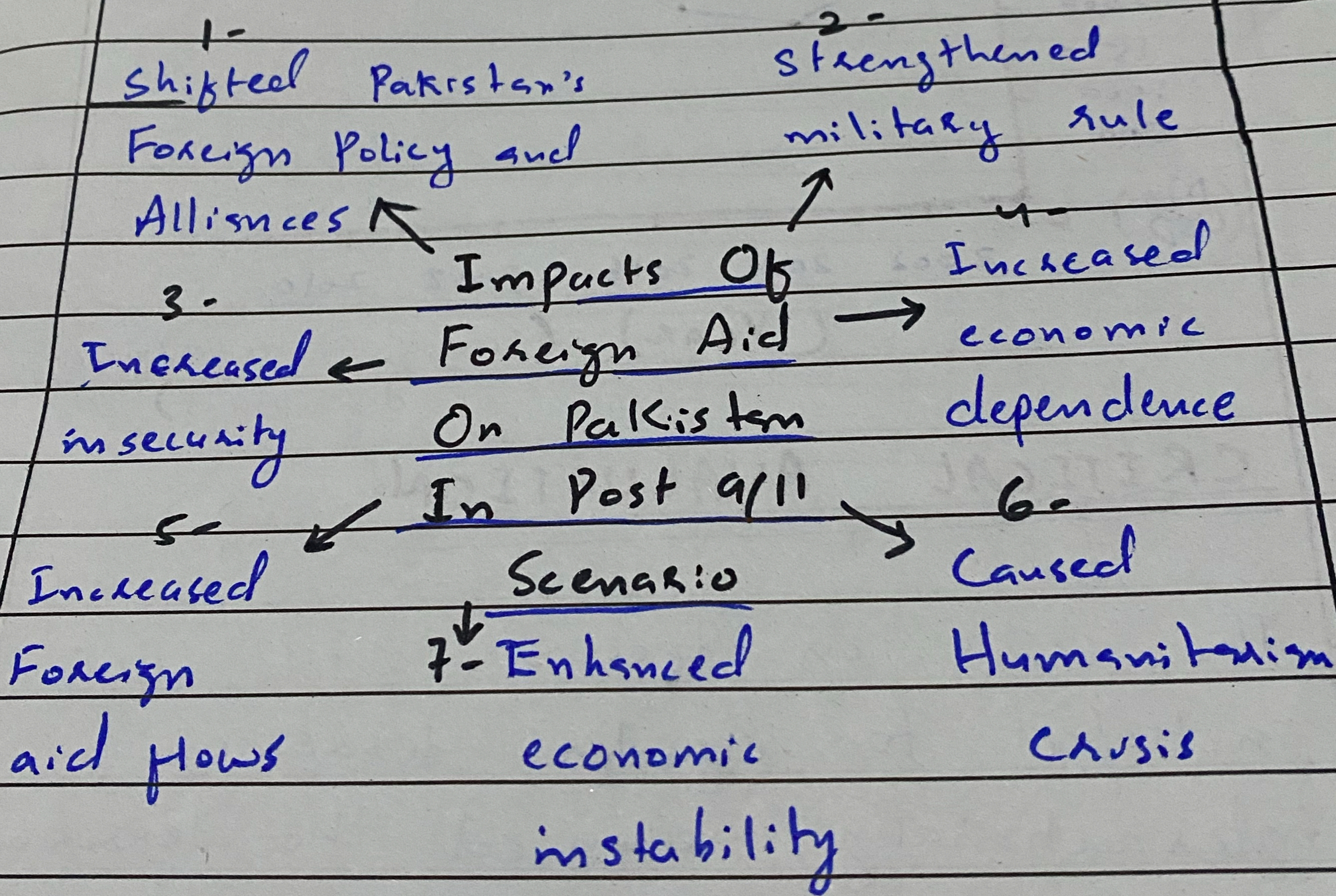
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Humanitarian Crisis:

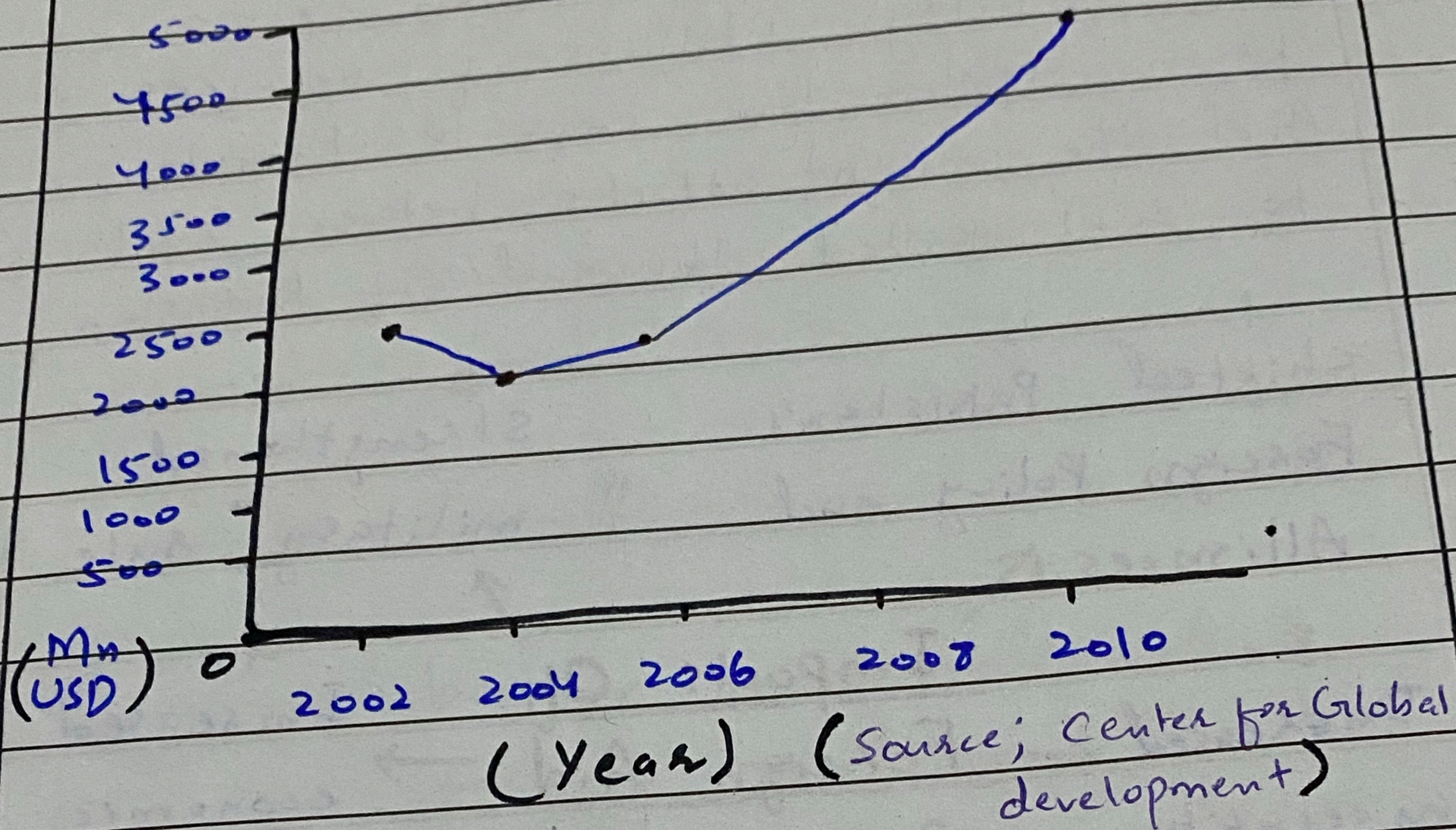
The aftermath of the 9/11 led to numerous humanitarian crisis in the country. Millions of refugees from Afghanistan came to Pakistan. And the violent attacks between 2001 to 2021 killed thousands of Pakistanis.



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Aid Given By USA To Pakistan
After 9/11 incident.



5) CRITICAL AVALUATION

The war on terror, which was initiated to counter terrorism internationally, enhanced the terrorism in the region. The security conditions of Pakistan worsened and never became better after the 9/11. Besides it also disturbed the economic development of the country.

6) CONCLUSION

To conclude, the 9/11 attacks were met with the significant response by the international community. The USA aided economically and militarily to Pakistan to ensure the success of the War on Terror to eradicate the terrorism. However, not fulfilling its ~~par~~ key objective, the war deteriorated the political environment, economic development and security conditions of the Pakistan.
