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**SEF Celebrates  
25 Years of  
Commitment  
to Quality  
Education**



**Hope on Journey on!**



# Sindh Education Foundation's 25 Years; Hope On, Journey On

Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) completed 25-years of services in the education sector. The journey began with one Managing Director; an Assistant and a broken chair in 1992 and by the end of 2017 the Foundation has evolved into a major stakeholder in the country's education sector. It has by now an outreach to around 555,943 students through a network of 2,372 schools. It has taken some major strides on the quality front under a low-cost PPP modality. The Foundation has introduced ICT based teaching and learning in SEF assisted schools; it has enhanced the post primary school portfolio by 5 times; introduced an Adolescent and Adult Learning and Training Program other than undertaking teacher trainings and regular students Assessments.

The Foundation celebrated its Silver Jubilee on January 06, 2018 with the theme "Hope on , Journey on" reflecting Foundation's twenty-five years work. The Chief Minister Sindh and the Chairman SEF Board of Governors (BoGs), Syed Murad Ali Shah was the Chief Guest and Minister Education & Literacy Sindh was the host of the ceremony. The program was participated by prominent people from various walks of life including; parliamentarians, SEF BoG members, senior bureaucracy, academia, members from civil society, corporate and donor agencies.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Sindh unveils the autobiography of Professor (Late) Anita Ghulam Ali (S.I) during the SEF's Silver Jubilee Ceremony on January 06, 2018

The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched SEF's pioneering intervention relating to ICT based teaching and learning in SEF assisted schools i.e. the INSTAL (Introducing Smart Teaching and Learning). SEF's school partners spoke on the occasion about their untiring journey for the provision of quality education. This was followed by the launch of Autobiography of Professor (Late) Anita Ghulam Ali, the Founding Managing Director of SEF who served the Foundation for 22 years. Minister for Education & Literacy Sindh, expressed his appreciation and congratulated the Foundation for completing 25 years of its journey. The program concluded with a lively performance by the children on the theme of "Heal the World". On this occasion, the Chief Guest applauded the role and contribution of the Foundation for strengthening the quality education in Sindh, saying that the organization which has doubled enrolment in last 30 months has the potential to reach out to one million Out of School Children and must work towards that goal. The Managing Director-SEF, Ms. Naheed S. Durrani reiterated SEF's mission to strengthen education outcomes in accordance with Sindh government's vision.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors' (BoGs) Meeting



SEF's 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors' Meeting held on May 04, 2018

The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEF's Board of Governors was held on May 04, 2018 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sindh/ Chairman, SEF BoG Syed Murad Ali Shah. It was the last Board meeting of the outgoing Government and the Board made some strategic policy decisions such as approvals relating to the mechanism for operationalizing 168 closed government schools; partnership with Sindh Rural Support Organization for existing Government schools and closed SE&LD schools; policy framework relating to hard areas; introduction

of ICT and STEM i.e. "Science, Technology Engineering & Mathematics", integrated curriculum in Government of Sindh and SEF secondary schools and approval relating to evolution of School Education Scholarship program.

Under the institutional reforms, Board approved delegation of powers to E&FC, to accord approvals to the Foundation; specially on matters pertaining to administration and human resources. The Board approved the Revised Estimates for the FY 2017-18 and Budget Estimates

for the FY 2018-19. The Chief Minister reiterated Foundation's role for strengthening education in the province. The meeting was attended by the Minister E&L Department; the Chief Secretary Sindh; Chairman P&D Board; Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister; Special Secretary SE&LD; Special Secretary Finance Dept.; Non-official Board members namely: Dr. Qazi Masood, Dr. Muhammad Memon; Mr. Hasnain Qamar Shah, the Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director and Directors, Sindh Education Foundation.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Executive & Finance Committee Meeting

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive and Finance Committee was held on March 09, 2018 under the chairmanship of Dr. Kaisar Bengali at SEF Head Office, Karachi. The agenda of the meeting revolved around approvals on financial matters, partnership with organizations, updates on systems and procedures, ADP schemes etc. The meeting was attended by Dr. Muhammad Memon, Dr. Qazi Masood Members E&FC, Ms. Naheed S. Durrani, Managing Director SEF Member E&FC/Secretary SEF BoGs, Mr. Nazir Tunio, Mr. Hasnain Qamar Shah, Coopted Members E&FC, Dr. Fouzia Khan, Head of Curriculum Wing, SE&LD, Mr. Mohammad Moosa Soomro, Deputy Secretary B&E(IV), Finance Department, and Directors SEF.



SEF's 4<sup>th</sup> Executive and Finance Committee Meeting held on March 09, 2018



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Appreciation Award Ceremony

The Foundation organizes "Appreciation Events" to encourage high performing students and teachers. It organized the, "2<sup>nd</sup> Appreciation Award Ceremony" for honouring 366 high performing students and 136 teachers. This was organized in two segments. First event was organized for the high achievers from Northern districts which was held on April 30, 2018 at Sukkur IBA Auditorium while second was held on May 14, 2018 at Hyderabad for honoring high achievers from the Southern districts. The Foundation provided computer tablets to the high achieving students and laptops to the high performing teachers of the SEF. The ceremonies included a brief overview of SEF's achievements, glimpses of SEF's performances through talks of SEF partners; performances of students, TSA talks and showcasing of its documentary. A brief of the SEF's Quality Assurance Framework and Assessment system was also provided to audience.



Hon'ble Minister Education & Literacy Dept. Sindh with senior government officials and SEF management at 2<sup>nd</sup> Appreciation Award for students and Teachers on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at Sukkur IBA University.

The Minister for Education & Literacy Department, Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar was the Chief Guest at the first event whereas, Senator Moula Bux Chandio and Senator Sassui Palejo graced the event at Hyderabad. The Minister Education congratulated the students and teachers and appreciated the work done by the Foundation. Similarly, Senator Moula Bux Chandio and Senator Sassui Palejo congratulated the Foundation for expanding reach out and undertaking systematic interventions on quality education. They congratulated the students and teachers for the significant academic achievements. Both ceremonies were attended by the academia; senior officials; educationists including vice chancellors; students; parents, teachers and officials of SEF.



Senator Moula Bux Chandio and Senator Sassui Palejo with SEF management at 2<sup>nd</sup> Appreciation Award for students and Teachers on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at Hyderabad.



# Trainings under PRP & SRP

During the academic year 2017-18, SEF partnered with Pakistan Reading Project (PRP) and Sindh Reading Program (SRP) for improvement in early grade reading skills. Both the organizations under the USAID framework aim at enhancing reading skills of students through teacher trainings. The Foundation took this initiative forward with immense enthusiasm and employed the framework of teacher trainings and provided reading materials for effective implementation. The table below summarizes all trainings conducted for SEF teachers during the period between August 2017 to June 2018.



S #	SRP & PRP Trainings (Jan to June 18)	Teachers Trained	Districts	Duration
1	SRP - Round 01: ECE, Grade 1 & 2	781	Khairpur, Larkana, Kambar @SDK & Shikarpur	09 Days
2	SRP - Round 02 Cycle 01: Grade 1 & 2	368	Khairpur, Larkana, Kambar @SDK, Dadu & Shikarpur	08 Days
3	SRP - Round 02 Cycle 02: Grade 1 & 2	358	Khairpur, Larkana, Kambar @SDK, Dadu & Shikarpur	08 Days
4	SRP - Round 02 Cycle 03: Grade 1 & 2	300	Khairpur, Larkana, Kambar @SDK, Dadu & Shikarpur	08 Days
Total Teachers Trained from SRP Platform		Total = 1,807		
1	PRP - Training of Trainers	38	Karachi	05 Days
2	PRP - Cycle 0I	275	Jamshoro, Naushahroferoz, Matiyari & Tando Alahyar	07 Days
3	PRP - Cycle II	155	Jamshoro & Shaheed Benazirabad	07 days
4	PRP - Cycle III	123	Karachi	07 Days
5	PRP - Cycle IV	255	Karachi	08 Days
Total Teachers Trained from PRP Platform		808		

# Trainings under INSTAL Project (KG & Grade 1&2)



The Sabaq-Multinet organized training for Master Trainers for KG to Grade 2. Teachers’ training phase II was carried out in 24 districts. 1,200 teachers of KG, Grade 1, and 2 were trained on e-learning application.



# Quality Assurance Test 2018



Orientation session for the invigilators and operators at Sukkur IBA University



Assessment activities in foundation supported schools

The annual cycle of SEF Quality Assurance Test took place between 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018 across the province. The activity was outsourced to Sukkur IBA University nonetheless, the SEF's Assessment team closely coordinated in logistics. The assessment activity was organized in two phases. In the first phase, approximately 89,000 students of Grade 3 to 9 from 1,044 schools took the test. The second phase of the activity was the electronic marking of the test papers; being done by Sukkur IBA University.

## MD SEF Visits to Different Schools



The Managing Director -SEF undertook field visits in January 2018 to oversee the performance of Mirpurkhas Region. While in the month of March she visited Larkana Region. She travelled to Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Shikarpur, Kamber Shahdadkot, Jacobabad, Larkana, Dadu and Sehwan for school visits and portfolio review. She visited 08 schools under PPRS and 04 schools under SAS in Mirpurkhas Region and 11 schools of PPRS and 04 schools of SAS in Larkana Region. Along with the school visits, she conducted debriefing sessions with regional teams and school partners. She walked into classrooms, conversed with the teachers and students as well as discussed about the schools' performances with the school partners.



# Roll Out of Introducing Smart Teaching and Learning (INSTAL) in 300 Schools



Under the SEF's pioneering program for introducing ICT based learning in Schools; Tablet Computers were supplied to 193 schools of primary category in 24 districts. 30 tablets were provided to every school and contained interactive e-learning application with digitized content of Grade 3, 4 and 5. In addition, a mentoring activity was carried out in these schools where teachers had already been imparted training. The mentors observed technology aided lessons being

delivered by the teachers to determine the effectiveness of these lessons, identify teachers' weak areas and support them to plan and deliver lessons using digital tools more effectively. Teachers' mentoring was done in the months of February and March 2018. Team also conducted inspection of schools in order to check AV room arrangements and to guide school operators regarding proper utilization of the AV room.

## University Roadshows for Teach for Change



The advocacy campaign for sourcing of potential talent for the 2nd batch of Teaching Support Associates kicked off with University Roadshows organized by SEF Program / Regional Teams. This activity spanned from February to May 2018 where 7 public and private universities including Sukkur IBA, Shah Abdul Latif, Sindh University, SZABIST and Muhammad Ali Jinnah University participated. Subsequently, from amongst

a number of universities which were invited to partner with SEF in this cause-oriented program. The above 05 major universities agreed to enter into an institutional partnership with SEF by signing the MoU. It entails facilitation in testing and selection of best talent for the professional engagement as TSAs at SEF-partnered Schools. Fresh pool of TSAs is planned to be on board by July 2018 after a competitive selection process.



## Delegation from Asian Development Bank (ADB)



Delegation from Asian Development Bank (ADB) came to explore the Public Private Partnership framework for understanding the dynamics of the model and its applicability in the context of educational development.

## Delegation from FATA Education Officials



Public Private Partnership Task Force members from FATA visited the SEF Head Office on March 22, 2018 to exchange ideas on PPP modality. The Managing Director, SEF gave an overview of the Foundation, the details pertaining to the program portfolio were shared by the Heads of respective programs and the training and assessment mechanism was shared by the Acting Director Training and Assessment.



# Students of SEF Assisted Schools Participated in Science Festival 2018



“Kamber Shahdadt Science Festival” was organized by USAID and Alif Ailaan under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Kamber at Cricket Ground Kamber on 08 and 09 March 2018. SEF Assisted Schools from district Kamber Shahdadt participated in this festival. The school children displayed their attractive science projects on various themes like Solar System, Electricity, Water Cycle, Wind Turbine etc.

During the festival, Commissioner Larkana, Deputy Commissioner Kamber Shahdadt, Assistant Commissioners of different Talukas, EDOs and SEF Deputy Director Larkana Region visited and appreciated the students for their outstanding projects. In SEF Schools’ category, the projects presented by Sahil Elementary Public School, Benazir Elementary Model School and Sagar Elementary Public School secured first, second and third position respectively and were awarded prizes.

## Development of Worksheets for Primary and Elementary Grades



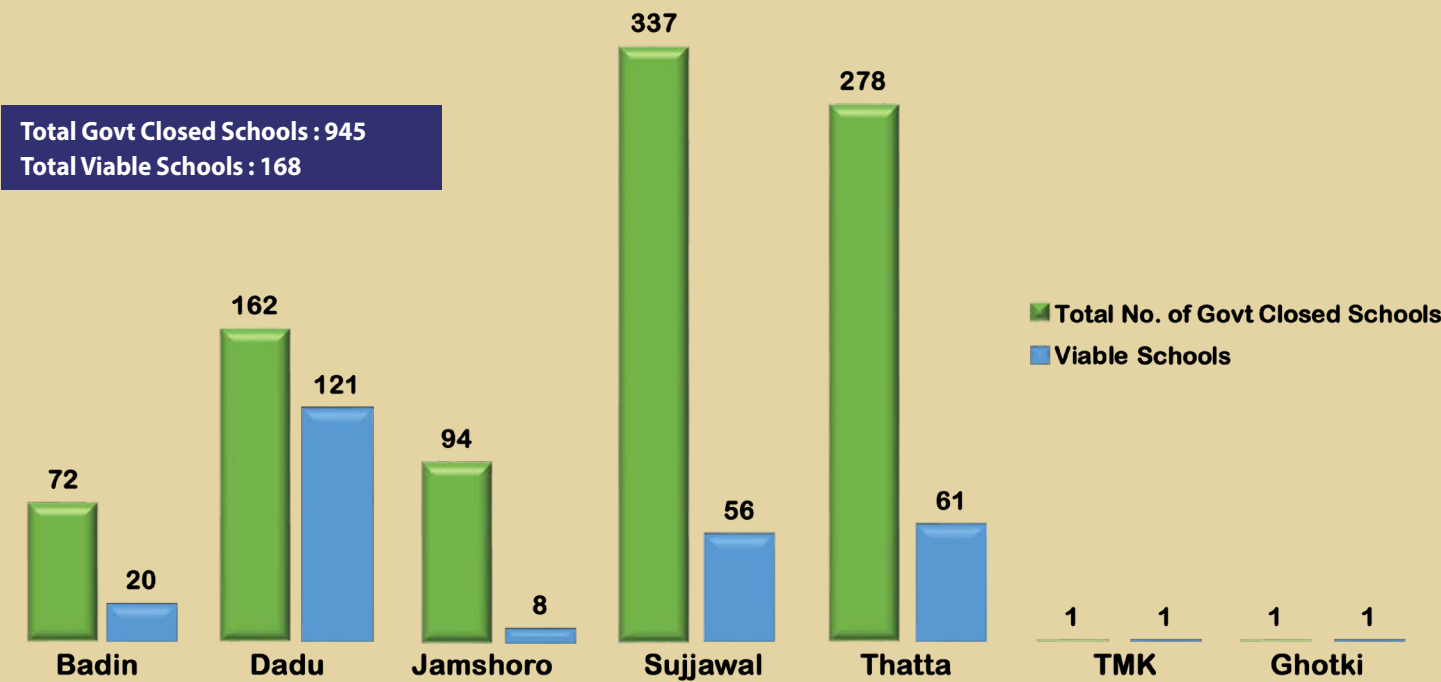
SEF’s Training and Assessment Unit undertook a month long activity regarding development of worksheets.



# Mapping/Feasibility Survey Conducted by SEF in selected districts



The Board in its May 11, 2017 meeting agreed to engage SEF as a key player for functionalizing the Government of Sindh (GoS) closed schools in the Province. Subsequent to SE&LD’s approval for 05 districts on October 16, 2017; SEF carried out the survey for determining the viability of “941 GoS Closed Schools” in the districts of Thatta, Sujjawal, Badin, Dadu and Jamshoro. Out of 941, 164 Schools were found viable for operationalization with expected enrolment of 35,000 students in these Schools. In addition to that, 4 other viable closed GoS schools were identified in the districts of Badin, Tando Muhammad Khan and Ghotki for operationalization.



## Adopt A School Program (AASP)

The AASP Steering Committee meeting was organized with the Adopters at SEF Head office on March 12, 2018 for discussing upon organizing a larger gathering of stakeholders for program strengthening. Many stakeholders including SEF management; Director of Schools Karachi (E/S/H-S), Head of Curriculum Wing (from SE&LD) and a number of Adopters of Govt. Schools in Karachi, Thatta, Badin and Sukkur attended the meeting.

A formal Adopt-a-School Program Steering Committee meeting was held on April 3, 2018. Dr. Iqbal Hussain Durrani, Secretary SE&LD, chaired the meeting. Decisions relating to new applications, renewal and cancellation of Adoptions were taken by the forum while emphasis was laid on improved coordination and consensus was reached on introduction of quality inputs from the platform of the Education Foundation. The meeting was attended by Ms. Naheed S. Durrani (MD, SEF), Lt. Gen (Rtd) Moin ud din Haider, Ms. Sadiqa Salahuddin, Ms. Sayeeda Laghari (Civil Society Members), Dr. Fozia (Head of BOC), Ms. Lubna Salahuddin (Director, DSE Primary, KHI), Deputy Director Kashif Akhtar (DSE Pri/Sec/H-Sec), Mubashir Mirza (Asst. Director-AASP, SEF) and Adopt-a-School Program team.



# SEF Activities in Pictures



Students from four selected SEF schools; Tameer e Nau, Darul Banat, Kiran and Ujala Public of Hijrat colony Karachi participated in NJV Carnival.



Students are engaged in the Science Lab of Azad Public School under SEF Assisted Schools Program, located at Bhiria Road District Naushahro Feroze



AQ Khan Students at Margala Railway Station Islamabad to set their journey to respective districts after completing First Academic Year at AQ Khan Ibraheem Campus, Islamabad



Students of Foundation Supported Schools participated in the Spring Tree Plantation Campaign, 2018' - Drive for Natural Foliage



Management of T&A Dept., Ms.Shapara Rizvi along with Ms. Musarrat Palejo during an inspection visit on implementation of e-learning through tablets, Karachi



Students displaying their work at summer camp 2018 held in ERF Public School, Kotri



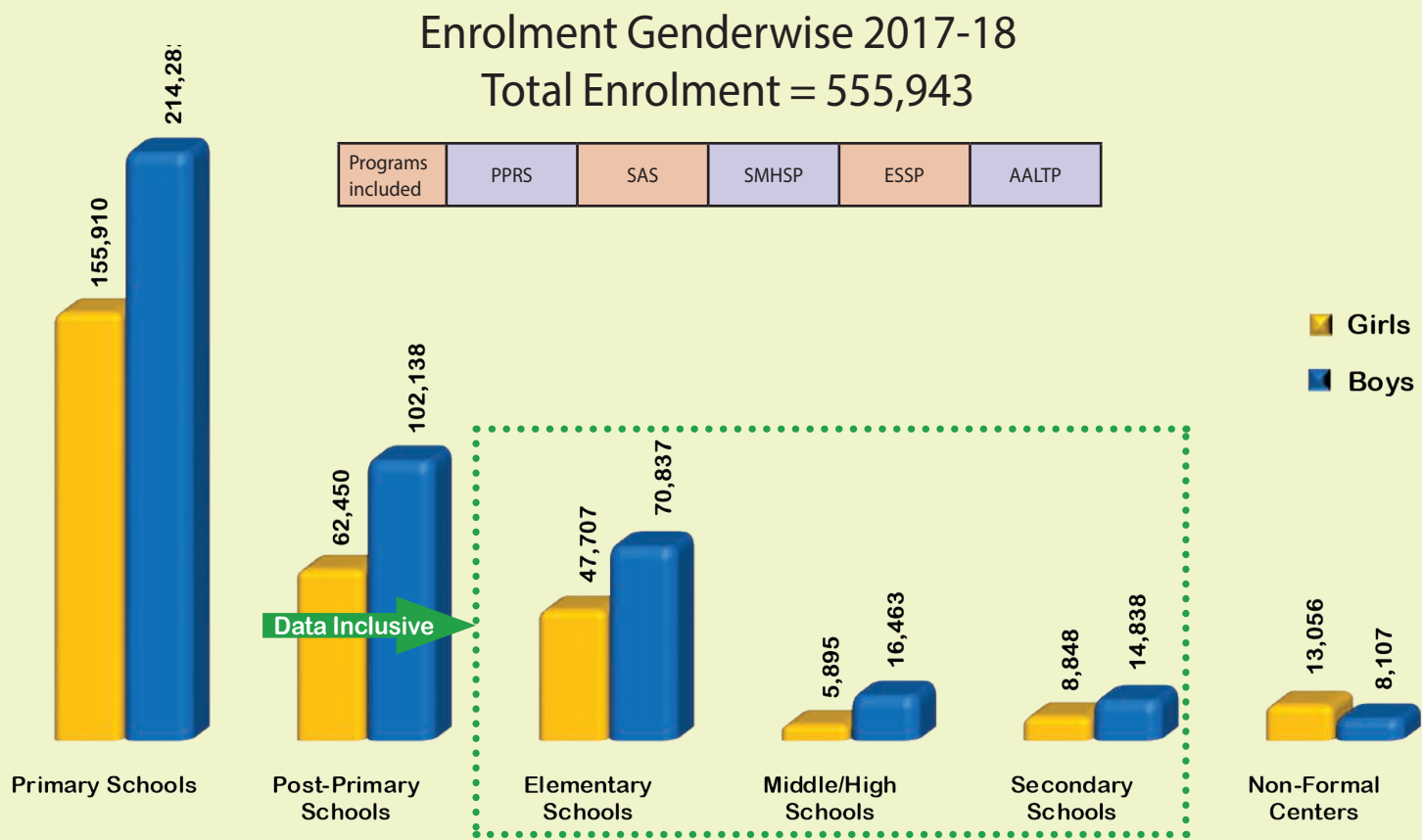
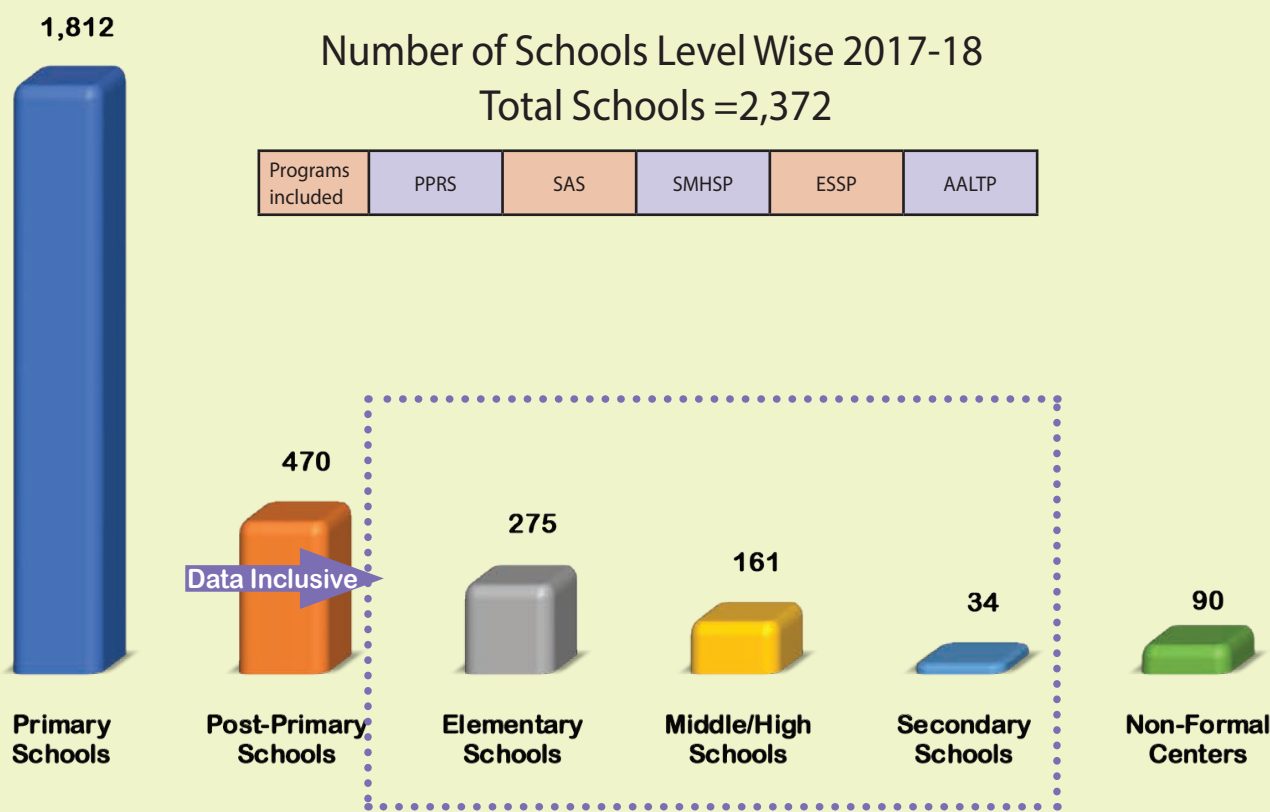
Sports Activity at Tayyaba Fellowship School, Malir, Karachi



Scholarship holders of SEF Students are enjoying at Murree during Annual Recreational Visit of A.Q. Khan School to Murree and Islamabad



# SEF's Growth in Numbers 2017-18



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