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Financing Education in Post-Conflict Regions of Pakistan

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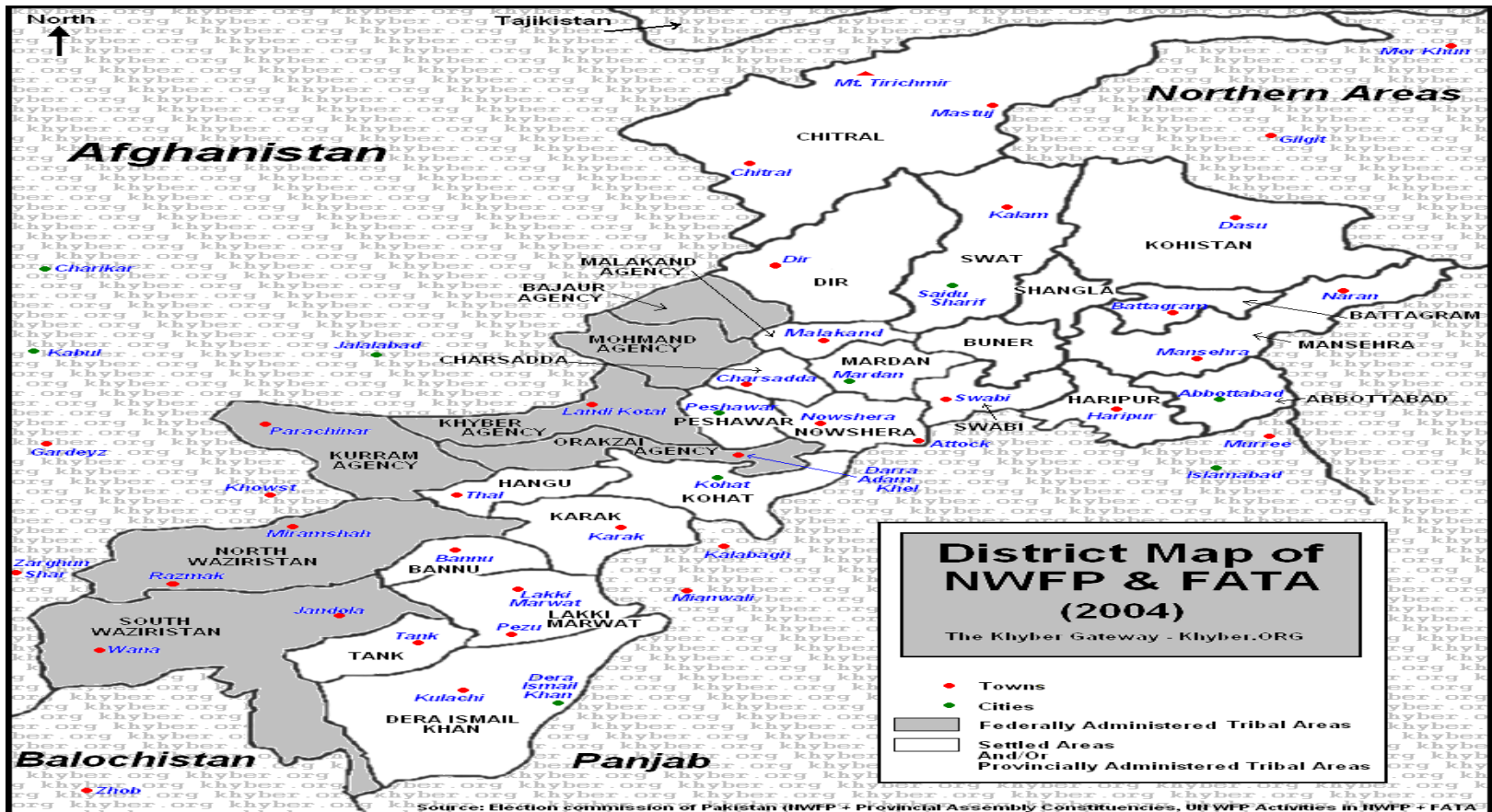
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Malakand Division

The Malakand Division includes 7 districts: Lower Dir, Upper Dir, Swat, Chitral, Buner, Shangla and Malakand.





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Political Context in the Malakand Region of Pakistan

- Conflict begin in 2006
- Government of Pakistan military action in 2009
- As a result all of the militant activity and GOP military action, approximately 180 schools in the Malakand Division were destroyed
- USAID decision to rebuild 120 schools to stabilize the region and allow children to return to school



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Why G2G?

- Pakistan has capacity to rebuild
- GOP request to have as much foreign exchange as possible “on budget”
- Strong mandate from Ambassador Holbrooke
- Rebuild the writ of the Government of Pakistan and help it provide basic social services to its people



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Program Structure

- Fixed amount reimbursement agreement with the Government of Pakistan
 - Milestone payments
- CPA firm embedded in Government agency
- Construction supervision firm (US contract) providing technical assistance and engineering support to GOP
- Third party monitoring to certify work completed by Pakistani firm



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Challenges

- Limited capacity of government
- Limited finances of small construction firms
- Challenges with advance payments under USG regulations
- Need for monitoring and limited movement of USAID American staff



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Lessons Learned

- Use of small local construction firms helped to rebuild local economy
- G2G can be cost-efficient
- More technical assistance needed than originally planned and budget for in program design
- Close coordination and high level support of GOP officials key



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Next Steps

- Implement community mobilization program
- Expand program to flood-affected areas
- Use lessons learned to work in the province of Sindh