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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation maintained an office in Pakistan from 1952 to 1980. Established in Karachi in 1952, the office then moved to Islamabad in 1968. The Foundation's Pakistan program chiefly focused on supporting projects and initiatives involved with development planning and research, agriculture, education, population and family planning, and public administration. By 1980, the Foundation had issued almost \$60 million in grants for Pakistan related programming (Outline for a Possible Foundation Program in Pakistan memo from Robert Shaw to John Bresnan, May 22, 1980, Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 6262-9286 (FA739C), Report 009107).

In 1971, the Ford Foundation decided to suspend and cancel various program plans and reduce staff in Pakistan in response to the events of the Indo-Pakistani War, the separation of eastern and western Pakistan, and the emergence of independent Bangladesh. Program strategy focused on projects that the Foundation believed were the most likely to survive (Ford Foundation Pakistan Program Report Fiscal Year 1971, February 1, 1972, Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 9287-11774 (FA739D), Report 011596). The Foundation opened an office in Bangladesh in 1972 and maintained its Pakistan office until 1980.

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Scope and Contents

Contains travel and study awards and subject files.

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