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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 Peshawar 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 Peshawar. Meetings were undertaken with the following stakeholders on 8th January 2014:

- District Government Officials
- Focus Group Discussion with Politicians, Civil Society Organizations and government officials

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

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. Imran Inam 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 Peshawar. 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, Consultant I-SAPS gave a comprehensive presentation on educational situation analysis of District Peshawar. Some educational statistics are given below which were presented by the Consultant:

- According to recent survey 195,398 including 13,773 girls are out of school.
- On the missing facilities he briefed that out 46 schools don't have boundary wall, which badly affect the attention of students during study.
- 200 schools of the district have no basic facility of drinking water.
- 75 schools have no availability of washroom/latrine. Including 12 schools of girls without this facility which is big question mark on moral values and ethics.
- 430 schools have no facility of electricity.

The Consultant briefed participants about the major issues and opened the forum for discussion. The questions were:

- How we can ensure quality education?
- How we can balance/rationalize student/teacher ratio?
- Role of elected and public representative in making the situation better
- How we can utilize available resources?

The discussion highlights with various stakeholders are presented in the following:

Discussion Highlights of the Consultation with District Education Officials

Mr. Khan thanked I-SAPS for visiting his office and discussing challenges, achievements and opportunities in education sector in district Peshawar. He said that I-SAPS representative have informed about the expected visit of consultant. He agreed with the findings of the consultant, accepted number of rooms which are required to be constructed and said that he is well informed about the number of exact rooms which are needed to be construct. He further said that quality training is required not only for primary but also for middle and higher secondary school teachers on priority basis. He said that we have very less resources for both development and non development due to which our quality of work has been affected.

Following recommendations and suggestions were given in the meeting with District Education officials:

- Schools which were damaged during flood and conflict need to be rehabilitated on immediate and priority bases with proper allocation of funds
- Schools which need infrastructure that includes water, latrine, electrification and sitting arrangement need to be provided on need and urgent basis.
- Training should be given to the teachers of all Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Standards
- Fund allocation for both salary and non salary on immediate and urgent basis
- Mr. Jaddi Khan Khalil made commitment to try to construct school where land is available in those areas where there is no primary school for girls.
- Those schools which were destroyed/damage by militants will be built.
- Support is required to train all the teachers whether they are Primary, Secondary or High schools
- He further said that merit will be ensured and transparent and fair recruitments will be done without any interference from Political sides
- At the end of FGD he requested the present Provincial Government to increase the current education budget

Proceedings of Focus Group Discussion with Civil Society and Politicians

Arbab Farooq Jan, Member of JUI (F), Executive Member of Tribal Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Arbab Farooq said that education is the most important factor for the building of any nation while primary education level is below 22% as compared to India which is 72%, Srilanka 100%, so top priority is Primary Education. He requested to the Education Department and the Political Parties of Provincial Government KPK that we can provide land for school constructions as currently children are travelling 7 km distance on daily basis.

Arbab Mujeeb, Provincial General Sect. Pakhtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party (PKMAP)

Mr. Arbab Mujeeb said that education is the right of every human being. Girl's education must be given top priority while education must be given in mother tongue for better and easy understanding. He emphasized on need of for rehabilitation of schools damaged due to conflict and flood on immediate basis.

Faheem Jan Assistant District Officer (ADO)

Mr. Faheem Jan ADO Education Department said in few lines that the fund which is given to the education department is 1% or 2% which is very less. The provincial government must allocate higher ratio of funds for education. ADO said that teacher trainings must be given to primary, secondary and higher secondary level.

Kashif Azam, Former Minister Jumaat Islami (JI)

Kashif Azam said that our Party's main focus is towards Education and first and last priority is education and a lot of work done and Schools are built in MMA government. He said that separate medical college for girls was built in MMA government.

Arbab Mir Afzal Khan Daudzai, General Sect

Quami Watan Party (QWP) District Peshawar

Mr. Arbab Daudzai said that our main focus is Education and he also emphasized on strict implementation of merit in education department. He said that education must be de-politicized.

Abdul Sattar (Finance Sect), Arbab Ihtisham Khan (Deputy General Sect District Peshawar)

Awami National Party (ANP)

Mr. Abdul Sattar and Mr. Arbab Ihtisham Khan said that our Party's first and last priority is education and our Government from 2008 to 2012 highly worked on education in KPK and built a lot of educational institutes in different Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and they requested for increase in budget at provincial level.

Raza Ali Shah, Parents Teachers Council (PTC)

A member of PTC said that we are always transferring from one school to another school while the government needs to recruit local teacher at local area which will improve quality of education.

Abdul Qadus (Representative of AAP)

Mr. Qadus said that quality of education is very poor in rural areas especially in girl's school. He also said that damaged school must be rehabilitated on priority basis.

Naila Naz (District Representative PTI)

Ms. Naila said that situation for girl's education is very alarming that a lot of girls are dropped out due to absence of boundary wall, damaged rooms and lack of transportation facilities. She said that female teachers are facing major problems due to poor transportation facilities as mostly come from out stations.

Recommendation & Suggestions

- Political leaders have suggested that government should provide land to those villages where there is no primary school for girls.
- Those schools which were destroyed/damage by militants should be built.
- Trainings should be given to all the teachers whether they are Primary, Secondary or High schools.
- One of participant has suggested Merit should be brought in all levels and no interference should be allowed at levels from Political Sides.
- All participants request the present Provincial Government for increase in Education budget.

Vote of Thanks

Mr. Imran thanked the participants for their attending the focus group discussion and taking an active part in the discussion.

Annex I- Picture Gallery



Annex II- Media Coverage



Annex III- List of Participants

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Organization/Party
1	Mr. Kashif Azam	X-Minister	Jl
2	Mr. Muhammad Ikram	President	All Teacher Association
3	Mr. Faheem Jan	ADO	Education Department
4	Mr. Muhammad Israr ul Haq	S.PST	Education Department
5	Mr. Zain	Program Assistant	CRDO
6	Mr. Shakir Ullah		MEP
7	Mr. Arbab Mujeeb	Secretary	PMAP
8	Mr. Umer Farooq	Media Representative	Express News
9	Mr. Abdul Qadoos	Media Representative	APP
10	Mr. Saif Ullah	AT	PTC Member
11	Mr. Rafique Afridi	Chairman	SDPRD
12	Miss Ayesha Hassan	Social Worker	SW
13	Miss Naila Naz	X-Nazim	PTI
14	Mr. Mir Zaman Mommand	Program Director	PYO
15	Mr. Bawar Khan	Superintendent	PCSIR Labs
16	Mr. Syed Raza Shah	Subject Specialist	Education Department
17	Mr. Habib Ur Rehman	UC 24 Supervisor	PTI
18	Mr. Dr. Sardar	General Secretary UC	PTI
19	Mr. Muhammad Iqbal	President UC 24	PTI
20	Mr. Haider Khalil	X- National Assembly Candidate	QWP
21	Mr. Umer Orakzai	Network Coordinator	Alif Ailaan
22	Mr. Iman Inam	District Coordinator Peshawar	I-SAPS
23	Mr. Nooran Shah	Artist	Radio Pakistan
24	Mr. Abdul Sattar	Finance Secretary Member	ANP
25	Mr. Ihtesham	Deputy General Secretary Member	ANP
26	Arbab M Farooq	X- candidate provincial assembly	JUI
27	Arbab Mir Afzal	General Secretary District Peshawar	QWP