



PAKISTAN'S TRADE WITH AFRICA

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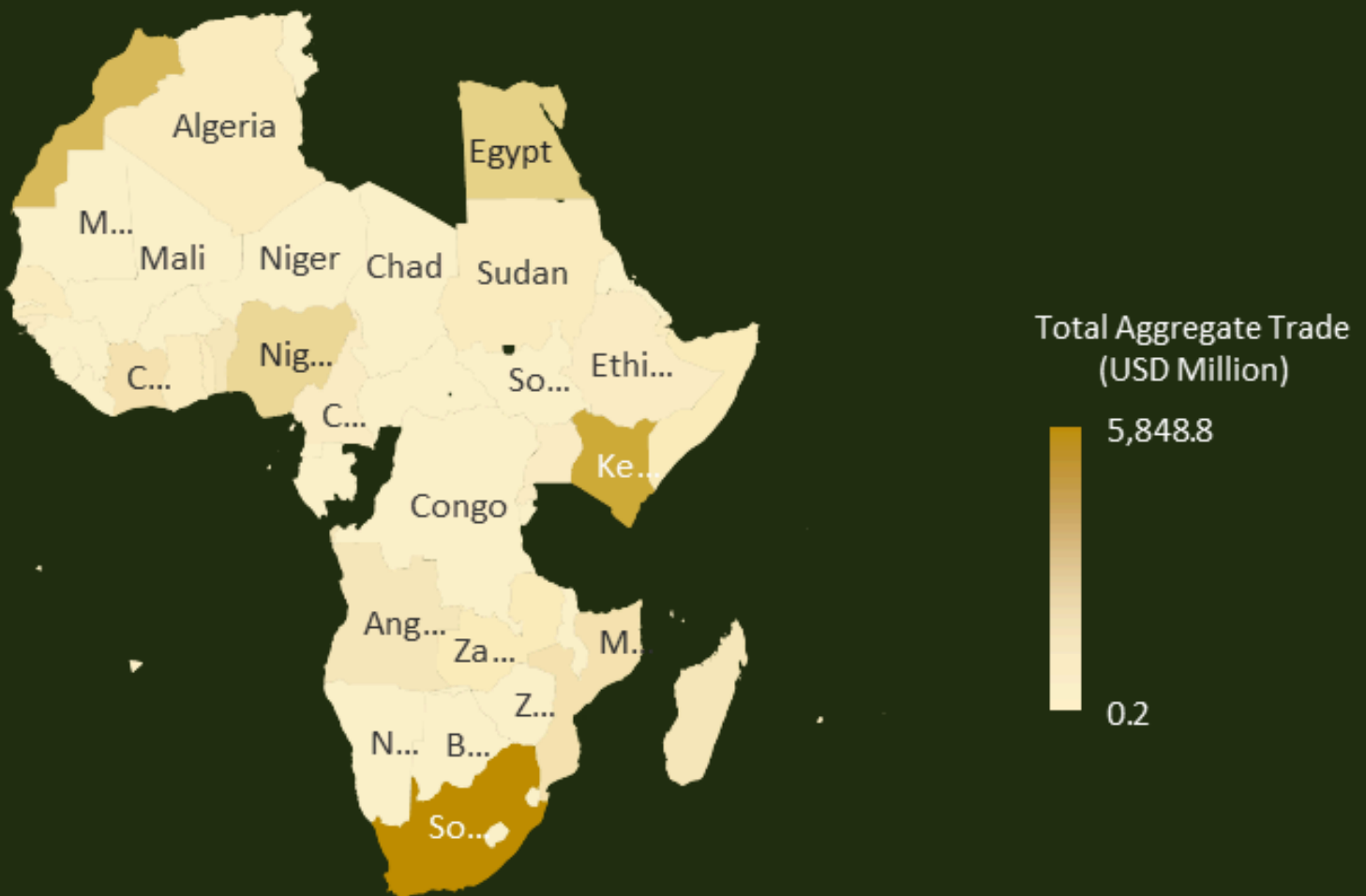
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Pakistan's trade with Africa



There are 57 African countries with whom Pakistan has conducted trade between 2020 & 2024 as per the International Trade Centre (ITC) Website. All data in this publication has been acquired from the International Trade Centre (ITC) Website.

Figure 1: Pakistan's top African trading partners (2020-2024 aggregate)





Pakistan's imports from **Africa**

**Figure 2: Pakistan's top import sources
(2020-2024 aggregate)**

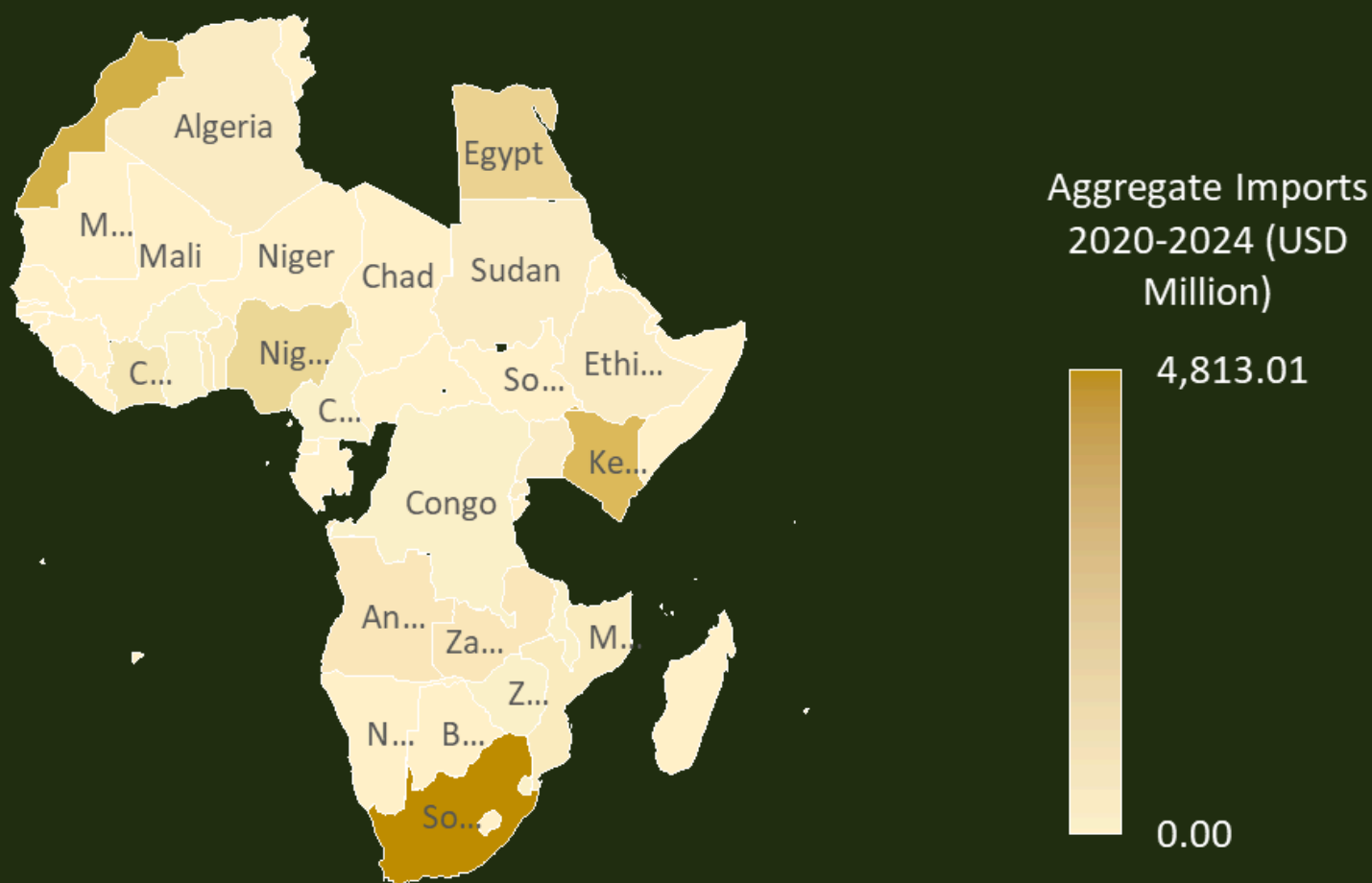


Table 1: Top 10 African countries Pakistan imported the most from on aggregate (2020-2024)

Unit: USD Million

Rank	Exporters	Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2022	Value in 2023	Value in 2024	Aggregate Imports (2020-2024)	CAGR (2020-2024)
-	World	45,841.7	73,106.6	71,104.7	50,362.5	56,522.7	296,938.2	4.3%
-	Africa Aggregate	2,655.7	4,527.2	4,328.7	2,665.5	3,244.7	17,421.7	4.1%
1	South Africa	922.9	1,745.8	1,231.4	415.1	497.8	4,813.0	-11.6%
2	Morocco	336.4	587.5	1,000.9	546.5	636.8	3,108.1	13.6%
3	Kenya	520.8	512.8	543.2	500.7	569.6	2,647.0	1.8%
4	Egypt	274.0	518.0	256.4	214.0	95.1	1,357.6	-19.1%
5	Nigeria	116.4	74.7	171.3	313.7	565.5	1,241.6	37.2%
6	Tanzania	119.8	92.6	122.7	118.6	156.9	610.6	5.5%
7	Côte d'Ivoire	40.7	176.6	163.5	62.0	56.6	499.3	6.8%
8	Zambia	29.7	88.0	137.9	85.1	71.2	412.0	19.1%
9	Angola	11.4	323.6	45.6	0.0	0.0	380.7	-75.6%
10	Benin	4.7	48.8	35.0	45.4	171.6	305.4	105.1%

- Imports from Africa represented 5.8% of all imports in 2024, and 5.9% of all imports from 2020 to 2024.
- Pakistan held a 0.6% share in Africa's aggregate exports from 2020 to 2024.
- The top ten import sources represented 88.3% of all imports from Africa between 2020 & 2024 and were valued at 15,372.3 USD Million.

Figure 3: Pakistan's top imports at HS-02 from 2020-2024 Aggregate and their import Value (USD Million)

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral ... 6,889.2	Tea, maté and spices 2,967.7	Cotton 1,347.7			Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal ... 765.2				
		Fertilisers 615.7			Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement 558.9				
	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, ... 2,043.6	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers 397.5		Copper and articles thereof 317.4			Residues and waste from the food industries; ...		
		Iron and steel 391.2	Ships, boats, floating cranes, floating docks, floating bridges, floating piers, floating wharves, floating warehouses, floating workshops, floating offices, floating hospitals, floating schools, floating barracks, floating hospitals						

- The largest import category, Mineral fuels, oils and products of distillation, featured 6,889.2 USD Million worth of imports from 2020 to 2024. Bituminous coal and liquified natural gas made up the majority of this category's import value at 4,505.8 USD Million and 2,166.9, respectively.
- Other top categories were Tea and Spices, Cotton, Chemicals (mostly comprising phosphates) and Oil Seeds.

Table 2: Top 10 products imported from Africa from 2020-2024 Aggregated

Unit: USD Million

Rank	HS Code	Label	Imports in 2020	Imports in 2021	Imports in 2022	Imports in 2023	Imports in 2024	Aggregate imports	CAGR (2020-2024)
-	'TOTAL	All products	2,655.7	4,527.2	4,328.7	2,665.5	3,244.7	17,421.7	4.1%
1	'270112	Bituminous coal, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated	790.4	1,608.2	1,230.9	405.3	471.0	4,505.8	-9.8%
2	'090240	Black fermented tea and partly fermented tea, whether or not flavoured, in immediate packings ...	562.2	565.5	621.1	568.8	615.4	2,933.0	1.8%
3	'271111	Natural gas, liquefied	313.5	793.2	379.5	302.3	378.3	2,166.9	3.8%
4	'280920	Phosphoric acid; polyphosphoric acids, whether or not chemically defined	221.2	418.6	691.6	294.7	404.7	2,030.8	12.8%
5	'520100	Cotton, neither carded nor combed	238.4	471.4	435.3	133.0	62.7	1,340.9	-23.4%
6	'120190	Soya beans, whether or not broken (excl. seed for sowing)	-	-	-	202.2	422.5	624.7	-
7	'310530	Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate "diammonium phosphate" (excl. that in tablets or similar ...	86.8	63.2	214.0	120.9	100.4	585.4	3.0%
8	'251010	Natural calcium phosphates and natural aluminium calcium phosphates, natural and phosphatic ...	46.9	111.7	99.8	148.5	151.0	557.9	26.3%
9	'740311	Copper, refined, in the form of cathodes and sections of cathodes	27.1	69.9	108.6	40.3	66.8	312.6	19.8%
10	'230400	Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting ...	0.0	0.0	-	85.8	143.2	229.0	714.3%

- The top ten items represented 87.8% of all imports from Africa from 2020 to 2024



Import Comparison with India

Table 3: Top 10 import sources for Pakistan and India from 2020 to 2024

Unit: USD Million

Rank	Exporters	Pakistan Aggregate imports	Rank	Exporters	India Aggregate Imports
-	World	296,938.2	-	World	3,047,512.9
-	Africa Aggregate	17,421.7	-	Africa Aggregate	201,310.4
1	South Africa	4,813.0	1	South Africa	49,527.7
2	Morocco	3,108.1	2	Nigeria	32,700.8
3	Kenya	2,647.0	3	Angola	15,772.1
4	Egypt	1,357.6	4	Tanzania	12,297.9
5	Nigeria	1,241.6	5	Egypt	10,030.8
6	South Sudan	685.0	6	Guinea	9,393.3
7	Tanzania	610.6	7	Mozambique	9,346.7
8	Côte d'Ivoire	499.3	8	Morocco	9,225.0
9	Zambia	412.0	9	Ghana	7,865.8
10	Angola	380.7	10	Algeria	4,872.8

- India imported 161,032.7 USD Million from these top 10 countries, versus 15,372.3 USD Million for Pakistan in the period 2020 to 2024.

Table 4: Pakistan and India's top ten imported items by aggregate value (2020-2024)

Unit: USD Million

Rank	HS Code	Label	Pakistan Aggregate imports
-	'TOTAL	All products	17,421.7
1	'270112	Bituminous coal, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated	4,505.8
2	'090240	Black fermented tea and partly fermented tea, whether or not flavoured, in immediate packings ...	2,933.0
3	'271111	Natural gas, liquefied	2,166.9
4	'280920	Phosphoric acid; polyphosphoric acids, whether or not chemically defined	2,030.8
5	'520100	Cotton, neither carded nor combed	1,340.9
6	'120190	Soya beans, whether or not broken (excl. seed for sowing)	624.7

Rank	HS Code	Label	India Aggregate Imports
-	'TOTAL	All products	201,310.4
1	'270900	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude	59,635.4
2	'710812	Gold, incl. gold plated with platinum, unwrought, for non-monetary purposes (excl. gold in ...	36,780.4
3	'270119	Coal, whether or not pulverised, non-agglomerated (excl. anthracite and bituminous coal)	19,678.9
4	'271111	Natural gas, liquefied	11,461.8
5	'740200	Copper, unrefined; copper anodes for electrolytic refining	8,045.2
6	'280920	Phosphoric acid; polyphosphoric acids, whether or not chemically defined	7,211.7

Rank	HS Code	Label	Pakistan Aggregate imports
7	'310530	Diammonium hydrogenorthop hosphate "diammonium phosphate" (excl. that in tablets or similar ...	585.4
8	'251010	Natural calcium phosphates and natural aluminium calcium phosphates, natural and phosphatic ...	557.9
9	'740311	Copper, refined, in the form of cathodes and sections of cathodes	312.6
10	'230400	Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting ...	229.0

Rank	HS Code	Label	India Aggregate Imports
7	'080131	Fresh or dried cashew nuts, in shell	6,682.2
8	'710231	Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted (excl. industrial diamonds)	4,896.1
9	'310530	Diammonium hydrogenorthop hosphate "diammonium phosphate" (excl. that in tablets or similar ...	4,324.6
10	'260200	Manganese ores and concentrates, incl. ferruginous manganese ores and concentrates, with a ...	3,217.2

- India's aggregate import value over the given period is considerably larger than Pakistan's, at 201,310.4 USD Million against 17,421.7 USD Million, respectively.
- Top imports for most countries are similar, comprising of hydrocarbons, phosphates, copper, and agricultural products.
- One notable difference is India's imports of unworked diamonds which the country processes by cutting before proceeding to export.



Pakistan's exports to **Africa**

**Figure 4: Pakistan's top export destinations
(2020-2024 aggregate)**

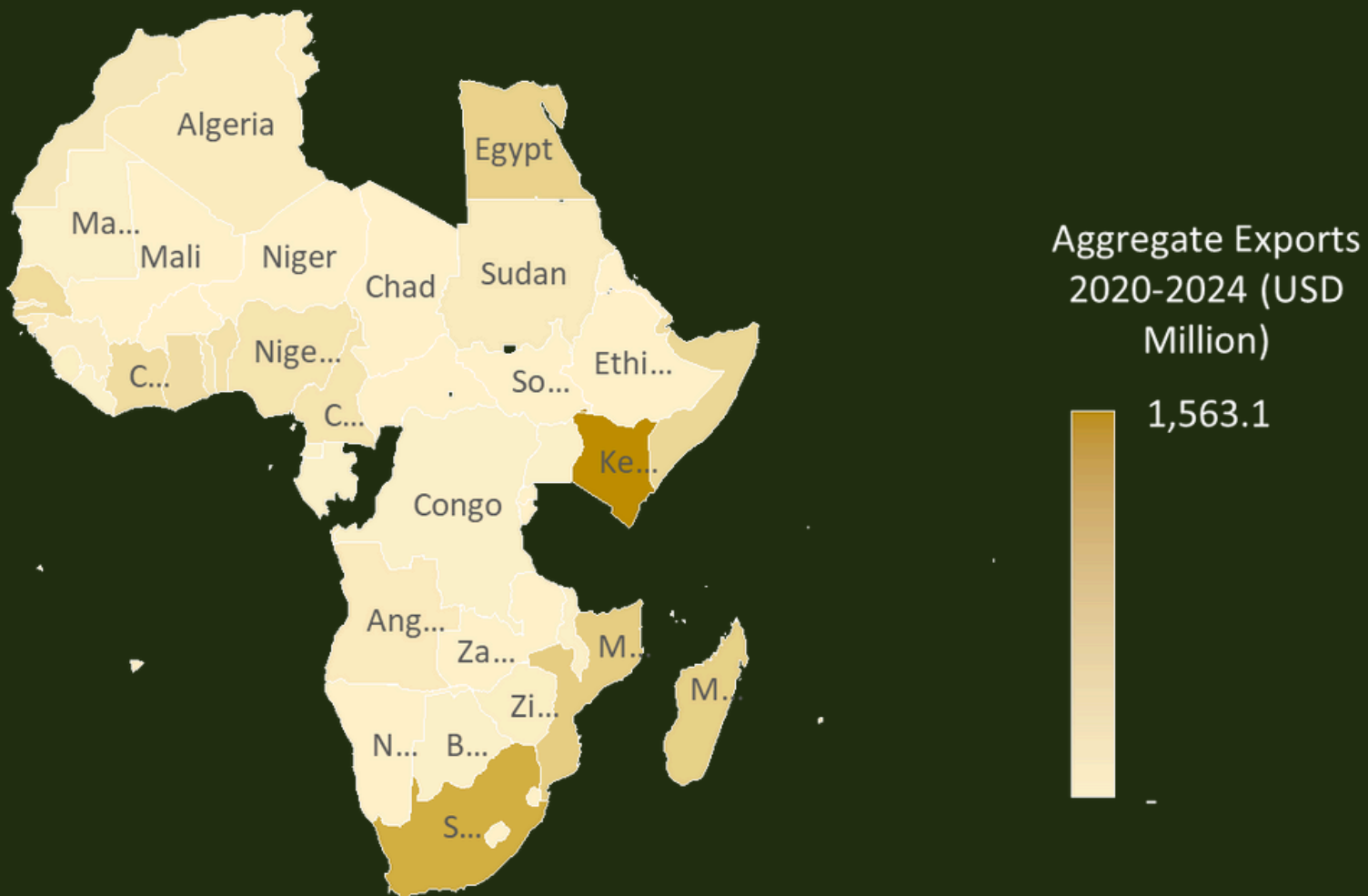


Table 5: Top 10 African countries Pakistan exported most to on aggregate (2020-2024)

Unit: USD Million

Rank	Exporters	Exported value in 2020	Exported value in 2021	Exported value in 2022	Exported value in 2023	Exported value in 2024	Total Exports	CAGR (2020-2024)
-	World	22,245.7	28,880.0	31,175.9	28,950.1	32,460.6	143,712.3	7.9%
-	Africa Aggregate	1,401.0	1,489.5	1,507.6	1,822.4	2,390.2	8,610.7	11.3%
1	Kenya	273.4	250.3	312.3	305.2	422.0	1,563.1	9.1%
2	South Africa	183.2	223.1	239.8	198.7	191.0	1,035.8	0.8%
3	Tanzania	99.1	111.5	124.4	202.0	131.0	668.1	5.7%
4	Mozambique	112.9	117.2	82.2	72.1	158.5	542.9	7.0%
5	Madagascar	48.0	88.7	84.9	122.7	159.5	503.7	27.2%
6	Egypt	71.3	105.9	96.7	104.5	106.2	484.6	8.3%
7	Somalia	66.6	70.1	86.7	74.3	90.6	388.3	6.4%
8	Senegal	34.7	23.2	29.5	93.8	172.6	353.9	37.8%
9	Djibouti	45.5	55.5	37.0	102.1	79.3	319.4	11.8%
10	Côte d'Ivoire	24.2	41.4	23.2	58.3	169.2	316.2	47.6%

- Exports to Africa represented 7.4% of all exports in 2024, and 6.0% of all exports from 2020 to 2024.
- Pakistan's share in Africa's aggregate imports was 0.3% from 2020 to 2024.
- The top ten export destinations represented 71.7% of all exports to Africa, between 2020 & 2024, at 6,176.0 USD Million

Figure 5: Pakistan's top exports at HS-02 from 2020-2024 Aggregate and their export Value (USD Million)

Cereals 3,610.1	Other made-up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags 1,363.9				Cotton 839.6			
	Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement 329.3	Beverages, spirits and vinegar...		Articles of apparel, knitted or crochet...		Sugars and sugar confectionery 147.2		
		Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories ...	Plastics and articles thereof...		Nuclear reactors,...		Optical, photo...	
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	Pharmaceutical products 221.0	Articles of apparel, not knitted or crocheted 119.0	Electrical...	Pre...	S...	K...	T...	O...
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	Man-made staple fibres 204.2	Paper and paperboard;...	Article s of...	Ino...	R...	I...	S	T
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- Rice is the top export category, along with textiles and cotton. These three categories constituted more than half of all aggregate exports to Africa from 2020 to 2024.

Table 6: Top 10 products exported to Africa from 2020-2024 Aggregated

Unit: USD Million

Rank	HS Code	Label	Exports in 2020	Exports in 2021	Exports in 2022	Exports in 2023	Exports in 2024	Aggregate exports	CAGR (2020-2024)
-	'TOTAL	All products	1,401.0	1,489.5	1,507.6	1,822.4	2,390.2	8,610.7	11.3%
1	'100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	497.5	429.0	425.0	612.1	942.6	2,906.2	13.6%
2	'630900	Worn clothing and clothing accessories, blankets and travelling rugs, household linen and articles ...	140.4	184.2	163.8	168.3	185.4	842.0	5.7%
3	'100640	Broken rice	94.1	32.4	30.4	182.2	352.0	691.1	30.2%
4	'520942	Denim, containing >= 85% cotton by weight and weighing > 200 g/m², made of yarn of different	48.2	62.0	49.8	51.3	48.1	259.3	-0.1%
5	'252329	Portland cement (excl. white, whether or not artificially	35.9	35.1	37.6	47.5	54.2	210.3	8.6%
6	'630260	Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics of cotton (excl. ...	26.1	41.4	44.9	41.4	38.9	192.6	8.3%
7	'220710	Undenatured ethyl alcohol, of actual alcoholic strength of >= 80%	30.5	8.8	15.2	38.7	76.9	170.1	20.3%
8	'481159	Paper and paperboard, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed, coated, impregnated or ...	20.2	27.7	35.3	22.1	5.5	110.9	-23.0%
9	'300490	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or	20.7	23.4	26.3	20.8	16.5	107.6	-4.5%
10	'252310	Cement clinkers	2.0	13.1	3.7	33.1	49.0	100.9	89.0%



- The top ten items represented 64.9% of all exports to Africa from 2020 to 2024.
- Cement, rice and undenatured ethyl alcohol witnessed large surges in export value in 2023 & 2024.



Export Comparison with India

Table 7: Pakistan and India top 10 aggregate exports destinations (2020-2024)

Unit: USD Million

Rank	Countries	Pakistan Aggregate exports to Africa
-	World	143,712.3
-	Africa Aggregate	8,610.7
1	Kenya	1,563.1
2	South Africa	1,035.8
3	Tanzania	668.1
4	Mozambique	542.9
5	Madagascar	503.7
6	Egypt	484.6
7	Somalia	388.3
8	Senegal	353.9
9	Djibouti	319.4
10	Côte d'Ivoire	316.2

Rank	Countries	India Aggregate exports to Africa
-	World	1,995,932.8
-	Africa Aggregate	203,336.7
1	South Africa	34,033.6
2	Nigeria	19,632.9
3	Egypt	16,707.5
4	Tanzania	16,280.6
5	Togo	16,132.1
6	Kenya	13,830.7
7	Mozambique	9,416.0
8	Sudan	5,535.9
9	Ghana	5,164.2
10	Senegal	4,622.4

- The top ten countries accounted for 141,355.9 USD Million in aggregate Indian exports, whilst they only accounted for 6,176.0 USD Million in aggregate Pakistani exports.



Table 8: Pakistan and India top ten aggregate export items (2020-2024)

Unit: USD Million

Rank	HS Code	Label	Aggregate Pakistani Exports to Africa
-	'TOTAL	All products	8,610.7
1	'100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	2,906.2
2	'630900	Worn clothing and clothing accessories, blankets and travelling rugs, household linen and articles ...	842.0
3	'100640	Broken rice	691.1
4	'520942	Denim, containing >= 85% cotton by weight and weighing > 200 g/m², made of yarn of different ...	259.3
5	'252329	Portland cement (excl. white, whether or not artificially coloured)	210.3
6	'630260	Toilet linen and kitchen linen, of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics of cotton (excl. ...	192.6

Rank	HS Code	Label	Aggregate Indian Exports to Africa
-	'TOTAL	All products	203,336.7
1	'271019	Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum or bituminous minerals, not containing biodiesel, ...	48,108.9
2	'100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	15,962.9
3	'300490	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	12,487.3
4	'271012	Light oils and preparations, of petroleum or bituminous minerals which >= 90% by volume "incl. ...	7,852.5
5	'170199	Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form (excl. cane and beet sugar containing ...	5,828.4
6	'870322	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of ...	4,395.3

Rank	HS Code	Label	Aggregate Pakistani Exports to Africa
7	'220710	Undenatured ethyl alcohol, of actual alcoholic strength of >= 80%	170.1
8	'481159	Paper and paperboard, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed, coated, impregnated or ...	110.9
9	'300490	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	107.6
10	'252310	Cement clinkers	100.9

Rank	HS Code	Label	Aggregate Indian Exports to Africa
7	'871120	Motorcycles, incl. mopeds, with reciprocating internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder ...	4,067.0
8	'870321	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of ...	3,351.6
9	'020230	Frozen, boneless meat of bovine animals	3,091.0
10	'100640	Broken rice	1,722.1

- India's top ten exports accounted for 106,866.9 USD Million from 2020-2024. For Pakistan, the aggregate top ten exports were valued at 5,591.0 USD Million.



Total Trade With Africa

Table 9: Top 10 African countries by total aggregate trade with Pakistan (2020-2024)

Unit: USD Million

Rank	Countries	2020.0	2021.0	2022.0	2023.0	2024.0	Total Trade
-	World	68,087.3	101,986.6	102,280.6	79,312.6	88,983.2	440,650.4
-	Africa Aggregate	4,056.6	6,016.7	5,836.3	4,487.9	5,634.9	26,032.4
1	South Africa	1,106.1	1,968.9	1,471.2	613.8	688.7	5,848.8
2	Kenya	794.2	763.0	855.4	805.9	991.5	4,210.1
3	Morocco	361.0	616.6	1,033.0	576.2	663.1	3,249.9
4	Egypt	345.3	623.9	353.1	318.5	201.3	1,842.2
5	Nigeria	146.4	114.3	206.8	350.9	614.9	1,433.4
6	Tanzania	218.9	204.1	247.1	320.6	287.9	1,278.7
7	Mozambique	114.0	160.7	262.9	113.0	174.3	824.9
8	Côte d'Ivoire	64.8	218.0	186.7	120.3	225.8	815.5
9	Benin	63.8	70.7	74.3	81.0	250.6	540.4
10	Madagascar	50.4	92.7	90.7	127.4	165.5	526.8

- Trade with Africa made up 5.9% of Pakistan's total trade from 2020 to 2024.
- Pakistan held a 0.4% share in Africa's total trade from 2020 to 2024.
- The top ten trade partners constituted 79.0% of Pakistan's total trade with Africa from 2020-2024.



Total Trade Comparison with India

Table 10: Top ten countries by Aggregate total trade with Pakistan and India (2020-2024)

Unit: USD Million

Rank	Countries	Pakistan Aggregate Total Trade	Rank	Countries	India Aggregate Total Trade
-	World	440,650.4	-	World	5,043,445.7
-	Africa Aggregate	26,032.4	-	Africa Aggregate	404,647.2
1	South Africa	5,848.8	1	South Africa	83,561.2
2	Kenya	4,210.1	2	Nigeria	52,333.7
3	Morocco	3,249.9	3	Tanzania	28,578.5
4	Egypt	1,842.2	4	Egypt	26,738.3
5	Nigeria	1,433.4	5	Togo	19,001.9
6	Tanzania	1,278.7	6	Mozambique	18,762.7
7	Mozambique	824.9	7	Angola	18,262.7
8	Côte d'Ivoire	815.5	8	Kenya	14,665.0
9	Benin	540.4	9	Morocco	13,699.3
10	Madagascar	526.8	10	Ghana	13,030.0

- India's total trade with Africa eclipses Pakistan's trade, with the former holding a 6.7% share in Africa's aggregate trade from 2020 to 2024.
- Sub-Saharan Africa seems to have particularly strong trade links with India, with South Africa and Nigeria being two of India's largest African trading partners by far.

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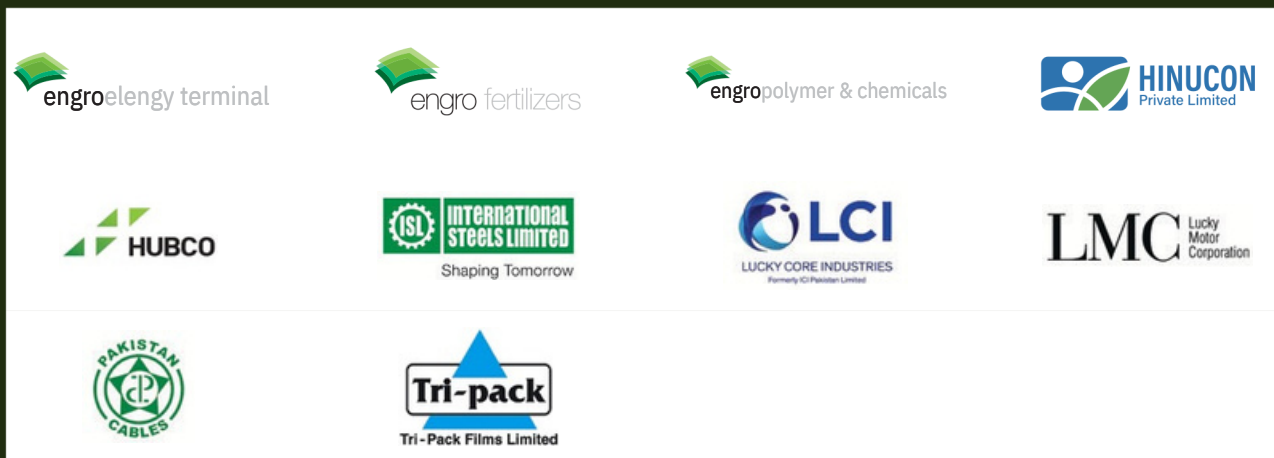
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