

COUNTRY REPORT TEMPLATE for CDNL-AO 2012

Name of Country:

Islamic Republic of Pakistan which came into existence in 1947 at the end of British Imperialism in the sub-continent (South Asian Region)

Name of Library:

National Library of Pakistan formally inaugurated on 24th August, 1993.

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1. General Overview :

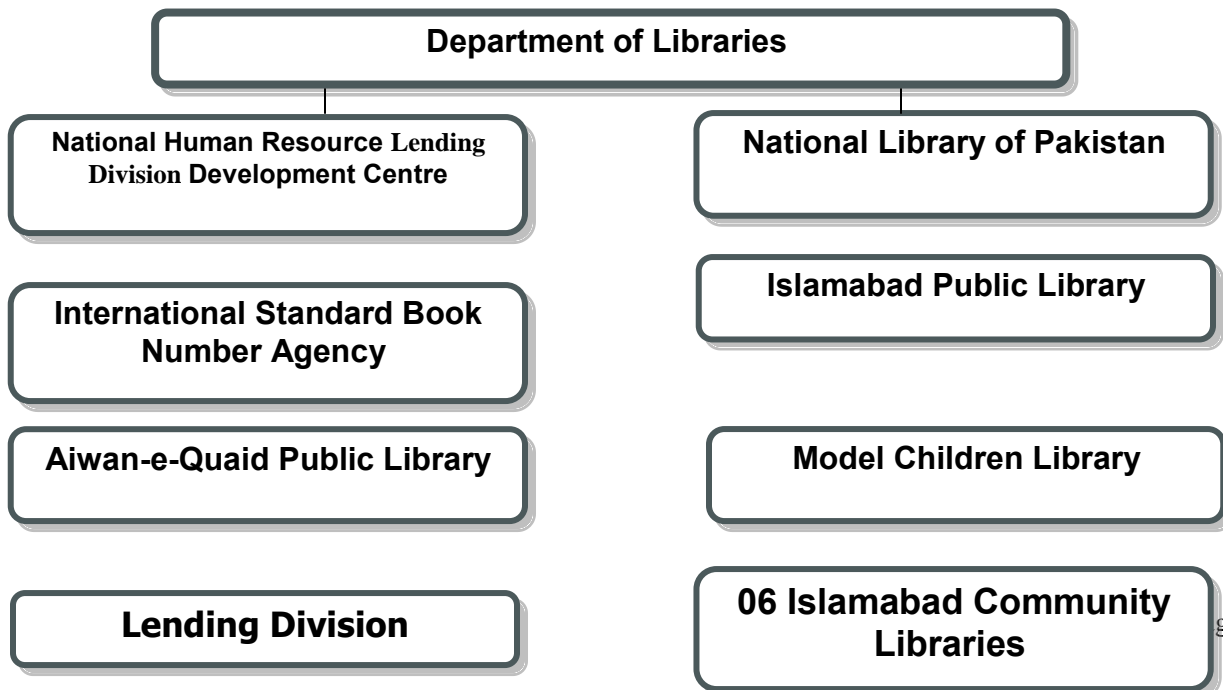
Libraries in Pakistan generally and Department of Libraries in particular made notable progress. University and special libraries made rapid progress during the last few years. Collections of numbers of libraries were automated and they succeeded in getting state of the art hardware and software. Modern Library security systems were also installed in some University and special libraries. National Library of Pakistan also acquired 3M book security system which has been implemented. Now libraries in Pakistan are generally using VIRTUA ILS, Horizon, Koha, insignia, WINISIS and LIMS integrated library systems. Green Stone Digital Library Software is being used for digital libraries.

The Department also added 02 new libraries to its community libraries network. At present there are 06 community libraries located in various sectors of Islamabad. The Department of Libraries also opened Quaid Public Library in famous Fatima Jinnah Park, Sector F-9, Islamabad. The Department of Libraries spent Rs.5.00 million on collection development of community libraries during financial year 2011-12.

Islamabad Public Library and Model Children Library were working in rented buildings. The Department of Libraries got a Government building allotted for the aforementioned libraries. New building has enough space to accommodate these libraries. The building has been altered as functional library building with the expenditures of Rs.1.00 million.

2. Relationship to Government

Federal Department of Libraries is an attached Department of Ministry of Capital Administration and Development, Islamabad which was established at Karachi in 1973. The Department was shifted to Islamabad in 1981. National Library of Pakistan, National Human Resource Development Centre for Libraries, Islamabad, International Standard Book Number Agency, Islamabad, Islamabad Public Library, Model Children Library, Quaid Public Library, F-9 Park, Islamabad and 06 Islamabad Community libraries work under the administrative control of the Department. Organizational chart of the Department of Libraries is as under:



3. **Key Facts and Figures :**

- ◆ Received 1687 Books, 17795 issues of Journals and 4276 copies of Newspapers under Copyright Law.
- ◆ Purchased 1981 Books.
- ◆ 14509 Readers Consulted 10380 Books.
- ◆ 4410 users enjoyed internet searching and surfing facility
- ◆ 1752 books were fumigated and 212 books were bound.
- ◆ Allotted ISBN to 4540 Pakistani publications and 130 new publishers were enrolled.

Collections of National Library of Pakistan:

Purchased/Gifts/Donation:

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| ◆ Books / Periodicals Volumes | 140,000 |
| ◆ Microfiche | 48,000 |

Copyright Deposits:

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| ◆ Books | 64,547 |
| ◆ Newspapers | 321 |
| ◆ Magazines/Journals (per month) | 1200 |

Rare Books, Manuscripts & Theses etc:

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| ◆ Rare Books | 10,000 |
| ◆ Manuscripts | 580 |
| ◆ Ph D Theses | 3500 |
| ◆ Books on CDs / DVDs | 2150 |

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4. **New Developments in Creating and Building Collection**

10,000 new titles were added to the collections of community libraries.
6,000 new titles were added to the collection of National Library of Pakistan
1,000 new titles were added to the collection of Lending Division.

5. **New Developments in Managing Collection**

ESTABLISHMENT OF THESIS CORNER:

Department of Libraries has established Ph.D. / M. Phil theses Corner in National Library of Pakistan in collaboration with Higher Education Commission, Islamabad during

financial year 2011-12. The Department of Libraries is maintaining about 4000 thesis at present.

National Library of Pakistan is non-lending library. Therefore, the Department of Libraries has established a Lending Division in the National Library of Pakistan for provision of lending services to its users. A new building for Islamabad Public Library and Model Children Library was acquired, altered and renovated in order to maintain the collection of the libraries.

6. New Developments in Providing Access

The Department of Libraries has opened 03 new libraries during the last 02 years. These libraries are meant to provide access to their collections for residents of Islamabad near to their homes. Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) of the National Library is web based tool. It also serves as Union Catalogue of all libraries under the administrative control of the Department of libraries, Ministry Capital Administration & Development.

7. Collaborations with Other Institutions and Professional Associations

The Department is member of International Federation of Library Association & Institutions (IFLA), Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL/Asia-Oceania Chapter) and Union of National Libraries of Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Countries.

Pakistan Library Association (PLA) is a national body of library & information science professionals in the country which was established in 1957. The Association is comprised of 05 branch councils and 01 headquarters. The headquarter of the association rotates from one branch and an other after every 02 years. In case, PLA headquarter fails to make the announcement three months advanced before the completion of its 02 years in the office, headquarter automatically shift to Director General, Department of Libraries as per article 9.9 of constitution of the Pakistan Library Association. Headquarter of the Association, remained in Karachi (Sindh Province) for the last 02 years. They were not able to conduct the elections of the associations due to heavy floods in the Province and other unavoidable circumstances. Now, the Department of Libraries, National Library of Pakistan is acting as headquarter of the association. The Election Commissioner has been appointed and schedule has been issued. The Department of Libraries has also issued a special issue of PLA News Letter in respect of elections 2012.

8. Education and Training

The Department of Libraries has organized following seminars and workshops during the financial year 2011-12.

- i. International seminar on "Bibliographic Access in an Internet World" held on 26-1-2012.

- ii. Seminar on "**Books and Reading Habits being reshaped in Digital era**" held on 23-4-2012.
- iii. Seminar on "**Role of An Association in Professional Development**" held on 26-4-2012.

Internship:

The Department of Libraries also extends Internship training for post graduate students of Universities on honorary basis for period of 45 days to 60 days. 05 Post-graduate students were trained under professional internship training programme whereas 10 people were trained under National Internship Programme (NIP).

9. Regional Experts Meeting On Use Of E-Books & Libraries Held From 7 – 9 May, 2012.

The Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISECO), Rabat, Morocco in Cooperation with the Ministry of Awqaf & Islamic Affairs, State of Kuwait and Pakistan. National Commission for UNESCO Islamabad organized a regional experts meeting on use of E-books and E-libraries in Islamabad from 7 – 9 May, 2012. Experts from Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, Philippines, Thailand and Pakistan participated in the meeting. Dr. Muhammad Yusnan Bin Yousaf, representative ISESCO, Rabat presented his address in opening session. Mr. Ikram, SG-PNCU, Mr. M. Dawood, DSG-PNCU and Dr. Imtihan Elahi Qureshi, Executive Director, COMSATS also addressed the meeting in inaugural session. Ch. Muhammad Nazir, Director General, Department of Libraries was invited as guest of honour in the closing session. He also awarded certificates among the participants.

A sub-committee comprising of Syed Ghyour Hussain, Director, Department of Libraries, Raja Muhammad Ibrahim, Chief Librarian, COMSATS, Islamabad and Mr. Hassan Nasir Zaidi, Project Coordinator, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Digital Library was constituted for preparation of recommendations of experts meeting. The experts meeting recommended as follows:

1. Establishment of Muslim World digital library under the umbrella of ISESCO for provision of gateway to the knowledge resources of Muslim World i.e. classic books, documents, images and books on faith etc;
2. Formation of consortium by ISESCO for acquiring E-resources in English, Arabic and other Regional Languages for the benefits of the Muslim World. For the purpose ISESCO may create a portal to collaborate with other existing E-libraries

to establish access for the member countries and to constitute a committee in order to explore funding options and other legal matters;

3. Recognition of research work done by Muslims Scholars in various discipline of knowledge;
4. Funds may be established / raised for transformation of existing libraries' collections into digital collections;
5. To organize regular training programmes for library and information professionals;
6. ISESSCO may support an annual meeting of the stakeholders from the region to share experience and recommend policies to ISESSCO on –e-resources, acquisition and usage among institutions from the OIC region;
7. To organize information literacy training programme for students, academia and research scholars on various levels;
8. Support for automation of collections and operations at libraries / knowledge resources;