



Key results

With Canada's support, the Kashf Foundation in Pakistan is implementing the Financial Literacy and Business Development Services for Women project. Since 2011, this project has reached 41 districts in the country.

It has trained over one million women in basic financial literacy (124,284 in 2016-2017 alone). More than 25,000 women have graduated from its business incubation lab (5,300 in 2016-2017 alone). The average monthly income of these women has increased 33%, and 85% of them feel their decision-making power regarding household budgets has increased. As well, the project's social media campaign has spread awareness about the detrimental effects of child marriage and child sexual abuse.

Plan International Canada and Plan International are implementing a project, supported by Global Affairs Canada, entitled Increasing Women's Participation in the Dairy Sector in Southern Punjab. It works to empower women by increasing their incomes and market access. The project helps women engage in more efficient cooperative-based milk production activities in a network of 350 farmers milk cooperatives.

Despite a highly challenging and often insecure context, the polio eradication program funded by Canada continues to seek out children in the hardest-to-reach parts of Pakistan. The number of polio cases found in Pakistan continues to decline, dropping from 54 in 2015 to 20 in 2016.

Between September 2016 and March 2017, only 0.6% of the children in the districts most at risk for infection were considered "missed" by the campaign. This compares to 4% of children between September 2015 and March 2016. This increase shows positive campaign results. Only two cases of polio were found between January and March 2017, compared to eight cases between January and March 2016.