



Dear Reader,

I am very pleased to present to you this book about Germany in Pakistan's national language Urdu. I hope this book will give you a comprehensive picture of my home country Germany, the many facets of Pakistani-German bilateral relations and the numerous interactions between our peoples.

The history of Pakistani-German relations is one of long-lasting friendship. Germany always was and will be a reliable partner at Pakistan's side, and we regard our cooperation with Pakistan as very important.

During the last years Pakistan experienced particularly difficult challenges. Germany is fully supporting Pakistan's decisive action against terrorist and extremist activities and is well aware of the sacrifices which Pakistan has had to make.

Large parts of this beautiful country were devastated in late July 2010 by a disastrous and unprecedented flood. Both the German Government as well as the citizens of Germany have since contributed a very substantial financial support. This aid has been largely channelled through experienced German implementing agencies such as the GTZ and German NGOs as well as through UN organisations.

Dear Reader,  
the German Embassy Islamabad is ready to be of assistance if you want to know more about Germany or Pakistani-German relations. If you have not yet done so, I recommend a look at our newly set-up website ([www.islamabad.diplo.de](http://www.islamabad.diplo.de)) as a point of entry.

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