

**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 Thatta 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 Thatta. Meetings were undertaken with the following stakeholders on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014:

- District Education Officials
- Bar Council
- Politicians
- Civil Society Organisations

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

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. Mukhtiar Zour briefed all participants on current situation and planning of education reforms initiated by I-SAPS and Alif Ailaan. Mr. Sadiq Tareen gave a comprehensive presentation on educational situation analysis of District Thatta. He shared that under this initiative, a detailed plan for five years will be developed and its implementation will also be facilitated. After the briefing on the situation of the District, the Consultant opened the forum for discussion.

## **Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with District Education Officials**

DEO appreciated I-SAPS and Alif Ailaan initiative and efforts and told that there is a need of such nature of work for education reforms. Involvement of politicians and different influencing people in education to support the reforms are very important. He also said that if various stakeholders are involved in the education planning, they can be held accountable for their performance to improve the education situation.

Mr. Hozoor Bux Said that education is the basic right of every child and we will support to I-SAPS to make this happen.

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

Mr. Soomar Samoon President Bar Council said that I-SAPS is the only organization that has taken this initiative and giving them honor and needs their contribution and cooperation in this work. He agreed with the facts and figures about situation of education in Thatta district shared by I-SAPS. Mr. Masood Shah said that education system of district Thatta is poor and ensured their support with Alif-Ailaan and I-SAPS for improvements in education. Mrs. Yasmeen said that non availability and absence of the

teaching and management staff within offices is the major issue. Mr. M. Hussain Shaikh said there are so many buildings that are still incomplete due to corruption of contactors and Govt. involvement in that as they do not take notice. He suggested making advocacy campaigns about corruption, punctuality of teachers and implementation of policies. Ikhtair Ali said bar council will provide full support in making the education free for all the children.

### **Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Former Member Provincial Assembly Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarians (PPPP), Thatta**

Ms. Humera Alwani MPAs (PPPP) and Mr. Uzer Jan (Journalist) said that the situation of education is very worst and they will try to address all issues in educational system in their constituency highlighted by the I-SAPS. They also asked for the proposal and to provide the information about closed school and sub standard or missing of facilities in schools.

They appreciated to I-SAPS and said that with the close coordination and with the facilitation of I-they will personally submit the proposal about increasing quality education of district.

### **Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Former WHDT Network, Makli Society Thatta**

Mr. Jurio Burfat said that the issues highlighted by I-SAPS are of utmost importance and the politicians have not played their role in this regard very well. Mr. Aziz Sarwan said that mentioned facts and figures are acceptable and they accept and agree to work for the betterment of education in the district. Mrs. Raheema Paanhwar said that SPO is seeking for a strong group in district Thatta and now that they got that in the shape of I-SAPS, so they would like to contribute and like to see SPO & I-SAPS as partners. All the rest of the participants agreed to provide their full support for implementing the Citizen Agenda/

### **Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Primary Teachers Association, Thatta**

Mr. Wali Bux Shah said that they have not been provided such information and data and evidence for the situation of their district before. He appreciated I-SAPS for bringing the issues to surface. He ensured that PTA will support any agenda for improving the performance of teachers in their districts. He accepted the mentioned facts and figures and ensured to provide support and facilitate this initiative

### **Vote of Thanks**

Mr. Mukhtiar Zour, coordinator I-SAPS thanked the participants for attending the FGDs and making valuable contribution with their participation in the discussion and suggestions.

### Annex I- List of Participants Thatta District

Name	Designation	Organisation/Department
Humera Ulwani	Former MPA	PPPP, Thata
Uzer Jan	Journalist	Thata
Aasif Ali Qureshi	District Education Officer	Education Department Sindh
Huzoor Bux Khaskheli	District Officer	Education Department Sindh
Nazer Mohammad Palari	P O / DEO	Education Department Sindh
Mohammad Soomar	President	Bar Council, Thata
Shahid Masood Ahmed Shah	G- Secretary	Bar Council, Thata
Yasmeen Farhan Memon	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Faiz Mohd	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Ali Ahmed Halo	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Abas Ali	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Aijaz Ali	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Ikhhtair Ali	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Syed Zuber Shah	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Muhram	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Mohd Hussain Shakh	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Syed Amar Ali Tarmezi	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Lakhadino Behrani	Member	Bar Council, Thata
Aziz Serwan	Coordinator	WHDT
Qadir bux lashari	Member	WHDT
Mohd Ibrahim Hejab	Member	WHDT
Inayat Ali Zaor	Member	WHDT
Allah Jurrio Burfat	Member	WHDT
Rehmattullaah Chuto	Member	WHDT
Khamiso Khan	Member	WHDT
Habib Ranto	Member	WHDT
Raheema Panhwar	Program Specialist	SPO
Noor Serai	Program Coordinator	SPO
Ghulam Abbas	Admin/FO	WHDT
Munir Maseeh	Member	WHDT
Mr. Wali Bux Shah	District President	PTA, Thata
Mohd Sadiq Tareen	Consultant	I-SAPS
Mukhtiar Ali Zour	Coordinator	I-SAPS