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# Proposed USAID Geothermal Resource Assessment in Pakistan

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## **Mud Volcanoes & Geothermal Fluids in Makran Coastal Area, Baluchistan Province, Pakistan**

Source: Energy Foundation of Pakistan



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# U.S Agency for International Development

## Who/ What is USAID

- USAID is the primary foreign assistance arm of the US Government
- USAID works along with US State Department developing/ implementing programs of technical and financial assistance to US allies supporting economic growth and development
- USAID foreign aid assistance to its partner countries typically consists of a combination of TA/ capacity building, some construction, and/or government-to-government grants
- Increasingly, USAID assistance seeks to leverage increased private investment and opportunities -- if possible -- for US business (*using very limited budgets*)



- **Since 2009, the US Government Has Committed Close to \$1 Billion to Support Pakistan's Electricity Sector:**
  - Pakistan has been a key strategic partner to US efforts in South Asia
- **USAID Assistance Has Focused on:**
  - Reducing losses and improving collections, profitability, and performance of Pakistan's nine distribution companies
  - Funding strategic transmission lines connecting \$1.2 billion, 680MW of private wind projects to the grid
  - Improving energy sector policy and regulatory governance
  - Constructing and/or retrofitting select thermal and hydro-electric plants
- **USAID Support Has:**
  - Added about 2,800 megawatts (MW) to the Pakistan national grid
  - Increased distribution company revenues by \$460 million
  - Improved electricity service to over 38 million Pakistanis
  - Supported construction/ negotiation of Pakistan's 1st \$ LNG imports

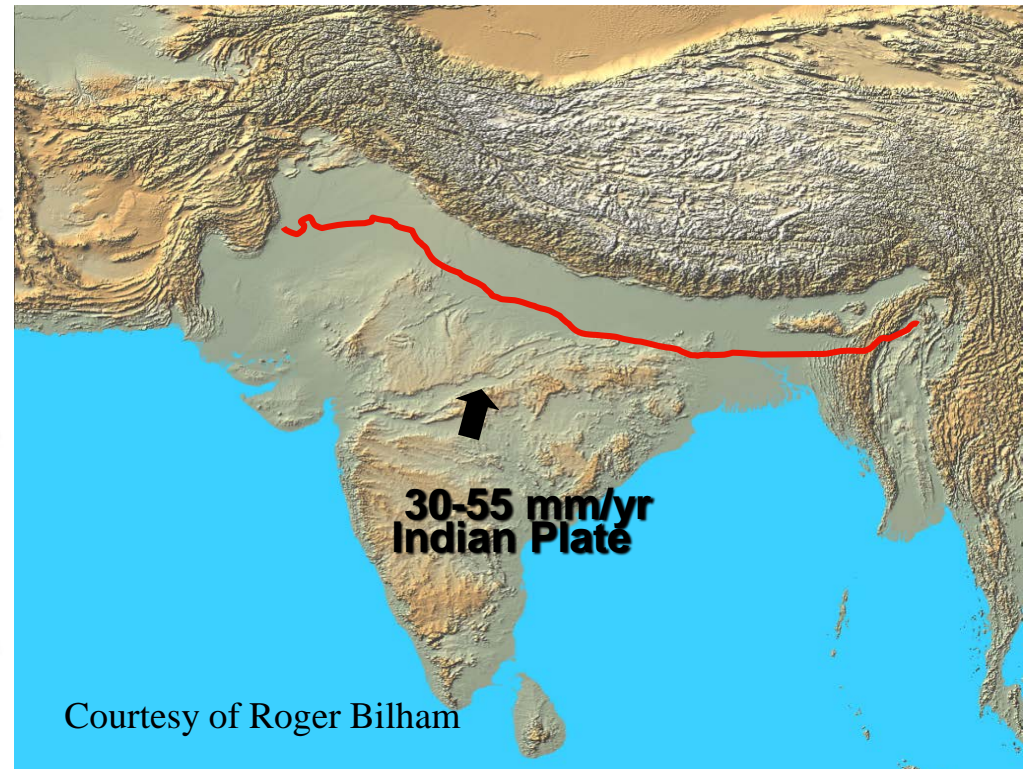
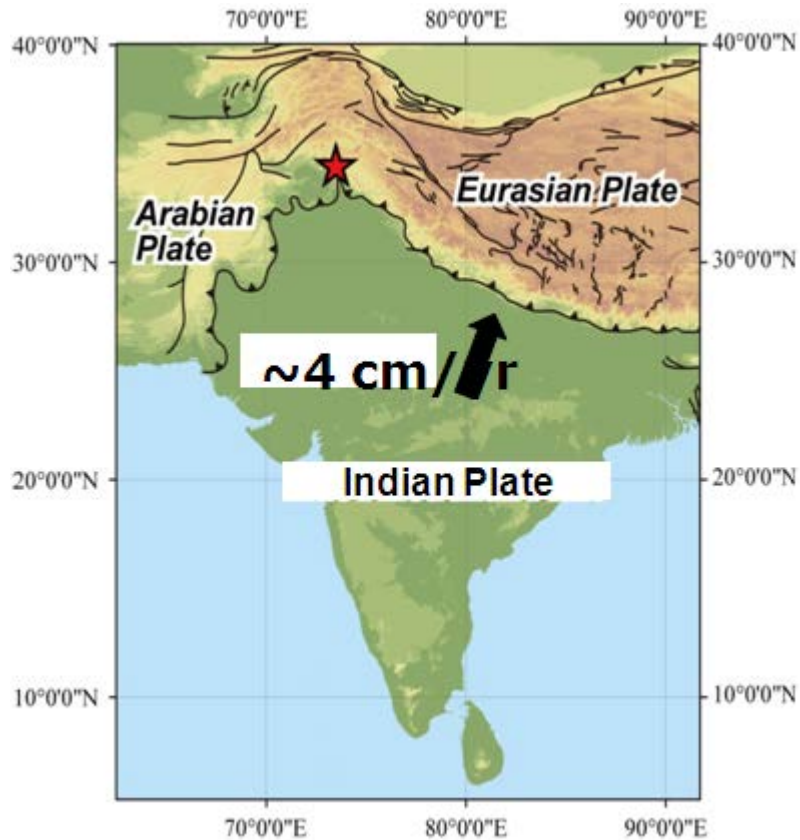
# Direction of Future USAID Energy Assistance to Pakistan

## Going Forward, We Plan to Focus More Heavily on Increasing/ Accelerating Private Investment in Clean Energy by:

- **Strengthening Government of Pakistan (GoP) governance, policy, and investment enabling environment**
- **Providing Technical and Capacity Building Assistance to GoP agencies/ sub-units responsible for negotiating/ closing private sector deals**
- **Providing Select Government Grants to Leverage Private Projects**
  - E.g. NTDC upgrades of transmission lines connecting wind, hydro, and solar generation to the national grid
- **Strengthening Distribution and Transmission Systems**
- **Supporting Grid and Off-Grid Private Business Opportunities**
  - Direct Business-to-Business Sales
  - Renewable Energy Zones **AND**
  - **Geothermal Energy Development**



# Why Might Pakistan Have Geothermal Potential?



**The seismic boundary of Pakistan has been formed by the interaction of the Arabian, Indian and Eurasian Plates.**

# WHERE ARE PAKISTAN'S GEOTHERMAL ENERGY RESOURCES?

## GILGIT BALTISTAN PROVINCE (Northern Himalayan Valleys)

- GEOTHERMAL SPRINGS & GEYSERS & FUMERSOLES

## AZAD KASHMIR

- GEOTHERMAL SPRINGS

## KHYBER PAKHTUN KHAW (KPK) PROVINCE

- CHITRAL VALLEY GEOTHERMAL SPRINGS
- POTOHAR – KOHAT GEOTHERMAL BASIN

## PUNJAB PROVINCE

- POTOHAR GEOTHERMAL BASIN
- CO-PRODUCED GEOTHERMAL WATERS IN OIL & GAS FIELDS

## SINDH PROVINCE

- BADIN – SANGHAR RIFT BASIN
- UPPER SINDH GEOTHERMAL BASIN
- CO-PRODUCED GEOTHERMAL FLUIDS IN OIL & GAS FIELDS

## BALUCHISTAN PROVINCE

- CHAGAI VOLCANIC ARC MAGMATIC SOURCES
- PISHIN BASIN GEOTHERMAL SPRINGS
- MAKRAN COASTAL AREA GEOTHERMAL SPRINGS & MUD VOLCANOES

**SHALLOW GEOTHERMAL AVAILABLE FOR HEAT PUMPS THROUGHOUT PAKISTAN**

Source: Javed Ahmad, Energy Foundation



### Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Wells

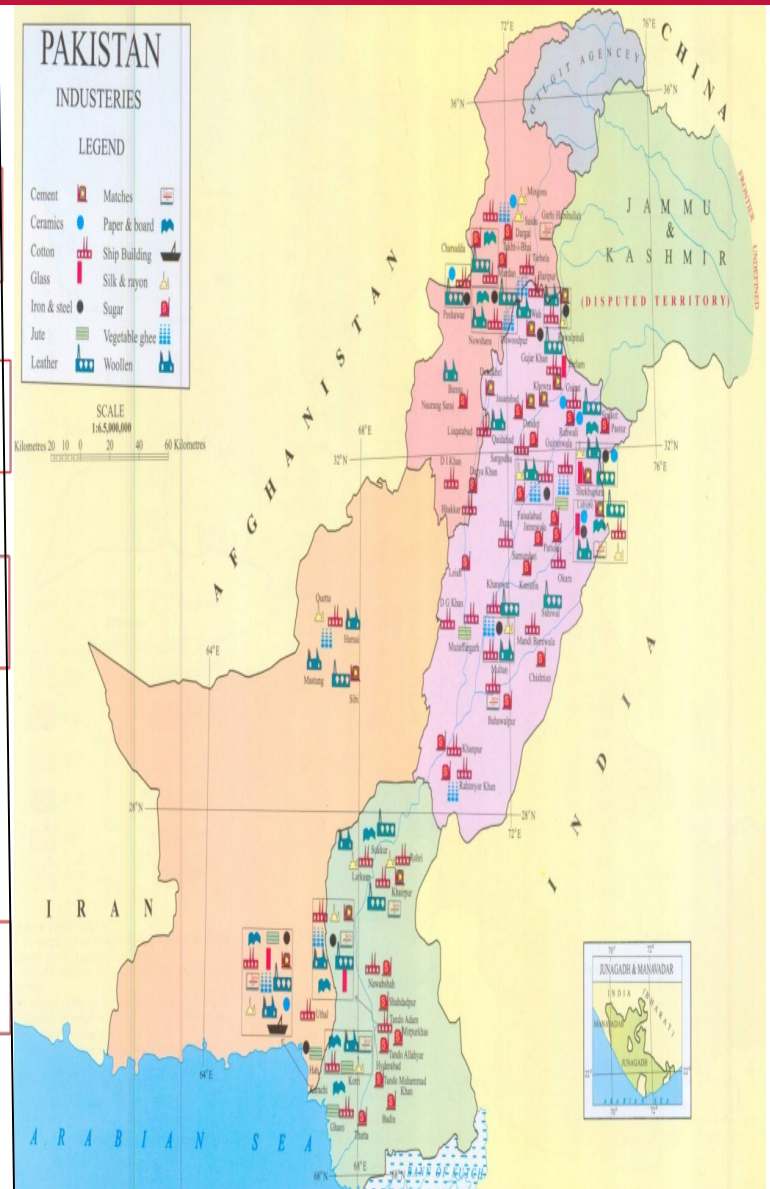
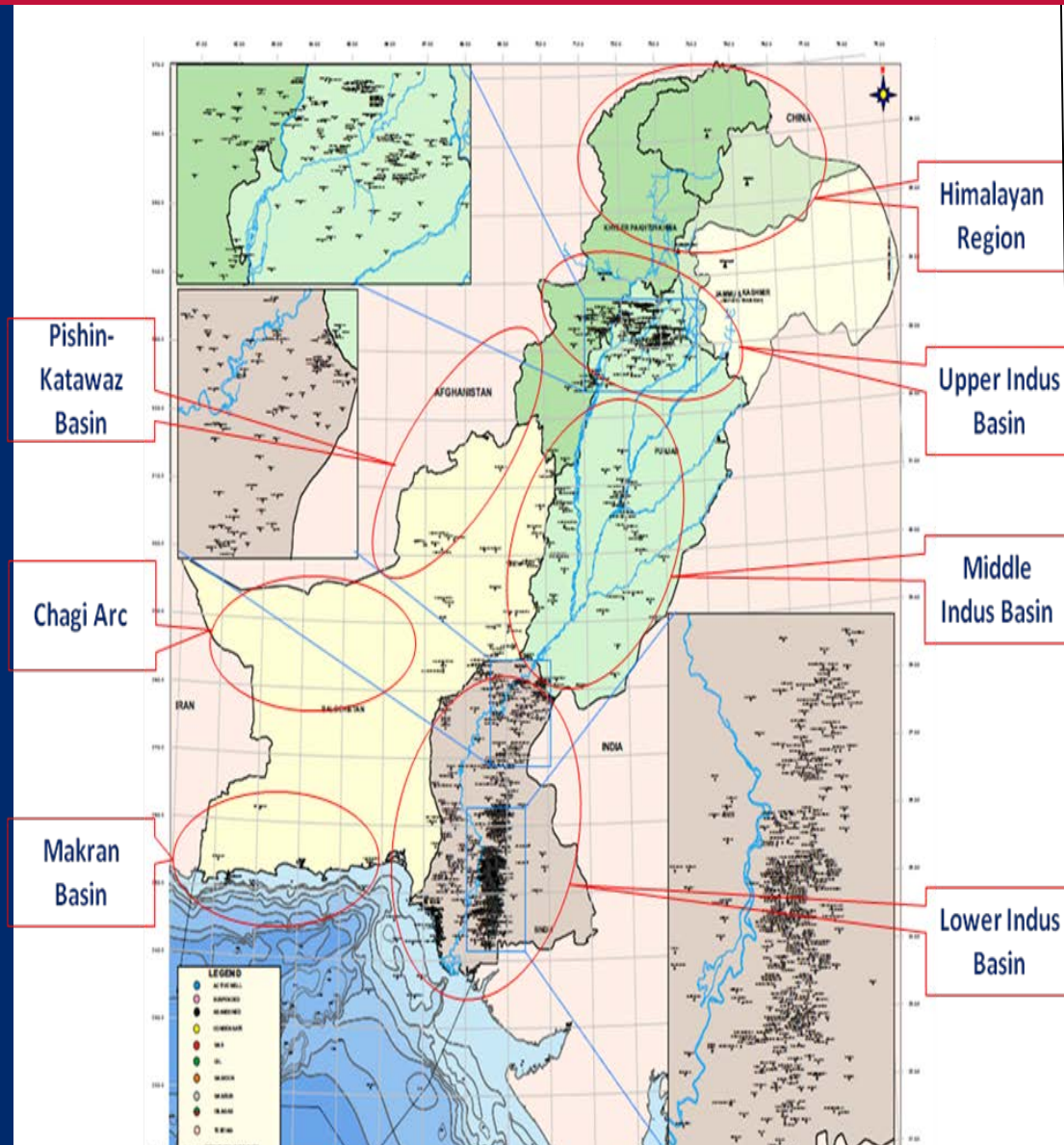
➤ Exploratory Wells	850
➤ Development wells	1145
➤ Abandoned wells	600
➤ Wells Available for Geothermal Energy Development	300







# Co-Location of Pakistan Industry and O&G Wells







## **Abandoned Oil Exploratory Well Near Islamabad Capital**

**Geothermal Water flowing with Artisan Pressure @ 5000 Barrel/ Day with + 100 °C Temp, since 1980 from sedimentary Acquire at 1500 Meter Depth.  
Location 33 04 ' 44 N 72 56' 50'E**

# LOWER INDUS BASIN SINDH PROVINCE PAKISTAN BADIN SANGHAR GEOTHERMAL RIFT BASIN

## Temperature in Drill Wells

Site	Depth	Temperature C°	Temperature F°	Well Status
1	3877	151	304	P/A
2	3651	158	316	P/A
3	3598	153	307	P/A
4	3350	161	321	P/A
5	3420	151	303	P/A
6	4034	164	327	P/A

# LOWER INDUS BASIN SINDH PROVINCE PAKISTAN UPPER SINDH GEOTHERMAL BASIN

## Temperature in Drill Holes/ Hot water

Site	Depth	Temperature C°	Temperature F°	Well Status
1	141	176	348	GAS
2	3400	132	270	P/A
3	3700	143	290	CONDENSATE
4	3700	146	296	GAS
5	3800	137	280	GAS
6	3800	149	300	P/A
7	3800	139	280	CONDENSATE
8	3800	139	280	GAS
9	1448	90	195	GAS
10	2700	176	<350	GAS
11	2700	168	335	GAS

(Note: The names of the sites are not being identified to advance further studies  
Source: Javed Ahmad, Energy Foundation.

# UPPER INDUS SEDIMENTARY BASIN: PUNJAB & KPK PROVINCES, PAKISTAN, POTWAR GEOTHERMAL BASIN

## Temperature in Drill Wells

Site	Depth (m)	Temperature C°	Temperature F°	Well Status
1	5730	160	320	
2	5840	139	282	P/A
3	4814	125	257	P/A
4	4223	119	246	P/A
5	3711	99	202	Hot Water Flowing
6	4940	136	277	P/A
7	4814	125	257	P/A
8	4900	137	279	P/A
9	4739	130	266	P/A
10	4020	101	213	P/A

## MIDDLE INDUS BASIN PUNJAB (South) PROVINCE

### Temperature in Drill Wells

Site	Depth	Temperature C°	Temperature F°	Well Status
1	3631	112	233	P/A
2	3000	101	214	P/A
3	3682	113	236	P/A
4	2226	105	221	P/A
5	3601	116	240	GAS
6	4406	125	257	P/A
7	4798	137	279	P/A
8	3034	127	260	P/A

(P/A) Drill Holes Plugged & Abandoned

Source: Javed Ahmed, Energy Foundation Pakistan.





# Scope of Work for Pakistan Geothermal Resource Assessment

- 1. Identify and Review Available Geothermal Data** -- from existing, abandoned, and capped oil and gas wells, volcanism, geothermal outcroppings along faults, and geothermal spring resources.
- 2. Conduct Initial Technical Review of Potential Opportunities in Three Target Markets:**
  - Grid-scale geothermal production
  - Geothermal co-production from O&G Wells
  - Potential Direct Use geothermal opportunities
- 3. Develop Short- and Medium-term Development Strategy for Subsequent Development**
  - If Step #2 is encouraging, initially quantify potentials of opportunities, and develop priorities and strategy for further study and development
  - If the Step 2 indicates very limited potential, then cease work



## Scope of Work for Pakistan Geothermal Resource Assessment (2)

4. **Further Analysis and Investigation of Select High-Value Short- and Medium-term Commercial Market Opportunities**
  - Estimate potentials of high-value target markets
  - Further identify and analyze **specific** priority geothermal fields and wells
  - Evaluate commercial opportunities and markets
    - Co-locate industrial, commercial, and agricultural locations with specific geothermal sites
    - Identify potential business-to-business applications
5. **Review Legal and Regulatory Framework/ Barriers to Geothermal Development**
6. **Review Commercial Issues Associated with Geothermal Development**



**Geothermal fumaroles, Geysers Hot water & Steam Springs with more than 140 °C temperature, flowing year-round in the Northern Himalayan Valleys, Pakistan**  
Source: Energy Foundation



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# Thank You!

# Questions?

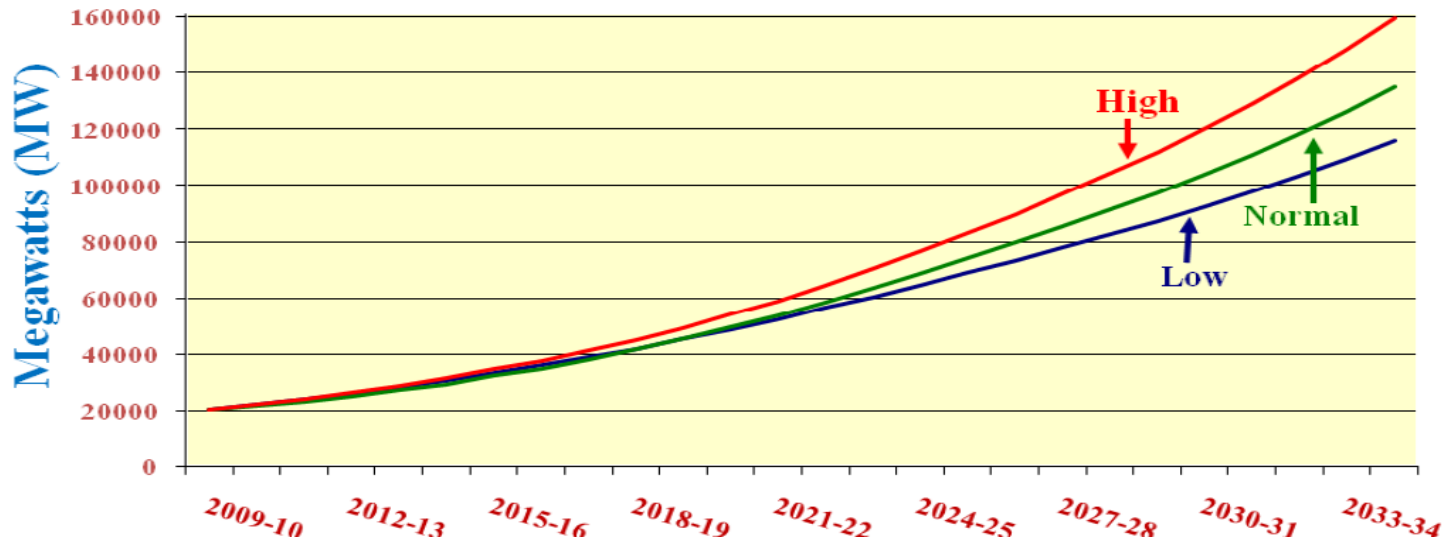
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# Pakistan's Current Energy Crisis: A Business Opportunity?

- Power load shedding (6-10 hours) currently is biggest economic issue for Pakistan
- Prime Minister Sharif set solving Pakistan's energy problems as the nation's number one priority, essential to improving its economy
- Pakistan's Energy fuel mix is inappropriate and not sustainable
- Per Capita power consumption is expected to increase from 800 to 2,538 kWh/yr by 2035, requiring the installation of over 100,000 MW of new generation capacity.
  - In comparison, Malaysia per capita use is currently 3,724 kWh/yr



100,000+  
MW  
expansion



# Pakistan: An Attractive Market for Private Investment

- **GoP Has Significant History with Independent Power Producers (IPPs)**
  - Nearly 50% of installed Pakistan generation owned by IPPs
  - Investment framework and bankable security agreements designed 20 years ago, observe international standards, and are continually refined
- **Private IPP Projects Get Done in Pakistan**
  - Over 800 MW of privately-owned, wind, hydro, and solar energy projects reached financial closure over the last 2 years
  - LOIs signed for an additional 2,000 MW of wind
- **Sharif/ Abassi Government Is Very Supportive of Private Investment**
  - Also, GoP receives major support from MFIs and bi-lateral donors (e.g. USAID)
- **Pakistan Offers Sovereign Guarantees On Payments**
  - *GoP has never defaulted on NTDC/DISCO payments to IPP (occasional delay)*
  - *One of few remaining countries in world offering sovereign guarantees*

# Attractive Features of Pakistan IPP Market

- **One Stop IPP Development Window** (thru AEDB or PPIB)
  - Standardized processes and guidelines for IPP developers
- **Deal Terms**
  - GOP Sovereign Guarantee on PPA purchase obligations
  - Guaranteed 17-20% IRR, tariff indexation, and equity repatriation
  - Bankable, standardized, internationally-accepted security agreements (PPA, IA, EPC, FSA, etc.)
  - Protection against political risk & change in law
  - Tax free regime (no corporate income, sales, withholding, customs, dividend taxes)
  - Connection to the Grid is Responsibility of Purchaser
- **Guaranteed Repatriation of Equity and Shareholder Dividends**
- **Guaranteed Remittance of Pakistani Rupees into USD**



### **Attractive Renewable Energy-specific Investment Incentives:**

- GoP provides sovereign guarantee on electricity purchase
- GoP guarantees return on investment between 17% to 20% (IRR)
- Front-end loaded, tariff regimes for power projects
- Net metering and banking of electricity allowed

### **Pakistan Local Attractions**

- Karachi -- a growing financial market with energy deal experience
- Available strong, local, IPP partners (e.g. HUBCO, Sapphire, and numerous Pakistan industrial groups)
- Growing local banks with clean energy lending experience for local finance





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# Availability of Strong Local Partners to Offshore Investors

- Experienced in Hands-on Country Political Risk Management
- Possess Regulatory Know-how
- Increase Ability to Attract Quality HR in Pakistan
- Experienced in Bidding, Tariff and Security Package Negotiations, and History With Various GoP Decision-makers

## On the Other Hand, There are Risks.... But With Viable Solutions

- **Domestic Security Concerns** -- Both Perceived and Real
  - Localized security risks
  - GOP aggressively and successfully cracking down on terrorism
  - Highlights the value/need for experienced local Pakistani partners
  - IPP projects have been successfully operating for 20 years
- **Risks Presented by GoP Circular Debt**
  - Pakistan's successful adherence to terms of IMF Standby Loan
  - Strong donor pressure/ support to Pakistan's energy sector
- **Lack of In-Depth GOP Institutional Capacity**
  - “Lack of capacity”, nevertheless GoP managed to financially close over 800 MW of IPPs in 2014
  - Strong donor support in improving capacity