

CURSOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION (CODE) PAKISTAN

Organizational Profile

[CODE PAKISTAN](#) was registered with the government under the Societies' Registration Act XXI of -1860 in May 2014 as a not-for-profit organization. Since then, the organization has acquired certification from the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP-2023/1238) and registration from the Federal Board of Revenue (*Registration no. 8929068*).

The organization was founded by a team of professionals with diverse expertise and strengths out of an urge to contribute to the peace and prosperity of Pakistan and to do something for the welfare of country. Research and Analysis have remained a primary focus of CODE PAKISTAN. Since our inception, we have conducted several donor-funded studies on key issues of national importance. Not only have we produced quality research over the years, but we have also created policy-level impact.

Our very first donor-funded project, the University-Madrassah Interaction Program (Oct 2015-Feb 2016) resulted in a study on the Convergences and Divergences of Opinions between Madrasah and University Students. The study was built on over the years to evolve targeted interventions benefitting the youth studying in madrassahs. It was followed by our second policy research assignment from UNHCR titled National Consultations on Afghan Refugees (Dec 2016-Mar 2017) in which we held national-level consultations with a broad set of stakeholders for developing policy recommendations on the voluntary repatriation and management of Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The project resulted in a [comprehensive report](#) on the subject that was presented to the Chief Commissioner Office for Afghan Refugees, Government of Pakistan. Subsequently, CODE PAKISTAN assisted UNHCR in producing the report titled [Afghan Refugees in Pakistan: The Road Ahead](#), which has several pertinent findings and is quite relevant to the discussion related to the future of Pak-Afghan relations even today. Our reports have resulted in several important policy decisions directly improving the lives of persons of concern in Pakistan. One such outcome has been the permission to open bank accounts on Afghan refugees' Proof of Registration cards. Since then, we have collaborated with UNHCR on several projects, including an assessment of the implementation status of the 2017 decisions of the Federal Cabinet on the Voluntary Management and Repatriation of Afghan Nationals, the reasons for their non-implementation and the way forward.

In May 2018, we produced a one-of-a-kind seminal study on [Addressing Overcrowding in Prisons by Reducing Pre-Conviction Detention in Pakistan](#). The study was the outcome of more than a year-long research (Apr 2017-Aug 2018) in collaboration with the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA), Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (LJCP) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The report, which culminated after thorough deliberations with representatives of all relevant criminal justice institutions, was widely applauded in the government circles as well as in the print media. Renowned human rights activist I.A. Rehman referred to it as [one of the most outstanding reports](#) on the subject in one of his op-eds and NACTA has referred to this report on page 46 of their [2018 Annual Report](#).

This project was followed by another research project titled Youth Outreach at Universities for Countering Violent Extremism ([YOU-CVE](#)) (Jun 2018-Jun 2019). YOU-CVE was a consultative research project. It started with a national-level seminal conference ([National Youth Conference](#)) on the subject of countering extremism on university campuses, which gathered students from over 40 universities from across Pakistan, as well as a few madrassahs, in Islamabad for two-day deliberations on this important subject. This conference resulted in the signing of an MOU between NACTA and HEC in October 2018 to establish a sustained and effective collaboration and partnership between the two in combating extremism and terrorism in the country through joint research and collaboration as

well as consolidating existing research work in the areas of counter extremism and counter terrorism. This MOU was revived again in May 2023 with the aim of future collaborations and creating awareness against terrorism and extremism among universities.

The aforementioned National Youth Conference was followed up with an outreach to the Higher Education Commission (HEC) to hold deep-dive sessions with the university students and faculties on the recommendations derived out of the Conference with an aim to evolve practical action plans for the implementation of some of the recommendations. We held deliberations with 15 universities from across Pakistan and developed 14 action plans in consultation with the students and faculties of the consulted universities. One of the action plans developed during YOU-CVE on [countering online extremism](#) was taken up by DAI (USAID funded) and Facebook for implementation at NED University Karachi in collaboration with CODE PAKISTAN. Besides the action plans submitted to the HEC in March 2019, the project also resulted in the first of its kind extensive research study on the subject of [countering violent extremism on university campuses](#). The Higher Education Regulatory Authority (HERA) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has expressed considerable interest in implementing the findings of the report. To that effect, an MOU has already been signed between HERA of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and NACTA.

In early 2019, we assisted the UNDP in holding Consultative Dialogues to Co-Create Entry Points for Youth-led Madrassah Engagement Activities (Jan 2019-Mar 2019) and submitted its report to UNDP. Although it was also a one-of-a-kind study on the subject, it is not available in the public domain at the moment. In the meanwhile, we also assisted NACTA in organizing and reporting on the first Islamabad International Counter Terrorism Forum (IICTF) in April 2018. NACTA has acknowledged our assistance in both the drafting of the aforementioned report as well as the holding of the IICTF in its [annual report for the year 2018](#). CODE PAKISTAN further assisted the UNDP in a project titled “Implementation Support for the Mainstreaming of Madaris Youth in Islamabad, Lahore and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.” The project intervention was based on the findings of the study conducted by CODE on the subject in partnership with UNDP referred to above.

In 2021, CODE PAKISTAN concluded a research and capacity building project titled “Mainstreaming ADR for Equitable Access to Justice in Pakistan” and worked closely with the [Federal Board of Revenue](#) (FBR) and the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (LJCP) to build the capacity of officials of the FBR, Inland Revenue and Pakistan Customs, and other relevant stakeholders of the legal and justice systems in Pakistan for broad-based access to ADR mechanisms, with special reference to mediation in dispute resolution including tax disputes. The project culminated in the report on [ADR for Tax Dispute Resolution in Pakistan](#), which details key recommendations for the implementation of effective ADR practices for the tax regime in Pakistan.

In its work with the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), CODE PAKISTAN completed a study on [Increasing the Efficiency of Extradition Requests from the UK to Pakistan](#). The report, which involved extensive discussions with key stakeholders, highlighted the legal and administrative challenges in the extradition system, and identified entry points for improvement. CODE PAKISTAN further collaborated with the BHC in developing a report on strengthening international cooperation mechanisms, encompassing both extradition and mutual legal assistance (MLA). Among other things, the report highlighted strategic recommendations for improving the extradition and MLA systems in Pakistan. The project was further extended to enable the implementation of several of the report recommendations for streamlining international cooperation between Pakistan and the UK by facilitating the development of direct communication channels between the two countries and by spearheading advocacy efforts with the GOP that resulted in policy-level changes targeted at improving the efficiency of the system.

CODE PAKISTAN and FCDO collaborated again in 2023 on a 3-month research project, conducting Counter Terrorism Consultation Sessions to determine the current security risk presented by transnational terrorist organizations to Pakistan, the neighbouring region and the UK. The project culminated in a research report, which is currently under review.

Presently, CODE PAKISTAN has been collaborating with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) on a 2-year project funded by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) US Department of State and aimed at improving effectiveness and timeliness in the administration of justice in Pakistan by developing a high utility Criminal Case Management System to be implemented in up to two select District and Sessions Courts within the country.

KEY PROJECTS

CODE Pakistan’s major ongoing and successfully completed projects are listed in the table here. Detailed information on these projects including the scope of work can be accessed at our website:

S. #	Name of Projects	Timeline	Clients / Donors	Govt. & Local Partners
1.	Pakistan Criminal Justice Case Management System Procurement, Implementation, and Training	June 2023 – Apr 2025	NCSC and INL	FJA, Provincial KP and Punjab Judicial Academies, High Courts of Peshawar, Lahore and Islamabad and other criminal justice stakeholders
2.	Counter Terrorism Consultation Sessions	Nov 2023 – Jan 2024	FCDO	Subject-matter experts
3.	Bridging Phase of UPSCALE Activities (BPUA)	Apr 2022 – Sep 2023	FCDO	MOI and NAB
4.	Research on Increasing the Efficiency of Extradition Requests from UK to Pakistan.	Nov 2021 – Jan 2022	FCDO	Open-source research
5.	Mainstreaming ADR for Equitable justice in Pakistan	Feb – Sep 2021	NCSC	FBR and LJCP
6.	Raising Awareness among Parliamentarians on the Implementation of 2017 Decisions (RAPID)	Sept – Dec 2020	UNHCR	Ministry of SAFRON and CCAR
7.	Non-Digital Strategic Communications on Covid-19 Awareness and Prevention with Networks of Mosques and Madaris in Districts Charsadda, Malakand, and Swat in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.	Sep – Oct 2020	UNDP	Local Madaris

8.	Implementation Support for the Mainstreaming of Madaris Youth in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Mar 2020 – Mar 2021	UNDP	Local Madaris
9.	Post-Merger Governance in Malakand Division: Lessons for KPMD (NMDs)	Mar – Aug 2020	DFID	Office of the KP Chief Minister
10.	Rationalizing and Apprising the Discourse on Afghan Refugees (RADAR)	Oct – Dec 2019	UNHCR	Ministry of SAFRON and CCAR
11.	Countering Online Extremism in NED	Sep 2019 – Sep 2020	DAI for USAID	NED University
12.	Youth and Social Cohesion Project	Oct 2018 – Jan 2019	UNDP	Wifaqs Representatives
13.	Youth Outreach at Universities for Countering Violent Extremism	Jun 2018 – June 2019	USIP	HEC and NACTA
14.	Comprehensive Policy Response to Afghan Refugees	Feb 2018 – Feb 2019	UNHCR	Ministry of SAFRON and CCAR
15.	Addressing Overcrowding in Prisons by Reducing Pre-Conviction in Pakistan	Jan 2018 – May 2018	ICRC	NACTA and LJCP
16.	Consultation on Afghan Refugees in Pakistan	Dec 2016 – Feb 2017	UNHCR	Ministry of SAFRON and CCAR
17.	University Madrassah Interaction Program	Nov 2015 – Feb 2016	USIP	Local Madaris and Abbasin University