

Education Emergency in Pakistan, Reality or Myth

1) Introduction

Thesis Statement: The current state of education in Pakistan poses a grave existential threat, driven by many facts, therefore, the declared education emergency is a justified reality.

2) Perspective of education in terms of Islam

3) Education Emergency in Pakistan is a justified reality

3a) A large number of out of school children (OOSC) is a serious challenge.

(22.8 million are out of school children: UNICEF 2025)

3b) Gender inequality deprives many girls of access to education

(Literacy rates: 74% male vs 51% female, PBS 2025)

3c) Slow implementation of education policies further exacerbates the condition of education.

(Ministry of Federal Education Report : 2025)

3d) Low education budget reflects government's low priority to education.

(1.7% of GDP ^{to} educational budget : Finance Division, 2025)

3e) Lack of well-trained and professional teachers hinders them from adopting new teaching tactics.

(World Bank Report)

3f) An obsolete curriculum prevents students from benefiting from modern education.

(Technology, Robot & Rocket techniques in Globe)

3g) A poor examination system leads to a flawed educational system.

(Centre for Applied Research
in Education (CARE) Report)

3h) Corruption in education has
failed to generate a fair
and merit based opportunities
for the youth

(MDCAT Report: DAWN 2022)

3i) Inadequate facilities have
failed to accommodate
face-to-face education

(Ministry of Federal
education Report: 2023)

3j) Lack of uniformity in education
segregates the education system

(PIDE Report, 2023)

3k) Aimless education in Pakistan
leads to lack of modern-
world thinking among the
youth

(Department of Education
and Training Report, 2019)

3) The consistently high dropout ratio has threatened the achievement of educational objectives

(UNICEF Report)

3m) Low rank of Pakistani universities in global ranking of universities

(Global Ranking of Universities
Report : 2025)

4) Conclusion

"A child without education is like a bird without wing." Education is the pressing challenge across the globe. Through education, a country becomes socially unified, economically sound and politically stable. Pakistan is struggling with existential threat of education. The Prime minister of Pakistan declared education emergency in 2024, justified by large number of out of school children which presents serious threat to future of country. The study suggests the greater number of girls out of school as compared to boys. In past, many policies were made/formulated regarding education. But the slow implementation process makes it unable to achieve the educational objectives. On the other hand, the educational budget is always allocated less than 2% of its GDP in contrast to minimum 4% of GDP of other countries. As a result, the lack of teacher training programs and healthy salaries owing to

poor quality of education.
In fact, this system is
further exacerbated by
outdated curriculum. The obsolete
curriculum is ineffective to
meet the needs of modern
world. While other countries
are indulging in robot, ^{and modern} technology
applications, rote learning
is prevalent in Pakistan. This
rote learning is evaluated
by pass examination system that
focuses on quantity rather than quality.
Besides this, the examination
system of Pakistan involves
many corrupt practices.
It leads to flawed
education system. Furthermore,
inadequate facilities in
public institutions hinder the
students from learning in
comfortable environment. ^{Consequently,} It
produces lack of uniformity
in education system which
segregates into public, private
institutions and madrasahs.
All these factors lead to
aimless education and increase
dropout ratio of students
every year. These factors are
also responsible for low ranking
of institutions among the
global institutions. Therefore,

the current state of education in Pakistan is a great challenge for government, teachers, students, society and parents. It demands serious attention to combat this issue. So that, Pakistan will progress socially, economically and politically through education.