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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 Rajanpur 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 Rajanpur. Meetings were undertaken with the following stakeholders on 21st January 2014:

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

Proceedings of the consultations are presented in the following:

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

All meetings started with recitation of Holy Quran following which the presentation of the local education condition was shared with the participants.

Mr. Sultan Mazari 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 Rajanpur. 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 Rajanpur. Mr Siddique Tareen shared that in the district Rajanpur 54% children out of school only 46% children are school going. He shared that Gender Parity Index (GPI) is 0.77 at primary level and 0.59 at secondary level. Mr. Tareen also shared that Unit cost (Per student per annum) at School Level is Rs.12, 067. After the presentation, he asked the participants to give their view points for the development of Citizen Agendas. The discussion highlights with various stakeholders are presented in the following:

Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with District Education Officials

The District Education Officials appreciated the project theme and thanked I-SAPS expert for visiting the office. He appreciated the concept and shared that they need to work in collaboration on these direction and policies and provincial level decisions and agreed with the fact and figures provided by I-SAPS for the district. DO Education ensured to support and participate in the activities related to project and provide all the relevant data when needed.

DO Education also emphasized on improving the political approach so that political leadership works by setting aside their personal and political interests.

Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Politicians and Advocates

The Participants ensured to support and participate in the activities related to project when needed. Sheikh Wali Mohammad Sajid and Abdul Majeed Khan Pathan shared that they will discuss the issue of free and compulsory education in their party and with the decision makers and also on the other Forums. Mr. Majeed Khan Pathan Advocate appreciated the initiative taken by I-SAPS and Alif Ailaan and ensured their close coordination and facilitation to the team and

he ensured that he will personally submit the proposal about increasing quality education of district, and implementation of article 25-A.

Mr. Ayub Khan and Mr. Jaman Khan Buzdar G. Secretary Bar aid that they will undertake actions to provide full support in making the education free for all the children as per Article 25-A of the constitution of Pakistan..

Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Civil Society Organizations

Mr. Arif Khan Niazi said that now education of district Rajanpur is going in poor condition and we are with Alif Ailaan and I-SAPS for improvements in education. Comrade A. Karim Dumra appreciated the initiative and the project theme and ensured his participation and efforts to promote education and promised to work with the I-SAPS. He said that he will facilitate the efforts of I-SAPS to meet the politicians and to provide their full support for implementing the initiatives indentified in Citizen Agendas.

Mr. Kaleem Akber Jiskani shared that civil society is the face of community and it must do hard work for the education of the community. Ms. Kainat Malik said that there are a number of deprived areas in District Rajanpur which need immediate attention of the Government. She asked I-SAPS for its support for improving the situation of these areas.

Finally, Civil Society members said that they will provide full support in implementing the citizen agendas inn District Rajanpur.

Vote of Thanks

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

Annex I - Picture Gallery



Annex II - List of Participants of Consultations in District Rajanpur

Name	Designation	Organisation/Department
M.Ayub Buledi	Adv. & Candidate Chairman U/C Bhagsar	Advocate & Politician
Abdul Majeed Khan Pathan	Adv. & X candidate NA.175 divisional President Jamat e Islami	Advocate & Politician
Saeed Ahmad Khan	Adv. & Candidate G/councillor Ward no 9 Rajan Pur	Advocate & Politician
Sh. Wali Mohammad Sajid	Adv. & Dist. G/S PML (N)	Advocate & Politician
Jahangir Fareed	G- Secretary	Advocate & Politician
Sakeena Bhatti	Adv. & Candidate Chairman U/C Shikar Pur	Advocate & Politician
Gul Mohammad Buzdar	G/S Bar Rajan Pur	Advocate
Sami ul Rehman	Member Bar	Advocate
Kaleem Jiskani	General Secretary	Community aid
Kainat Malik	President	Dua Welfare Organization Jam Pur
Tahira Usman	Office Assistant	DSTC
Mehwish Jamil	Vice President	Tameer E Millat
Kausar Sohail	Executive Member	Social Welfare Society Rojhan
Abdul Ghafar Langah	D.O	Education
Syed Zahhid Hussain	Assistant Director	Education
Asif Lighari	A.E.O	Education
Riaz Hussain	Education Department	Education
Mohd Sadiq Tareen	Consultant	
Ahsan Ali Raza	District Coordinator	I-SAPS
Sultan Mazari	Coordinator	I-SAPS