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Honorable Chief Minister Sindh and Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party visit AALTP Center



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), one of the AALTP partners, organized Community Conference on 11 July, 2019 at Sukkur. The honorable Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah and Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Mr Bilawal Bhutto Zardari were the guests of honour in the Conference. After the conference, both dignitaries paid visit to the model classroom of AALTP at the venue hall. The AALTP learners shared their personal struggle for acquiring quality education through Non-Formal Education program initiated by SEF. Chairman PPP applauded the role of SEF for their empowerment.

Sindh School Education Scholarship Program (SSESP) Phase II

The second phase of SSESP was launched by Sindh Education Foundation with financial support of Government of Sindh. This new phase of SSESP also following similar pattern and continued collaboration with same prestigious institutions. SSESP aiming to strengthened post primary education in province of Sindh. For this intake, 1,009 students succeeded in assessment/entry test conducted by third party. The students' ratio was 70 percent and 25 percent from School Education & Literacy Department (SE&LD), and Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) respectively.

Under this program, SEF will sponsor students' educational expenses including admission fee, tuition fee, boarding, uniform, books and learning material. In addition, the boarding students were provided stipend, whereas, day scholars were facilitated in transportation.

Foundation is committed to continue its mission for promoting free and quality post primary education in Sindh. This investment of SEF is resulting remarkable impact in education scenario of the province.

Steering Committee Meetings Under Adopt a School Program (AASP)



Two successful Steering Committee Meetings had been arranged by Adopt a School Program team on 09 July and 28 November, 2019. The first meeting was chaired by Qazi Shahid Pervaiz, Chairperson/Secretary School Education & Literacy Department (SE&LD) and Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi Co-Chairperson/Managing Director SEF. Whereas, the second meeting was presided by Mr Ahsan Ali Mangi, Chairperson/Secretary SE&LD, Government of Sindh. The civil society members/adopters; Lt. Gen. Moinuddin Haider, Ms Sadiqa Salahudin, along with concerned directors of schools Karachi (Pri, Elem/Sec & H/Sec) participated in both meetings.

The steering committee meetings basically dealt with policy related matters of adoption process, review the insights, and highlighted the issues and possible remedies along with challenges raised by stakeholders. In addition, the selection of adopters based on screening exercise, management and administration of schools, renewal or cancelation of adoption along with many other key issues linked with adoption of schools came under discussion in these meetings. Since the Adopt a School Program has variety of its stakeholders representing Government of Sindh, Civil Society, Philanthropist and SEF, therefore Steering Committee meetings generate meaningful results on various aspects.



Mr Ahsan Ali Mangi Secretary SELD acclaimed the contribution of Adopters as 'Management Facilitators' for SE&LD schools and emphasised on a close liaison between Stakeholders of Adopt-a-School Program in the best interest of the students.

Programmatic Activities

Caring for Life Project in Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools



The Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) had been invited by Join Hands to partner on the “Caring For Life (CFL) Education Project” in Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools. The program aims to promote compassion and empathy as essential components of care and helping children to develop themselves as responsible citizens. Join Hands, with independent chapters in Pakistan and Switzerland, has a mission to address human and animal welfare issues collectively.

In September 2019, Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi, Managing Director SEF and Ms Shahpara Rizvi Acting Director, Training & Assessment (T&A) Department were invited along with Join Hands to attend a seminar at the University of Oxford about health and well being and the linkages between science and humanity. The event was attended by medical professionals, academics, entrepreneurs, teachers and charity and welfare representatives, all of who shared their experiences and knowledge about the importance of humanity in science. Through the sharing of ideas across caring professions, attendees explored ways to deliver best practices in their respective fields to promote care and respect for all living beings.

During this time, our SEF delegation and Join Hands met with some conference hosts to discuss CFL project aims, its curriculum & framework, implementation strategy and expected outcomes in the context of a CFL Education pilot project delivered in SEF Assisted Schools in Pakistan. To complement the deliberation, Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi, Managing Director insisted on shared values among partners and ensured full cooperation moving forward.

To further understand the context of delivering CFL under the scope of SEF and kick-start implementation of the project, a training assessment was conducted from 25 to 29 November, 2019. During this time, workshops were designed with the Training & Assessment (T&A) team and head teachers, and meetings were held with SEF management and observed schools. As the Project lead, Ms Shahpara Rizvi, Acting Director T&A, facilitated all personnel for the execution of different activities. Day long interactive workshops were arranged at SEF head office focusing on the aims of CFL, teaching approaches, subject areas, teachers as role models, inquiry and critical thinking etc. Later on, participants visited 3 Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools in Karachi and one



school in Matiari. The assessment week concluded with a debriefing session at the Head Office, where Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi, ex Managing Director also honored the session. It was a week of great accomplishment and fulfillment for everyone involved, with everyone leaving fully motivated for the CFL project to continue.

Programmatic Activities

ADOLESCENT AND ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM (AALTP)

Stipend and Certificate Distribution among AALTP Learners



On completion of 04 months Skills Development Course under contract-B, stipend and certificates were distributed among 315 trainees representing six Implementing Partners (IPs) namely M/s CDF, M/s GRDO, M/s ICF, M/s NRSP, M/s SRPO and M/s TRDP. Another round of contract-B was signed with other 14 Implementing Partners.

Training of Trainers



Directorate of Non-Formal Basic Education, Government of Sindh in collaboration with JICA and UNICEF implemented 5-Days Training of Trainers (ToT) where SEF's technical team and AALTP program team also participated. The training started from 22 July, 2019 at Sukkur. The purpose of the ToT was to enhance understanding of 'Package C' books and teachers' guides developed by JICA. The training included day wise emphasis on subjects, i.e. English, Sindhi, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies based on teaching methodologies and assessment techniques.

Contracts of TSAs FY- 2019-20

The Teach for Change Program's momentum is multiplying further. In this regard, contracts with 48 Teaching Support Associates (TSAs) were extended for another year. These TSAs were rotated and deployed to new Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools in order to improve the quality of teaching and learning environment.

Capacity Building Sessions of TSAs



Training and Assessment Department executed a series of capacity building sessions for TSAs during the months of August and September 2019. The training started on 29 August and ended on 03 September, 2019 in Northern Region at Sukkur and Larkana. TSAs from Sukkur, Khairpur, Dadu, Shikarpur, Larkana, and Qambar-Shahdadkot attended the training. Whereas, in Southern Region, capacity building sessions were held in SBA and Hyderabad during 20 to 28 August and 17 to 19 September, 2019 in Karachi. Head teachers of newly assigned schools also attended the last day of training in all regions.

Annual Performance Review Meetings

Annual performance meetings were held to review the performance of TSAs and to discuss the issues faced by them in newly assigned schools.

The Meetings took place in Larkana and Sukkur on 4 and 5 September, 2019, in SBA and Karachi between 23 and 26 October, 2019.

Director Northern Region, Acting Director of Training & Assessment Department, Regional Head of Sukkur, team of Training and Assessment Department and TSAs from Sukkur, Khairpur, Larkana, Dadu, Shikarpur, Qambar-Shahdadkot, Shaheed Benazirabad and Karachi participated in the meetings.



Winter Camps and Remedial Classes



Winter camps and remedial classes were organized at Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools where TSAs are in placed. These schools are located in Karachi, Hyderabad, Jamshoro, Shaheed Benazirabad, Larkana, Qamber Shahdad Kot, Sukkur, Khairpur, Dadu and Shikarpur. The main theme of winter camps revolved around different countries and their cultures. Under this theme, students



participated in art competitions, storytelling, stage presentations, free writing competition, sports activities and pottery etc.

Similarly, remedial classes were arranged for students with the focus to improve the reading, writing and comprehension skills under supervision of TSAs and teachers..

Revised Regular Monitoring Framework Activity FY 2019-20

Monitoring and Evaluation Cell tasked to gauge compliance and performance of all programs fall under Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools.

The M&E Cell mainly tracks and measures progress, efficiency and effectiveness through systematic and impartial data collection on several key performance and compliance indicators.

In this connection almost 1,732 schools were monitored across the province. The data was collected on real time through the Android Based Application. The data was reviewed on M&E dashboard and shared with the management and respective programs. The monitoring cycle was started on 15 October, and concluded on 20 December, 2019.

Before commencing of the activity, a Two-day orientation workshop was arranged for M&E team at Regional Office Hyderabad. Tools and techniques for data collection through android based application were thoroughly discussed. In pursuit of quality data implementation techniques, brought into discussion. Field protocols, ethical requirements and reporting mechanism were other important elements of workshop. Based on data findings, a series of meetings were arranged in the same districts with regional heads to fill the gaps that were identified.



Advocacy Awareness Events

Distribution Ceremony of School Resources



Once again, Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) extended its contribution to Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools by distributing school resources on 19 December, 2019. ICBC has been one of the key stakeholders supporting schools in kind.

The school desks, book shelves and bags were distributed to Mansehra Elementary School, District Malir, Karachi through Mr. Chen Yuncheng (CEO-ICBC) during the formal event.

The other personnel from ICBC Mr. Huang Liang (Head HR & General Affairs Department) and Mr. Yu Rui (Deputy Head HR & General Affairs Department) were also present.

In order to make the event more interesting and amusing, children performed tableaux and speeches. The guests became more thrilled while listening to the song “Pak Cheen Xu-Yi Wang Soye (*Pak Cheen Dosti Zindbad*)” by the children, expressing love and solidarity between Pak-China friendship. The delegation also interacted and mingled with the students, teachers and school administration. While speaking on the occasion, Mr. Chen Yuncheng (CEO-ICBC) said that “I am impressed by the work, SEF is doing in the less privileged areas of the province and providing quality education to the children”. He also talked about ICBC’s collaboration with SEF and support from Chinese companies would increase in the near future in education sector.

Road Safety and Education Program

The Road Safety and Education Program was organized in Shaheed Benazirabad and Mirpurkhas in collaboration with National Highways and Motorway Police. Children were demonstrated how to cross the road, maintain safety measures while commuting to and from school etc. Similarly, a rally was also organized for creating awareness among wider communities in Mirpurkhas. A large number of teachers, students, and partners participated enthusiastically.



Global Hand Washing Day



‘Muslim Hands Pakistan’ organised events on account of Global Hand Washing Day, 2019 in Dadu and Badin Districts. These events emphasized on the highest impact of practicing the personal hygiene and cleanliness to prevent the diseases. It was also stressed that washing hands with soap should be part of daily routine; before taking every meal or cooking food and after using toilet. Events were attended by more than 250 students, teachers, head teachers and SEF regional office staff.

Picture Gallery



Hon'ble Secretary SE&LD Mr Ahsan Ali Mangi in discussion with management staff after taking Additional Charge as MD-SEF on 20 December, 2019



Managing Director SEF Abdul Kabir Kazi giving briefing to UNDP team on 02 September, 2019



An insightful discourse session on "Happiness and Mindfulness" was delivered by Dr Badar Abbasi (Prof. Retd) for SEF staff held on 27 August, 2019



Provincial Ombudsman Office, Karachi organized a Discourse Session on :Woman Harassment at Work Place for SEF management on 25 July, 2019



Meeting of "Committee for Verification of Requisite Articles" Provided by the partner institutes under Sindh Schools Education Scholarship Program on 02 December, 2019



Demonstration of "Introducing Smart Teaching and Learning (INSTAL)" during 'Children Literature Festival 2019', Karachi



Children are engaged in multiple activities arranged by Training and Assessment Department of SEF at 'Children Literature Festival 2019, Karachi.



Ms Dawn Koluwege, Project Director ActAsia observing the Smart Classroom under INSTAL at SEF Assisted School, Karachi on 27 November, 2019

Picture Gallery



Official of National Highways Authority giving an orientation session about "Road Safety Education Program" at Foundation (SEF) Assisted School, in Dadu region, 18 December, 2019.



SEF Partners schools celebrated the cultural day in their schools to show unity with Sindh and culture December, 2019.



A meeting was held with school partners and head teachers in Khairpur Region regarding Assessment Result (2018-2019), November, 2019



A meeting with schools partners and headteachers- Dadu Region regarding Assessment Result (2018-2019), November, 2019



Glimpse of a training arranged by Oxford University Press during October 14-18, 2019 for Training and Assessment Department



Sangam Public School Umerkot celebrated International Literacy Day 2019 with zeal and zest on 24, September, 2019



On December 20, 2019, a Science and Art exhibition was arranged by Chandu Oad Rajput Elementary School (PPRS 4559 Phase I) at Sanghar district



Glimpse of mid-term exam being conducted in the SEF Assisted Schools (SAS) Program of the Foundation.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Visits SEF



Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) visited the SEF as part of its Terminal Evaluation Exercise on 12 July, 2019. The Managing Director, SEF appreciated the nature of strategic partnership that the Foundation and JICA share in the overall interest of the out of school children in the province. The Chief Advisor, JICA while praising the efforts of the Foundation reaffirmed JICA's support. Subsequently, the meeting stressed upon the areas where support is essential to ensure successful implementation and its impact on ground.

Visit of World Bank Delegation



Senior management of Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), hosted a meeting with delegation of World Bank comprised of Ms Inza Afarnasiera, Senior Infrastructure Specialist, Ms Maliha Hyder, Education Consultant and Ms Neelam Ejaz, Analyst. The meeting was held on 09 December, 2019 at SEF head office, Karachi. The purpose of their visit was to get through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, interventions and programs on which the Foundation is working in education sector. Acting Director Training and Assessment (T&A) Ms Shahpara Rizvi chaired the meeting and apprised the SEF through detailed presentation.

Delegate From RSPN & SRSO Visited SEF



On 03 December, 2019, a delegation from Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) led by Ms Shandana, CEO, RSPN visited the Head Office of Sindh Education Foundation. Top tier management of National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) and Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) was part of the delegation.

The Foundation shared about its interventions in the formal and non-formal sector. The deliberation was made on sustainable partnership to strengthen both sectors.

European Union (EU) Mission Meets with SEF



A Delegation from European Union (EU) visited the Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), on 03 December, 2019 and met with the senior officials of the Foundation. From the EU, Ms Viven Rigler, Team Leader, Ms Shohreh Naqhcbandi, Program Manager, and Mr Ulrich Thiessen, Programme Manager were present in the meeting, whereas from SEF side, Mr Nasimuddin Mirani Director, GA&C/HR, Ms. Shahpara Rizvi Acting Director, T&A, Mr M.Tasleem Acting Director Finance, other SEF officials attended the meeting.

After an formal introduction, the delegation was given brief about the SEF Portfolio, its' models and programs with especial emphasis on the Non-Formal Education intervention in the province under the banner of Adolescent and Adult Learning and Training Program (AALTP).

In this perspective, a documentary and success stories of AALTP were also shared with the delegation. The EU Mission was really impressed by the efforts of the Foundation in promoting education particularly AALTP initiative and lauded the efforts of the Foundation.

Visits/ Meetings

Presentation on “Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE)”

The Citizens Foundation's (TCF) research team comprised of Mr Ajay Pinjani and Mr Ali Nadeem shared research findings on 'Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE)' on 11 October, 2019 at SEF head office. TCF one of the partners of SEF, shared the research findings on impact of multilingualism in education system and how TCF's recently incorporating local language in teaching approach. Team also stressed upon creative learning mechanism and evaluation practices in schools. It turned into very interactive discussion in which SEF Programs Heads recommends some key guiding principles.



Award/Achievement

Ms. Mehdia Mehmood teacher of Imam Baksh Mattee High School, Code: SMHS 157, District Shaheed Benazirbad received “Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Award” through tough competition process. The six week based executorial professional development in English as a second language program to develop teachers’ pedagogic expertise in as well as providing opportunity to learn about USA culture was arranged by The Virginia Tech University.



Ms Mehdia Mehmood receiving TEA Award” in Virginia Tech University, USA

Sana Imran got 15th position among 1,150 students from all over the Sindh in Encyclopedia Quiz Competition organized by AFAQ foundation. Sana is studying in Indus Education Academy supported by Sindh Education Foundation in Shaheed Benazirabad district.



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