The Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) partnership will help Pakistani institutions bolster education and research by modernizing the curriculum, breaking down barriers to educational success, reaching new and broader audiences, and building “power skills” for students.

HESSA endeavours to increase access, quality and relevance of Pakistan’s higher education programs, particularly for marginalized communities, through:

- Stakeholder-driven curriculum reform for higher education institutions to teach employability skills.
- High-impact education practices to increase student learning of employability skills.
- Distance education, universal design for learning, and micro-credentials to increase learner access and success.
- A culture of teaching excellence supported by a community of practice and access to high-quality faculty development.

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## THREE FOCAL AREAS

The project will strengthen industry-academia linkages to help modernize research, generate useful intellectual property, and mobilize resources. HESSA’s key focus areas of interventions under this component are to:

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Interventions under this Component are complemented by the following online and in-person training workshops in Pakistan and the U.S.:

- **Bootcamps on Faculty Development (Online Teaching & Learning)**
  - Benefiting 375 faculty of HESSA partner HEIs

- **Hybrid Workshops on Advanced Teaching Practices (Collaborative Learning)**
  - Benefiting 180 faculty of HESSA partner HEIs

- **Study Tour for Course Design**
  - Benefiting 60 faculty of HESSA partner HEIs

- **Workshops on High Impact Practices (HIPs)/Experiential Learning Toolkit (Curriculum Modernization)**
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- **Hybrid Workshops on Research Practices**
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- **Workshops on Promoting Entrepreneurial Mindset for ORICs and Faculty**
  - Benefiting 45 faculty of HESSA partner HEIs

- **Workshops on Teaching Methods and Interactive Technologies for Entrepreneurship Course Development**
  - Benefiting 30 faculty of HESSA partner HEIs