

# IAL: At a Glance

Lighting a Lamp of Learning in a World of Darkness



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## Our Beginnings

IAL began in 2000 with the goal of enabling communities for the development of local languages through education and training.

While the head office is in Karachi, most of the training courses and work takes place in Mirpur Khas, Sindh. It is here where IAL has provided six diploma program cycles for linguists and educators to work in their respective communities.

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FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT  
WORKSHOP

Begins in January 2019

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FINGER MATH &  
BLOOM TECHNOLOGY  
WORKSHOP

Coming in March 2019

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ADVOCACY FOR  
MULTILINGUAL  
EDUCATION

Coming in August 2019

## Did you know?

Pakistan has over 70 languages and in Sindh there are at least 35 different languages spoken.

Recognizing that there are so many languages in the Sindh alone, IAL works to support and equip communities with the ability to make informed decisions about their culture and language.

IAL provides courses such as: Research Methods and Programme Planning; Phonetics and Phonology; Sociolinguistics; Anthropology; Grammar; Linguistic Computing; Literacy Methods and Materials Production; and Translation Principles, just to name a few.

In addition to these, IAL seeks to further support ongoing projects with needs-based workshops, such as financial management workshops, advocacy for communities, and language documentation.

IAL also assists new projects to begin, based on the community's desire to develop their languages and identities.



**“I never knew we had all these sounds in our language...”**

Prem, from the Tharadri Language Community, made an insightful comment during his phonology assignment presentation. Prior to attending IAL, he had worked with the team and he thought that he knew his language and culture very well. He thought he would be able to help his team without any difficulty. However, after taking a few courses at IAL, he now realizes that he has never thought of his language from the angle of a language development worker. He said, "I never knew we had all these sounds in our language and never thought of how we pronounced these sounds." With this new knowledge he will be a better help to his team and community.



### A MESSAGE FROM SAEED ZUBAIR, ADMINISTRATOR:

“For almost 20 years IAL has offered basic and advanced linguistics courses to over 100 students from 15 different languages spoken throughout Pakistan. Out of these students, 70 graduated with language development, literacy and translation diplomas, and others completed certificate courses. Many graduates are leading language development work in their native tongues. They have created orthographies, dictionaries, and literacy materials in their languages. We want to branch into the remaining 15 languages in Sindh.”