China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

The China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), jointly implemented by the Governments of Pakistan and China. Since the signing of the CPEC MoU on 5 July 2013, CPEC has emerged as a comprehensive framework for economic integration, regional connectivity, and industrial cooperation.



Agriculture Cooperation under CPEC

Agriculture, contributing more than 20% to GDP and employing about 40% of the workforce, remains the backbone of Pakistan's economy. However, it faces challenges of low productivity, limited mechanization, and inadequate value addition. Recognizing its strategic importance, agriculture was formally included in the CPEC framework in 2018 with establishment of a dedicated Joint Working Group (JWG).

Key Areas of Cooperation:

- **Capacity Building:** Enhancing the skills and knowledge of Pakistani farmers and researchers.
- **Germplasm Resources:** Exchanging plant and animal genetic resources to enhance crop and livestock varieties.
- **Agriculture Product Processing:** Modernizing and improving post-harvest processes to reduce wastage and enhance product quality.
- **Technology Extension:** Facilitating the transfer of advanced agricultural technologies and practices.
- **Fisheries Sector Development:** Boosting Pakistan's fisheries sector through cooperation and development.
- **FMD Free Zones in Pakistan:** Establishing Foot-and-Mouth Disease-free zones for export promotion.
- **Market Information and Trade:** Enhancing access to information and trade opportunities.

Key Achievements



CMEC China has supported the establishment of modern sesame farms, processing facilities, and export supply chains in Pakistan. As a result, Pakistan's sesame exports to China have surged to US$ 300–400 million, making sesame the largest agricultural export commodity in bilateral agri-trade.

Royal Group China has established in vitro embryo technology lab and buffalo Disease-Free Farm. Foot-and-mouth disease free farm recognized by China and Pakistan, is currently the only buffalo farm that can export buffalo germplasm resources to China.





Sichuan Litong Food Co., Ltd. is an agricultural enterprise focused on chili cultivation, processing, and export trade. By 2024, the project had expanded to 30,000 acres, involving over 6,000 local farming households.

Wuhan Qingfa Hesheng Seed and EVYOL Group has developed hybrid canola varieties and modern oil extraction demonstration station. The project contributing high-yield hybrid canola varieties and high-quality edible oil to Pakistan's domestic market.





Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's initiative to train 1,000 young agricultural professionals in China. This capacity building program is part of the Pakistani government's broad efforts to modernize the agricultural sector and train young professionals to meet future challenges.

China has provided grant of 278 sets of agricultural machinery and equipment worth 30 million yuan. The project will help Pakistan's agricultural mechanization.





AGRICULTURE CORPORATION: CPEC

The China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Phase-II marks a shift toward high-quality, innovation-driven, and market-oriented development, with agriculture positioned as a priority sector. Leveraging Pakistan's natural resource base and China's advanced technologies, CPEC offers a policy-backed, facilitation-driven platform for long-term agricultural cooperation and investment.

Establishment of modern dairy, meat, and poultry farms

Agricultural mechanization and seed technology

Value addition and agro-industrial development

Agri-value chain and Food Industry

Technology transfer and localization

Agricultural modernization demonstration zones

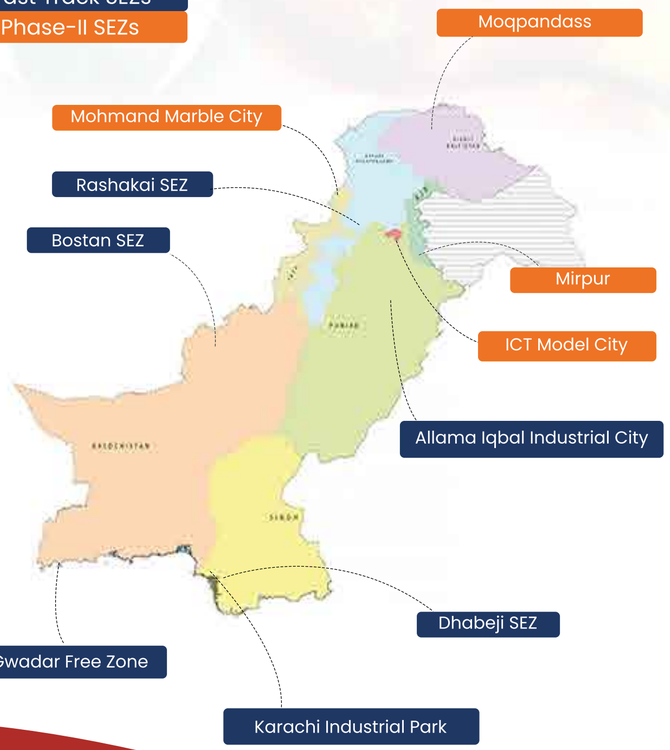
Private sector–led investment and joint ventures

SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES UNDER CPEC

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Phase-II SEZs



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