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Phase-II**

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## Context and Background

Institute of Social and Policy Sciences (I-SAPS) in collaboration with Alif Ailaan is implementing the “*Political Advocacy and Outreach Support for Transforming Education Pakistan (TEP)*” in Rajanpur District along with five other districts across Pakistan (Hyderabad, Thatta, Quetta, Peshawar, and Lahore). 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. Under this initiative, political representatives including elected members and office bearers of the political parties are engaged on regular basis to help improve their roles in improving the education services in Pakistan. We believe that inviting political actors of diverse political orientation to a common forum to present their views on a given issue and having their commitments is very successful intervention.

During implementation of the current initiative, we are intensifying and deepening the engagement process by conducting All Party Conferences (APCs) at the district level. The basic objective of the APCs is to present the district specific education issues to the political parties and to motivate the political parties to debate and take collective measures to resolve these issues.

In the above context, a District All Parties Conference (APC) was organized in District Rajanpur on May 22, 2014 on the topic of “*Situation of Education in District Rajanpur; Issues and Opportunities*”. Proceedings of the APC are in the following:

### 1. Registration of the Participants

The participants were welcomed and registered by Mr. Sultan Mazari, District Coordinator I-SAPS.

### 2. Recitation of the Holy Quran and Welcome Note

The program was started with some verses of Holy Quran by one of the participants. Sultan Mazari, District Coordinator I-SAPS welcomed the participants and shared objectives and detailed program of APC with the participants.

### 3. Presentation on Education Issues in Rajanpur District

Mr. Ahmad Ali from I-SAPS gave a comprehensive presentation on education situation of District Rajanpur to the participants. He briefed that under the umbrella of I-SAPS and Alif Ailaan, various research products are being developed including district specific citizen agendas. The Citizen Agenda sheds light on the education indicators of the district and also provides yearly targets for enrolling all out of school children in the district in the schools. He also briefed that the Citizen Agenda also provides the targets for provision of all missing facilities in the schools of the District.

Following statistics were presented to the participants in the presentation:

- 260,522 children are out of school in District Rajanour
- There are in total 1,119 schools in the district which includes 659 boys and 460 girl schools. There is need for 39 more schools, to enroll all out of school children in schools.

- In the District Rajanpur, in total 4,274 teachers are teaching. 57% of these teachers are in primary schools, 19% in middle schools and 24% in secondary schools. There is need for more 2,203 teachers in the schools of the district
- Large numbers of schools in the District have missing facilities, having a direct impact upon the quality of education in the District. Few figures of the missing facilities in the schools of the District are:
  - 18% schools in this district have no boundary wall
  - 8% schools of the district have no facility of drinking water
  - 12% schools have no availability of washroom/latrine
  - 71% schools have no facility of electricity

Mr. Ahmad Ali said that the situation presents a bleak picture of education in the District and demands for corrective measures on urgent basis for improving this situation. He further said that after the insertion of Article 25A under the 18<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment, the state is responsible to provide free education to the children of age 5-16 years. There is need for improved role of the District Governments in the provision of education services and the resource allocation by the provincial governments to fulfill this role.

Following his presentation and briefing, he opened the forum for discussion and requested all political parties to share their point of view regarding education situation in the District and how they would like to play their roles in this regard:

#### 4. Perspectives of Participants

##### **Yousuf Gabool Former Candidate PP-249 (Pakistan People's Party)**

Mr. Yousuf Gabool thanked I-SAPS for visiting Rajanpur District and discussing challenges and opportunities of the education sector in District Rajanpur. He agreed with the findings of I-SAPS on the additional number of rooms, teachers and schools required in the schools of the district. He 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 the district has very limited budget for both development and non development due to which quality of education has badly been affected. He said that the Government needs to take serious steps to promote education in the District as this is one of the deprived and backward districts in province of Punjab.

##### **Hussain Faridi, Representative of Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N)**

Mr. Hussain Faridi said that education is the most important factor for building any nation. Considering its importance, our government is working on education. He said that all the targets are being achieved and education is our priority. He said that we have announced a budget of 400 Million in this Government for education. He said that we are working on construction of schools, furniture, water facility and toilet blocks. He said that we are hopeful that we will achieve our targets earlier. He further said that we are also working on quality training of teachers and reducing child labour.

**Mohammad Ali Jaswal, District President, Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT)**

Mr. Mohammad Ali 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 the need for rehabilitation of schools damaged due to conflict and flood on immediate basis.

**Abdul Samad Darkhawsti, President, Mutahida Deeni Mahaz**

Mr. Abdul Samad said in few lines that the fund which is given to the education department is not enough. He said that the provincial government must allocate more funds for education and teacher training must be given a high priority for all levels i.e. primary, secondary and higher secondary levels.

**Kamraid Abdul Kareem Dumra, President, Awami Workers Party**

He said that the governing political party i.e. Pakistan Muslim League needs to maintain its focus on Education. He said that there is need to do a lots of work on education in the district and in the province. He said that new schools need to be built in the district for providing quality education.

**Faheem Jafar Advocate, General Secretary, Mutahida Majlis e Amal (MMA)**

Mr. Faheem Jafar said that education has always remained a top priority of our party and emphasized that the education policies should be strictly implemented. He said that education must be de-politicized for better results and better outcomes.

**Qamar Zaman Advocate, District Coordinator, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)**

Mr. Qamer Zaman said that our Party's first and last priority is education. He said that the present government is not serious to take actions and work on the education issues. He said that there is great need for taking steps to promote education in the Southern Punjab districts.

**Amjad Farooq, President Press Club, Rajanpur**

He said that our area is a poor agricultural area where the incidence of poverty is very high. He said that due to poverty, most of our children can not go to schools. He said that we have been highlighting issues of missing facilities in the schools and there is dire need to address these issues.

**Shaukat Hayat Warraich, Former Candidate PP-249, All Pakistan Muslim League (APML)**

He said that the quality of education is very poor in rural areas especially in girl's schools. There is large number of schools in the district which have been damaged due to floods. There is urgent need to rehabilitate these schools on priority basis.

**Ashraf Bandesha, Former Candidate PP 249 (Jamat-e-Islami)**

Mr. Ashraf Bandesha said that situation for girl's education is very alarming as a lots of girls are dropped out due to non availability of boundary wall, damaged rooms and lack of transport in the District. He said that female teachers are facing major problems due to poor transportation facilities as mostly come from other stations.

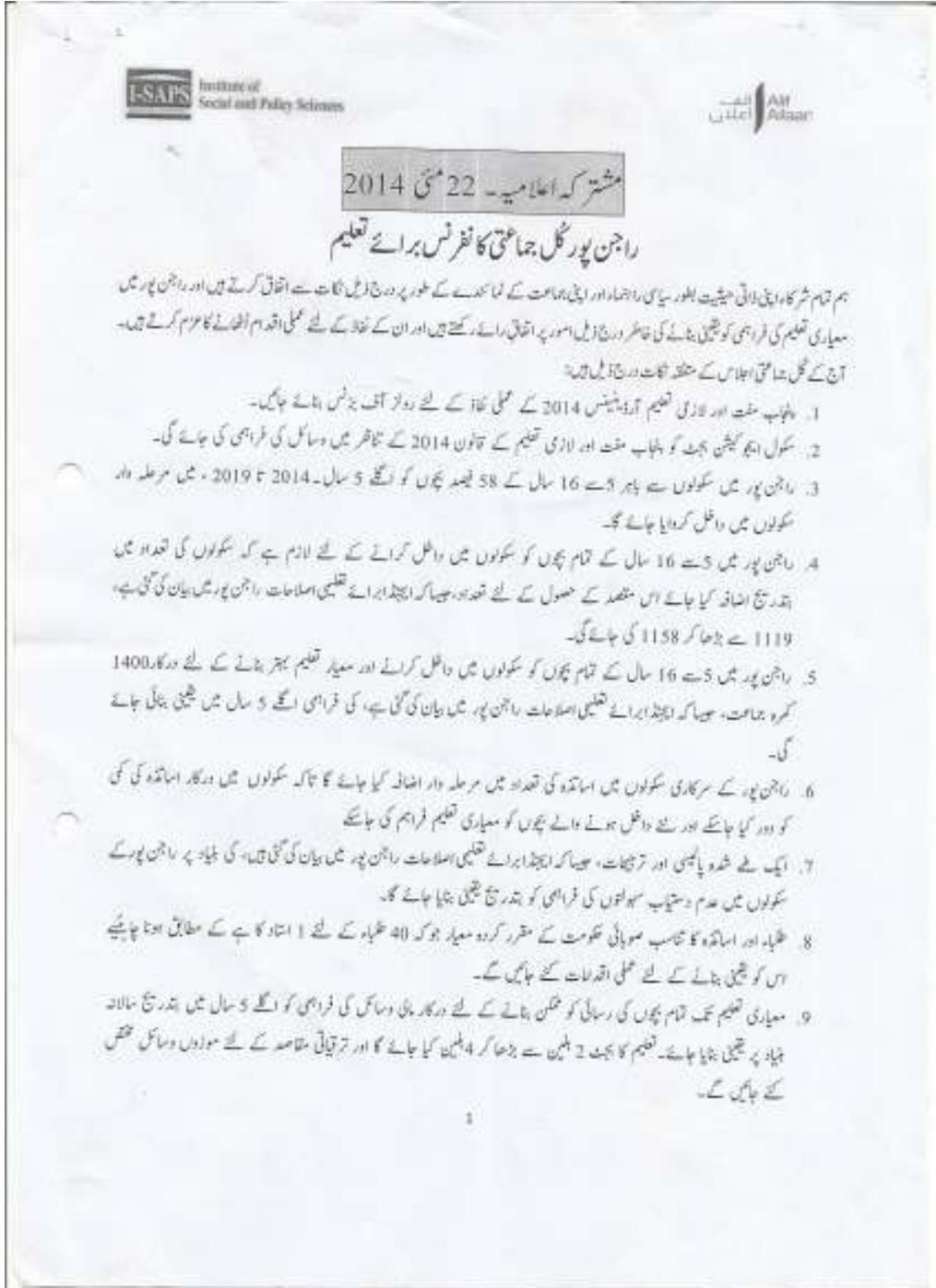
## **5. Joint Declaration by Political Parties for Making Education a Priority**

Following the discussion by the political parties on the education issues, I-SAPS team shared a joint declaration to sign by all participants. The Declaration contains major recommendations of the citizen agenda of the District with resolution to implement these recommendations. The declaration was signed by all participants from different political parties jointly, to make education a priority, irrespective of their political affiliations. Copy of the signed declaration is provided in Annex 1.

## **6. Vote of Thanks**

Mr. Ahmed Ali thanked all participants at the end of the APC and said that this engagement will continue with all stakeholders in the coming months. Participants were invited for refreshment at the end.

## Annex I- Joint Declaration by the Political Parties







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## Annex II- Photo Gallery



## Annex III- List of Participants

| Sr# | Name                        | Designation                             | Organization                 |
|-----|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 1   | Muhammad Ashraf             | Candidate MPA                           | Jamat e Islami               |
| 2   | Abdul Samad Darkhwasti      | President                               | JUI (F)                      |
| 3   | Muhammad Ajmal              | General Secretary                       | JUI (F)                      |
| 4   | Muhammad Islam              | Member                                  | PPP                          |
| 5   | Sardar Muhammad Yousaf      | City President PPP EX. Candidate MPA249 | PPP                          |
| 6   | Muhammad Ali                | President                               | Pakistan Awami Tehreek       |
| 7   | Tahir Faizi                 | President                               | Pakistan Awami Tehreek       |
| 8   | Comrader Abdul Kareem       | President                               | Saraikistan Qaumi Ittehad    |
| 9   | Zafar                       | Member                                  | All Pakistan Muslim League   |
| 10  | Mufti Khizer Mehmood        | President                               | Mutahidda Deeni Mahaz        |
| 11  | Fozia                       | Programme Officer                       | Aaghaz Programme             |
| 12  | Syed Ashiq Hussain          | Reporter                                | Abb Tak News                 |
| 13  | M. Hussain Afridi           | President                               | Aim Organisation             |
| 14  | Naeem Akbar                 | Executive Director                      | Alif Ailaan                  |
| 15  | Asad Mazari                 | President                               | CAF                          |
| 16  | Hidayat Ullah               | Member                                  | CAF                          |
| 17  | Gul Mustafa                 | Member                                  | CAF                          |
| 18  | Rafiq Ahmed                 | Member & Educationist                   | CAF                          |
| 19  | Ghaus Bakhsh                | Educationist                            | CAF                          |
| 20  | Ch. Yousaf                  | News Reporter                           | Daily Promotion Islam        |
| 21  | Fahim Jaffar                | Member DBA                              | DBA                          |
| 22  | Muhammad Ishaq Gabol        | Finance Secretary                       | District Press Club          |
| 23  | Qamar Sharif                | District Reporter                       | Duniya TV                    |
| 24  | Raheel                      | Doctot DHQ                              | Health                       |
| 25  | Hamza                       | President                               | Insan Development Foundation |
| 26  | Ibrar Hussain               | DIS                                     | I-SAPS                       |
| 27  | Saifullah                   | Candidate MPA                           | Korkan                       |
| 28  | Riaz                        | Journalist                              | Pak Aitmad News              |
| 29  | Ch. Muhammad Uzzam Warraich | N.S Province                            | Politics                     |
| 30  | Muhammad Amjad Farooq       | President                               | Press Club                   |
| 31  | Khan Muhammad Khan          | Member                                  | Press Club                   |
| 32  | Umar Zaman Ch               | Secretary Legal                         | PTI                          |
| 33  | Muhammad Javed              | GIS                                     | Rohsani Foundation           |
| 34  | Muhammad Ilyas              | District Reporter                       | Samaa TV                     |
| 35  | Mazoor Ahmed                | Programme Officer                       | Social Welfare Society       |
| 36  | Aijaz Ahmed                 | President                               | STEP                         |

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|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 37         | Hafeez            | Programme Officer        | STEP                    |
| 38         | Asia              | Programme Officer        | SWS                     |
| 39         | Maqbool           | Coordinator              | V.N.G                   |
| 40         | Sheraz Haider     | Member                   | YDO                     |
| 41         | Hassan Raza       | General Secretary        | Zindagi Welfare Society |
| 42         | Ali Raza          | T.C                      | Zindagi Welfare Society |
| 43         | Sultan Abbas      | DTE                      | Education               |
| 44         | Aqeel ur Rehman   | Advocacy Officer         | FDO                     |
| 45         | Haider Sultan     | Student                  | Ranger Model School     |
| 46         | Aziz              | Businessman              | Aziz Traders            |
| 47         | Sidra tul Muntaha | C/O Meena Leghari Ex MNA | Politics                |
| 48         | Khalil Hussain    | Focal Person AAWAZ       | AAWAZ Progamme          |
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## Annex IV- Media Coverage

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ضلع راجن پور میں تعلیمی شعبہ کو درپیش مسائل اور مواقع کے موضوع پر "ضلعی کون ہما عتی اجلاس" سیمینار

راجن پور (کراٹم رپورٹر) ضلع راجن پور میں تعلیمی شعبہ کو درپیش مسائل اور مواقع کے موضوع پر "ضلعی کون ہما عتی اجلاس" سیمینار کا انعقاد زیر اہتمام اسی ٹیوٹ اف سوشل اینڈ پالیسی سائنسز (آئی سپس) اور الف اعلان کے اشتراک سے ذائقہ ریسٹورنٹ راجن پور میں باقی صفحہ 66 نمبر 66

66 پاکستان

کیا گیا جس میں پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی، مسلم لیگ (ن) پاکستان، تحریک انصاف، ایم کیو ایم، جماعت اسلامی، پاکستان سرائیکی پارٹی، اہل پاکستان مسلم لیگ، عوامی ورکر پارٹی، متحدہ دینی محاذ اور کان آسٹی لور رہنماؤں نے بھرپور شرکت کی۔ جن کے سامنے آئی سپس کے ریسرچ فیلو نے عوامی مسائل کے 9 نکات رکھے جن میں پنجاب میں مفت بورڈ تعلیم کے انڈینس کا نفاذ، مین کے مطابق سکول ایجوکیشن بجٹ میں اضافہ، بورڈ فرامی، سکولوں میں مرحلہ وار داخلہ، اساتذہ کی تعیناتی بورڈ کے حل کے لئے عوام کی طرف سے اپیل کی گئی۔ آئی سپس کے ریسرچ فیلو احمد علی نے اپنی بریفنگ میں کہا کہ تعلیم اور سیاست کو علیحدہ کرنا مشکل ہے کیونکہ سیاست کے بغیر تعلیمی ترقی ناممکن ہے



