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SUCCESS STORY

Ms Mashoo wife of Sham Jee lives with her two sons in Abdeen Farm Taluka Mirpurkhas, Sindh. She belongs to a very poor family. Her husband is a daily wage laborer and has very low income. She desperately wanted to change her dismal financial situation and wanted to enroll her children in school but poverty and low household income were the major stumbling blocks.

She got admission in NCHD Adult Literacy Center (ALC) in 2012 and completed her course. In the Literacy Center she was also provided training on stitching clothes under BBSYDP project. She learned the trade well and she is earning Rs. 2000 per month. Now she is able to send her children to school. She expresses her feeling by saying "After acquiring literacy and stitching skills in NCHD Literacy Center, I am able to earn about Rs. 2000 per month. Due to this increase in the household income, I am able to send my children to school. Literacy skills acquired at the NCHD Literacy Center also enables me in guiding my children in their school work. Thank you NCHD"

Ms. Mashoo – A learners' tale from Sindh Province

NCHD IN PICTURES



DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

Welcome to NCHD's News Bulletin for Feb/Mar 2014. In this issue we are reflecting on efforts of NCHD and its achievements during the period under report. This issue also informs the readers about the visit by Mr. Gordon Brown UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Global Education to attend the Education Conference followed by meeting with the Education authorities at the federal and provincial level.

The conference was attended by the honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mian Muhammed Nawaz Sharif, Federal/Provincial Ministers, senior bureaucrats and officials from the United Nations and representatives of INGOs/NGOs.

The salient features of speeches of Prime Minister of Pakistan and Mr. Gordon Brown also form part of this issue.

We look forward to comments, views and feedback from our readers.

Khusro Pervaiz Khan
DG, NCHD

Education Conference "Unfinished Education Agenda: The Way Forward"

Mr. Gordon Brown UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Global Education" attended the Education Conference titled "Unfinished Education Agenda: The Way Forward" at Serena Hotel, Islamabad on March 29th, 2014. The Honorable Prime Minister Mian Muhammed Nawaz Sharif, Governor of Punjab Mr. Muhammad Sarwar, Finance Minister Mr. Ishaq Dar, Minister of State for Education, Trainings and Higher Education Mr. Baleeghur Rehman were members of the stage panel. In addition, many dignitaries also attended the conference, comprising of Senators, Ministers, Parliamentarians, Secretaries, ED managers, heads of NGO's and CEO's of several organizations.

Message by Gordon Brown - Salient points:

- ➔ The international community would provide Pakistan technical and financial assistance over the next four years to help domestic efforts to deliver universal primary education in the country.

- ➔ Improvements must be carried out by the Government of Pakistan in the accessibility and quality of education in the country.
- ➔ Pakistan has the world's second-most highest number of out-of-school children (OSC) at the primary school level. This issue must be addressed by all concerned on urgent basis.
- ➔ A 21 month target goal was set i.e upto December 2015 for the Government of Pakistan to have as many eligible students in school in Pakistan as possible.



- ➔ Mr. Gordon Brown assured the participants, that the international community would assist in ensuring that every eligible girl and boy should be enrolled in school.
- ➔ The funding, which is expected to materialize during the tenure of the current government, would be spent on areas such as school buildings, teacher trainings and improving the standard of education through curriculum reform.
- ➔ In return, the world expects Pakistan to continue its efforts to invest in education-for-all and to keep its promise to double the education budget.
- ➔ He stated that the international community also wanted to ensure no child marriages should take place in Pakistan and emphasized that child labor was outlawed in the country and that Pakistani girls who wanted to get education, should not face any discrimination.

The UN envoy, who also met with provincial education officials, stated that he held extensive talks with government leaders and he felt that the Pakistani authorities were deeply concerned about developing concrete measures to actually get students in school instead of just promising them education.

The PM's Address - Salient Points

Inaugurating the International Conference on 'Unfinished Agenda in Education, the Way Forward', Premier Nawaz Sharif unveiled his government's plan to launch a countrywide

literacy movement to ensure enrollment of every child in school, by introducing a package of incentives. Salient features of the PM speech were:-

- Effort to achieve the targets set by Education for All (EFA) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) within the coming three years have been undertaken earnestly by the Government of Pakistan.
- A key target, set by UNESCO, to increase budget allocation is likely to be announced in the next fiscal budget session for the education sector to reach 4% of the GDP by the year 2018.
- The premier said his government's objective was to develop an educational system that was compatible with the requirements of a knowledge-based economy. He stressed on the education managers to focus on science and technology and modern skills in education system.
- He called for prioritization of female education in the education policy and effective participation of women in the decision-making process in order to enhance their respect and dignity.
- On the subject of youth employment, he said more than half of the country's population is below 25 years of age. With proper education and training, this huge reservoir of human capital can offer Pakistan a distinct edge in the race for growth and prosperity in the age of globalization.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW MEETING (ORM) AT NCHD

NCHD's Operational Review Meeting (ORM) was held at NCHD Head Office on Feb 20 and Feb 21, 2014. The meeting was chaired by Director General, NCHD Mr. Khusro Pervaiz Khan. All Directors of different departments including Education, Literacy, Administration, Monitoring & Evaluation, Human Resource, and Information Technology along with Provincial Heads participated in this meeting.



DG, NCHD reviewed progress and achievements of each province and suggested areas of improvement.

ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN- AJK

Enrollment Campaign started in Muzaffarabad, AJK on April 19th, 2014. The State/Provincial Minister of Education, AJK, **Mr. Abdul Waheed** inaugurated the Enrollment Campaign 2014. The other prominent participants were Madam Zahoor Naz DEO (Female), Dr. Abdul Majeed Banday DEO(M), Director Mrs. Nasreen Feroz, and representative of national & international NGO's.



ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN-BALUCHISTAN

A detailed meeting was planned at the provincial level for planning the Enrollment Campaign. The main supporters were the Provincial Minister of Education, Secretary Education, Additional Secretary Education, Director Schools, EDOs, Private School Association members, private school teachers, parents and development sector managers etc. The Provincial Minister for Education Mr. Raza Mohammad Barrech shared that we would make 100% efforts to make Enrollment Campaign successful and work tirelessly for providing quality education. In the province maximum resources would be utilized for education promotion and development. He instructed Education Department officials to make concrete plans for launching enrollment campaign activities in winter zone. He emphasized on good planning and stated that "if you fail to plan, you plan to fail" Enrollment walks were held in different districts of Baluchistan in which, community

representatives, press members, social organizations, students, teachers, NCHD staff, volunteers and members of political organizations participated.

Balochistan National Party (BNP) and Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMP) leaders took interest in the whole procedure of enrollment and assured their participation in enrollment campaign activities.

The primary purpose of the walk was to support district teams in the forthcoming enrollment campaign activities and train DPMs/MCs with regard to process of enrollment campaign. First of all, planning meetings were held with District UPE teams followed by training sessions for DPMs and MCs in order to facilitate the UPE team for rectification of gaps that are affecting the program outcome.

ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN-KPK

NCHD KPK/FATA planned to support Department of Education in entire 25 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 9 Agencies/FRs of FATA during the ongoing enrollment campaign 2014-15. NCHD KPK has signed Program Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with UNICEF Peshawar to acquire required financial

assistance for smooth implementation of the plan.

Provincial level "Launching Ceremony of Enrollment Campaign 2014" was held at Government Higher Secondary School No 1 Peshawar Cantt. The Ceremony was arranged

by the Elementary and Secondary Education Department and was organized by the National Commission for Human Development with the financial support of UNICEF. Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. Pervez Khattak, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Mr. Muhammad Atif, Minister for Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in his speech stated that last year in September during the second drive of the Enrollment Campaign more than 3,00,000 out of school children were enrolled. This hallmark achievement was accomplished because of the commitment of the Education Department.

This year Elementary and Secondary Education Department has planned to enroll more than 7,50,000 Out of School Children. The Enrollment Campaign will continue till the end of May and efforts would be made for enrolling maximum out of school children. The Elementary and Secondary Department thanked the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for his participation in the Launching Ceremony. The ceremony ended with full throated slogan of " Parho aur Zindagi Badlo "



To ensure public awareness about the campaign at Provincial and District/Agency/FR level and keeping both the effectiveness and access in view, NCHD KP/FATA hired the services of radio station "F M Buraq" for broadcasting motivational message through its four radio stations at Peshawar, Mardan, Bannu and Mansehra in this regard.

Enrollment walk was also planned in Chitral, KPK in coordination with District Education Department, Chitral and Mastuj Tehsils, Principal/teachers Govt. High School Booni. Education Dept. managers from Chitral and NCHD team arrived at the destination after carrying out joint monitoring visits of various schools in the jurisdiction of Chitral Circle.

Emergency Enrollment Plan 2014 – Punjab

Punjab Government declared Emergency Enrollment in the whole province to cater for the problem of low enrollment. A meeting with important stakeholders of the province was called in the Provincial Education Secretariat to work out a plan for the whole province. NCHD, UNICEF, Education Department and McKenzie Consultants were the part of the planning process. NCHD was given due importance in the provincial plan to implement SMP and carry out enrollment in collaboration with the Education Department.

School Education Department launched Enrollment Campaign-14 vigorously throughout the province of Punjab and NCHD district teams provided the technical support / assistance to District Education Departments in 29 Districts. All activities were undertaken with

ZERO budget. PO UPE team assisted the School Education Department at provincial level to develop the enrollment action plan and issue instructions for the ED teams at district level.

Detailed instructions were issued to all concerned (NCHD – HDSUs) by Provincial Office Punjab according to the Provincial Enrollment Action Plan of School Education Department. District's teams have done an exceptionally good work to take on board the District Education Department and other stakeholders for successful planning, implementation of Enrollment Action Plans and the commencement of the district level awareness walks and seminars to achieve the desired objectives.

Under the supervision of PO team, district teams achieved the target for the provision of free text books in all Community Feeder School & ROs through the result oriented and cohesive coordination with DCOs, DMOs, EDOs, UPE focal persons and even with the Head Teacher of Parents School of CFS /ROs. There are only few

districts in Punjab which are still endeavoring to achieve this target. Shortage of free text books is also prevailing in the Government schools. It is hoped that the objective of free provision of text books in all districts of Punjab would be achieved in the near future.

INAUGURATION OF MALALA FEEDER SCHOOL, CHARSAZZA, KPK

Inauguration of Malala Community Feeder School (MFS) in District Charsadda was another worth mentioning milestone achieved by NCHD KP/FATA during the month of January, 2014. An opening ceremony was planned to be attended by the Director General NCHD as chief guest during his visit to District Charsadda on January 5, 2014.

The intended visit of DG could not take place on the given date whereas all necessary pre-requisites were already ensured, therefore the school was formally launched and inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner, Charsada and DOE (Female) Charsadda Ms. Rabia Anees on January 7, 2014. All Village Education Committee (VEC) members were also present at the occasion.

General Manager NCHD Charsadda ensured the provision of required furniture and fixture



(Black board, Chair and Mats), by utilizing the local resources, well before shifting of students into the new school building. After the ceremony, children were provided with special gifts donated by UNICEF Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Inauguration Of Malala Feeder School, Rahim Yar Khan, Punjab

Rohi area in Rahim Yar Khan is one of the most under privileged areas in Punjab. NCHD Punjab was given the task to work on the School Development Plan(SDP) to give better learning environment to the students. Ms. Munaza Irum (MC Rahim Yar Khan) motivated the community of Chak 178/ 7R Rohi to make permanent arrangements for the MFS Students. The community contributed financially and technically to build one room and a boundary wall for the MFS. After the completion of the room and boundary wall, an inauguration ceremony was also managed by the community in which representatives from different departments were invited.



Meeting With Mr. Nick, International Consultant UNICEF

UNICEF has geared up an initiative of promoting ALP (Accelerated Learning Program) in Punjab and its working paper to be developed by Mr. Nick, the International Consultant of UNICEF and DATA group. Ms. Rubina (Education Specialist UNICEF) brought Mr. Nick to NCHD Punjab Office for a brainstorming session on the subject with the specialists of NCHD. Consultants from DATA group appreciated the work done by NCHD in the education field and requested for their assistance in the preparation of the working paper on ALP.



ASER 2013 LAUNCH-PUNJAB

ITA (Idara-e-Taleem O Agahi) has been working with NCHD in the field of Education to launch the ASER (Annual Status of Education Report) for the last 4 years. They have completed the report for the year 2013 in collaboration with different partners and held the launching ceremony at GOR Mess in Lahore on 10 February 2014. Representatives of different organizations took part in the ceremony and NCHD's was represented by the Director Education, Mr. Iqbal ur Rehman, Director Operation, Brig. Abdul Basit Rana, Provincial Coordinator Education, Punjab Mr. Naveed Mughal, District Program Coordinator

Education, Mr. Sajid Gondal and Logistic Assistant, Mr. Nabeel.



ASER LAUNCH-KPK

Last year NCHD KP conducted the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) survey in 15 Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. After the survey a comprehensive report was prepared. KPK Annual Status of Education Report 2013 was released on February 24th, 2014 in a launching ceremony organized by NCHD Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at Pearl Continental Hotel Peshawar with financial support of ITA.

Mr. Muhammad Atif, Minister for Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. It was an all-out productive effort which provided an opportunity to all concerned to get reliable estimates of the status of children's schooling and



basic learning (reading and arithmetic level) and interpret those results and use them to affect policy decisions at various levels.

CRCF (Child Right in Cotton Farms) Project, Punjab

The project in collaboration with UNICEF to enroll more than 40,000 out of school children in the 29 selected UCs of Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan got another boost when the new Program Cooperation Agreement (PCA) was agreed upon between NCHD and UNICEF to extend the project by 4 more months (14 March 2014 to 14 July 2014). This is mainly because of the untiring efforts made by NCHD Punjab and the project team. The new PCA activities concerned with the training/ orientation, according to the new PCA, was given to the district staff by the NCHD provincial team in Rahim Yar Khan on 24th and 25th of March 2014.



TRAINING OF FIELD STAFF IN KPK

The Provincial Office NCHD Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provided Quality Education Training, through PITE Peshawar, to DPMs E of all districts in the province from 22 Oct to 27 Oct, 2013. The Basic objective of the training was to enable the participants to know about the teaching methods, techniques, learning process and develop acquaintance with basic terminologies.

In order to equip the field staff same training was further imparted to Markaz Coordinators (MCs) wherein a standard content of the training

schedule was shared with the Districts.

Training was provided to enhance and develop capacity of Markaz Coordinators on Quality Education so as to enable them to further impart trainings to Feeder Teachers (FTs) to create a learning atmosphere within CFSs/ROs.

Senior Feeder Teachers (Markaz Coordinators) were trained to assess and evaluate the learning outcomes of the students in accordance with Learning Land Marks (LLMs) as specified in National Curriculum.

Partnership Building with Alif Ailaan (AA) Pakistan, in KPK

Alif Ailaan is a socio-political campaign to increase demand for education and to generate political will by engaging the politicians and by mobilizing the civil society, media, parents, teachers and children. Alif Ailaan centers on four themes: Implementing Article 25-A of the Constitution of Pakistan, Teachers Who Can Teach, Learners Who Can Learn and New Directions in Education. The campaign includes support for the Punjab and the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Education Sector Reform Roadmaps.

An introductory meeting was held with Alif

Ailaan on February 5, 2014 in NCHD KPK/FATA's PO wherein Mr. Imran, Manger Civil Society Campaign, along with Provincial Coordinator for KP participated and discussed at length about the prospects of AA KPK entering into agreement with NCHD. Alif Ailaan proposed a draft of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for signing with NCHD to collaborate with each other and integrate their planning and implementation activities. The amended version of the MOU will be signed in the near future.

TREE PLANTATION IN SWAT, KPK

In order to create and instill a sense of environmental awareness and plant preservation amongst students, a tree plantation activity was organized by NCHD in collaboration with Town School, Kanju Township. The chief guest of the occasion was Pir Syed Kamal Shah Deputy Director Swat Development Authority (SDDA). He emphasized the need for maintaining the ecological balance and preventing global warming by planting trees. The Chief Guest congratulated the NCHD-KPK team and Town School Kanju Township for jointly organizing the event.



FREE MEDICAL CAMP IN SARGODHA, PUNJAB

After taking approval from the District Health Department, NCHD Sargodha arranged a Free Medical Camp for the deprived masses of Village Hafizabad which is 5 KMs away from Miani, Sargodha. Many people who have no health facility nearby, visited the camp and obtained free medicines and consulted the doctor. They were all very thankful to NCHD for arranging the free Medical Camp and requested NCHD team to continue these kinds of activities for the betterment of the community.



Distribution of Uniform, Stationary and Mats, Punjab:

Resource mobilization is one of the most important aspects of NCHD's mission. NCHD is working in close coordination with the community members to provide better learning opportunities and environment to the students. In this backdrop, NCHD Okara team motivated some philanthropists to provide free uniforms, stationery and sitting mats to the students of CFS 28/D Okara. This was all due to the untiring efforts of NCHD Okara Team and especially MC Abid and MC Mazhar, who mobilized the community members to donate these items. A ceremony was conducted at the CFS and many influentials including representatives from Education Department

were invited. Some influentials/philanthropists donated some funds to build a new classroom for the children of this particular CFS.



Outstanding Performance Award to DGM Muzaffargarh, Punjab

The Commissioner DG Khan Division has awarded "Outstanding Performance Award" to Mr. Khan Muhammad Budh, DGM Muzaffargarh on his achievements in the field of Education for the district. He is now notified as a member of the Divisional and District Sports and Youth Council.



Meeting with USAID and other stakeholders in Rahim Yar Khan:

USAID project, "Read Pakistan" and NCHD Punjab are planning to start some projects in Rahim Yar Khan to promote reading habits in the masses. For this very reason, USAID representatives visited Rahim Yar Khan HDSU where GM RYK called all other stakeholders for consultation on 25th March 2014. Meetings/Consultations between USAID and NCHD are in progress to streamline and carry forward this pertinent project.



ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY -AJK

On 1st April 2014, Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony was organized by NCHD-AJK in Mirpur, AJK. Mr. Saleem Raza, AEO was the chief guest who distributed the prizes and appreciated NCHD's efforts and contributions towards community schools. Several participants gave short speeches and presented tableaux to enthrall the audience.



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