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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 Hyderabad 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 Hyderabad. Meetings were undertaken with the following stakeholders on 16th January 2014:

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

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

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 Hyderabad. He said that the total estimated population of the Hyderabad district in 20012-13 is 2.15 Million, including female population of 1.06 Million. In 2010-11 the population of 10+ age-group, 30 % never attended school (24% males and 37% females), in rural areas it is 56% (40% males and 75% females). The public sector primary schools are 777 (including 164 for girls i.e. 21% of total), middle schools are 69 (24 for girls) and 91 high/ higher secondary schools (36 for girls). He said that there are a number of issues in the District and the major that need to be addressed are those in access for males and females, quality, inappropriate management and insufficient allocation of resources. 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

The Director Education Hyderabad appreciated the I-SAPS and Alif Ailaan concept and said that the Government should focus on improving the facilities and environment of the schools so that quality of education is improved in the schools. He said that the teachers are not properly qualified for teaching the students. He further said that this is the responsibility of the state to provide free and compulsory education to the students of school going age. He said that Citizen Agenda should focus on improving quality of education, facilities and infrastructure of schools. He said that the district department will provide required information and data and will also facilitate improving the situation of education through implementing the interventions proposed in citizen agenda.

Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with District Bar Council

Mr, Imdad said that he agrees with the fact figures about critical situation of education shared by I-SAPS. He said that they are ready to work with I-SAPS and Alif Ailaan for the betterment of education situation in the District. He further said that bar council will provide full support in making the education free for all children. He said that bar council will provide full support in implementing the citizen agenda.

Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Abid Ghouri, MQM Deputy Zonal in-charge

Mr. Aabid Gori said that their party representatives will participate in all the events and meetings organized by Alif Ailaan and I-SAPS. He highly appreciated the concept of the assignment and shared his views that it will be great contribution of I-SAPS and Alif- Ailaan for cooperating in the improvement of educational system. He assured that his party representation will actively participate in all the campaigns, conferences and dialogues organized by I-SAPS.

Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with President, Primary Teacher Association (PTA) Sindh

Mr. Sadiq Tareen briefed participants about education situation and status in detailed with facts & figures of Sindh province. He said that teachers are the most important assets of nation, they have a huge responsibility to educate young generation so they must have to play a strong role in this cause. Mr. Rafeeq Ahmed said that no one has ever shared the useful facts and figures about the situation of education in the district. He said that he will provide full support and assistance to make teachers work appropriately. He further said that when I-SAPS will identify schools where teachers are not attending schools, PTA will make policies to cancel their membership.

Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Sorath Samaji Tanzeem, Qasimabad, Hyderabad

Mr. Ali Akbar appreciated the mentioned facts and figures and said that these are acceptable and agreed for cooperation and help in making free education for all with I-SAPS. Mrs Najama said that government the worst situation of education can be traced back to 1984 when authorization of approval for School Building was transferred to MPAs & MNAs. Mrs. Sakeena said that mentioned facts and figures are acceptable and accepted and agreed and we are ready to work with I-SAPS and Ilm Ideas to help improve the situation. Further she said that their organization is seeking for a strong group in district Hyderabad and now we got that in the shape of I-SAPS and we will work together with I-SAPS. Mr. Akhtar Mallah said that Education crisis is a big issue in the District and the presented facts and figures are a sound basis to start working to address these issues.

Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with Member Provincial Assembly, Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM)

After the briefing by Mr. Tareen, MPAs ensured to try to address all issues in educational system in their constituency highlighted by the I-SAPS. He appreciated I-SAPS initiative and told that with the close coordination and with the facilitation of I-SAPS they will submit the bill in Sindh Provincial Assembly about increasing the budget for education purpose, and

implementation of article 25-A. He assured that their party representatives will actively participate in all the campaigns organized by I-SAPS.

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 Hyderabad District

Name	Designation	Organisation/Department
	Director Education	District Hyderabad
Tehzeeb Shah	Director Education	Privet School education Sindh
Imdad Unarre	G- Secretary	Bar Council Hyderabad
Nazeer Ahmed	Member	Bar Council Hyderabad
Abdullah Qazi	Member	Bar Council Hyderabad
Mr. Muhammad Rafeeq	President	Primary Teachers Association
Najma Mallah	General Secretary	Sorath Samaji Tanzeem
Sakeena Bhatti	Finance Secretary	Sorath Samaji Tanzeem
Fozeea Mallah	Board Member	Sorath Samaji Tanzeem
AliAkhbar Mallah	Member	Sorath Samaji Tanzeem
Akhatar Mallah	Member	Sorath Samaji Tanzeem
Rana Ansar	MPA Sindh Assembly	MQM
Sabar Hussain Qaimkhani	MPA Sindh Assembly	MQM
Mohd Sadiq Tareen	Consultant	I-SAPS
Mukhtiar Ali Zour	Coordinator	I-SAPS