

# Press Releases: International Nongovernmental Organizations in Pakistan

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The United States recognizes the vital role that international nongovernmental organizations (INGOs) play in Pakistan, in partnership with Pakistani institutions, on causes ranging from disaster response, to human and economic development, to promoting human rights and democratic values. These organizations, which also employ thousands of Pakistanis countrywide, share the government of Pakistan's and the Pakistani people's vision for a vibrant, healthy, democratic and prosperous country. We thank these organizations and their employees for their contributions to Pakistan's development, and their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of ordinary Pakistani men, women and children throughout the country. In that context, the United States regrets that the government of Pakistan has required 18 INGOs, many of which have been working in Pakistan for many years, to close their operations in Pakistan. We encourage Pakistan to engage with all international partners who share their commitment to a bright future for Pakistan.

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