

**Political Advocacy and Outreach Support for Transforming  
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Phase-II**

**Consultations and FGDs for Development of Citizen Agenda**

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## Context and Background

Institute of Social and Policy Sciences (I-SAPS) with the help of Alif Ailaan is implementing the project “*Political Advocacy and Outreach Support for Transforming Education Pakistan (TEP)*” in Quetta District. The initiative aims to develop and present evidence based research products to wide stakeholders to help facilitate the demand articulation of the citizens to improve situation of education.

One of the important research products to be developed under the initiative is “Citizen Agendas for Education Reforms”. The Citizen Agendas are developed in participatory manner with the users and important stakeholders of education service delivery in the respective districts. To take the input from the stakeholders, consultations were undertaken in District Quetta. Meetings were undertaken with the following stakeholders on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014:

- District Education Officials
- Bar Council Members
- Politicians
- Civil Society Organizations

## Recitation of the Holy Quran and Presentation on Situation Analysis of District Education Quetta

Proceedings of the consultations are presented one by one in the following. All meetings started with recitation of Holy Quran following which the presentation of the local education condition was shared with the participants.

Mr. Nazar Barrech briefed all participants on current situation and planning of education reforms initiated by I-SAPS and Alif Ailaan. Mr. Sadiq Tareen I-SAPS Expert gave a comprehensive presentation on educational situation analysis of District Quetta. He shared that under this initiative, a detailed plan for five years will be developed and its implementation will also be facilitated. Mr. Sadiq Tareen, gave a comprehensive presentation on educational situation analysis of District Quetta. Mr. Tareen discussed the missing facilities in schools of District Quetta and briefed the participants that mostly schools in the city have not even boundary wall which creates security problems for children. There are a large number of schools in the District which face shortage of electricity, water and gas as well. In this situation children do not get education in a comfortable environment. He convinced them that they should participate in the efforts for the betterment of the children. Discussion highlights with various stakeholders is presented in the following:

## Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with District Education Officials

Meeting was held with Government officials Mr. Naimatullah Kakar (DO Quetta) Mr. Abdul Ghafoor (Director Secondary Schools), Mr. Nisar Mengal (EDO Chiltan Town) & Haji Ghufraan (EDO Zarghoon Town).

Mr. Nisar said that the data I-SAPS presented is not complete because in Quetta District 90% Schools are facing different basic facilities. He highlighted the following major issues at school level:

- Teachers absenteeism
- Teachers association black mailing.
- Miss management in education department.
- Law and order issues
- Lack of power of the School’s principal to utilized the budget
- No monitoring system
- Ignorance because of private Schools which have a big role in Education
- Lack of Communication between MPA. MNA. Senator, with education department
- Teacher transfer without any reason

- Difference between demand and supply

Another important issue was discussed that why the dropout rate is increasing day by day in the city's schools. An important point was raised that mostly people are poor and cannot send their children to the schools, so, they cannot bear expenses as well. Those children who have already admitted in the schools also face the problems, like missing facilities a large number of girls schools don't have toilets water and a large area of the population suburbs of the city there is no schools there for they cannot continue their education. At the end their parents withdraw them from schools. For this reason the dropout rate is increasing. It was discussed that what step should be taken to solve this important issue.

In the schools transfer & posting of teacher is political base; this is causing very worst impact on education and on the educational environment as well. Politicians transfer their most likely teachers on their favorite areas also the teachers do not give fully attention to the education. If the transfer & posting does not make through politics, the impact of education will be made very positive in the schools & the literacy rate also increase.

District Education officials appreciated the concept of citizen agendas and agreed to provide all support for the implementation of the agenda.

### **Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Civil Society Organizations**

Another meeting held with civil society organization at SPO office Jinnah Town. The meeting was attended by representatives from Save the Children, SPO, Balochistan Education Foundation, Society Network for Peace and Justice, Aurat Foundation and HRCP. Mr. Tareen briefed the participants about the joint efforts of I-SAPS and Alif Ailaan on educational issues of the Quetta. All the participants said that they will provide all the support and will also take initiatives to improve the situation of education.

### **Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Nasarullah Zehri (MPA)**

Another meeting held with politician Mr. Nasrullah Zehri (MPA). In the meeting the consultant brief them about education issues which need to be discussed on the assembly floor (why government ignore the education specially a very big population don't have single primary school in Quetta. Mr. Nasarullah said that he will take the issue on the Assembly floor and will discuss this matter. The provincial government already has declared emergency for education. Current year's provincial government will be establishing 300 new primary schools in province. There is also binding that no funds utilized for education can be used for any other activity. In the next year, primary education will be in Mother Language and government will provide all basic facilities. He also assured the support for the implementation of citizen agenda.

### **Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Bar Council Members**

#### **Balochistan**

Meeting held with Bar Council Members in Balochistan High Court building Bar Association office with the president of Bar Association Advocate Rehmatullah Barech and Advocate Amanullah Finance Secretary. Mr. Tareen briefed them about the recent situation of education in Quetta and especially about Article 25-A and discussed the major problems of the District. The participants gave suggestion for promoting Quality education in the district and to incorporate in the citizen agenda:

- Primary education is must in mother tongue with an international language.
- NTS test necessary for students.
- Government must take action against Ghost Schools and teachers.
- Teacher's absenteeism should be monitored
- Computerized attendance for teachers

- Equality is must in education.
- Government is responsible to provide the curriculum books on time in Balochistan
- Education is not just only a job. This kind of mind set will be needed to change.
- Student's council is must.
- Teachers training for every teacher on annually basis are must.
- Co-curriculum activities for students.
- Government is responsible to provide all basic facilities which are required

## Annex I- Picture Gallery



## Annex II- List of Participants

Name	Designation	Department/Organization
Nasrullah Zairey	Member Provincial Assembly	Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party
Remahtullah Barech	President Baluchistan Bar Association	Bar Association
Amanullah Advocate	Finance Secy. Baluchistan Bar association	Bar Association
Niamtulah Kakar	District Education officer	Education Department Baluchistan
Abdul Ghafoor	Director Schools (Secondary)	Education department Baluchistan
Haji Ghofran	Deputy District Education Officer. Zarghoon Town	Education department Baluchistan
Nisar Ahmed Mengal	Deputy District Education Officer. Chiltan Town	Education department Baluchistan
Abdul Salam Kakar	Project Coordinator	SPO Quetta
Imdad Ali	Program Specialist	SPO Quetta
Naqeebullah	Program officer	Baluchistan Education Foundation
Aimal Khan	Program officer	Baluchistan Education Foundation
Amanullah	General Secy.	Network for Peace and Justice Quetta
Atta mohammad	Senior member	Network for Peace and Justice Quetta
Shoeb Ahmed	Program officer	Society for support Community and Primary Education in Baluchistan
Mohammad Sakib	Program Officer	Save the children Baluchistan
Mohamad Sadeeq Tareen	Consultant	I-SAPS
Nazar Mohmmad Barech	Coordinator	I-SAPS