

Improving Access and Quality of Education through Political Voice at

District and Constituency Levels

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Context and Background

Institute of Social and Policy Sciences (I-SAPS) with the help of Ilm Ideas is implementing the project *"Improving Access and Quality of Education through Political Voice at District and Constituency Levels"* in three Districts of South Punjab (Lodhran, Muzaffargarh and Rahim Yar Khan).

The project will generate public demand for greater and effective political voice and oversight of issues in access, quality and governance of primary and secondary education. It is expected that it will lead to creating a critical mass of active political leadership which is interested in and acts upon issues of out-of-school children and low enrolment, poor learning, teacher and pupil attendance, and the need for school improvement at district and constituency level. Objectives of the project are:

- To build research-based evidence on the intersection of public demand and political dynamics and their impact on education outcomes
- To initiate and support informed public debate on Constituency-wise issues and needs in access, quality and governance of basic education.
- To increase the quantity and quality of political voice and oversight for addressing district and Constituency-wise issues and needs for basic education.

In the month of February 2014, District Education Plans, a very important research product were launched in all three districts. This five year plan was prepared in consultation with the stakeholders of the Districts. Following are the proceedings of the event in Lodhran.

1.0 PROCEEDINGS

1.1 Registration of the participants:

The participants were welcomed and registered by Mr. Faisal Hussan District Coordinator I-SAPS.

1.2 Recitation of the Holy Quran and Welcome Note

The program was started with some verses of Holy Quran. After recitation Adnan Dastgeer, Project Manager I-SAPS welcomed the participants and gave his introduction then participants introduced themselves. Then he handed over to Sadique Tareen, Consultant I-SAPS.

1.3 Presentation on current Educational Condition: relevance and Analysis.

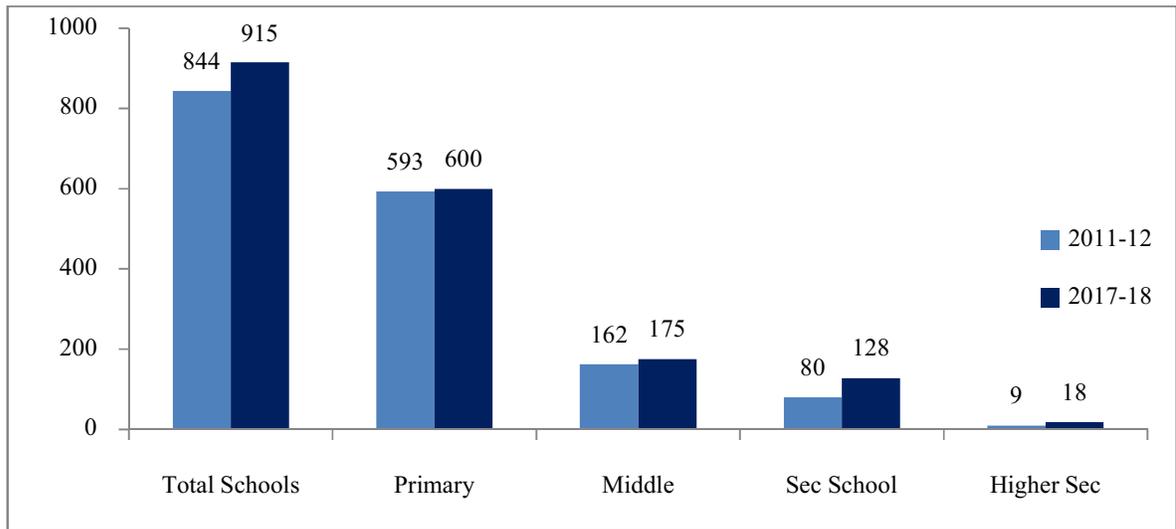
In this session consultant shared current educational condition of the district starting from percentage of population gender wise ever attended school with comparison of school completed at primary or higher level from urban and rural areas. From urban area 70% male and 49% female ever attended schools while 58% male and 41% female completed their primary or higher school education as far as rural area is concerned 59% male and 32% female ever attended schools while 45% male and 22% female completed their primary or higher school education. Then gender wise and level wise gross enrollment was shared with the workshop participants with the help of a graph showing down ward trend from primary to higher school levels like 77% boys get enrolled in primary only 35% reach to secondary level as far as higher level is concerned only 18% boys crossed it. With respect to females 58% girls get

enrolled in primary only 23% reach to secondary level as far as higher level is concerned only 11% girls cross it. At the last of the session consultant shared with them major reasons for these issues includes approach to schools, quality of education, administrative issues with education department and proper utilization of the available resources.

1.4 District Education Plan For Lodhran:

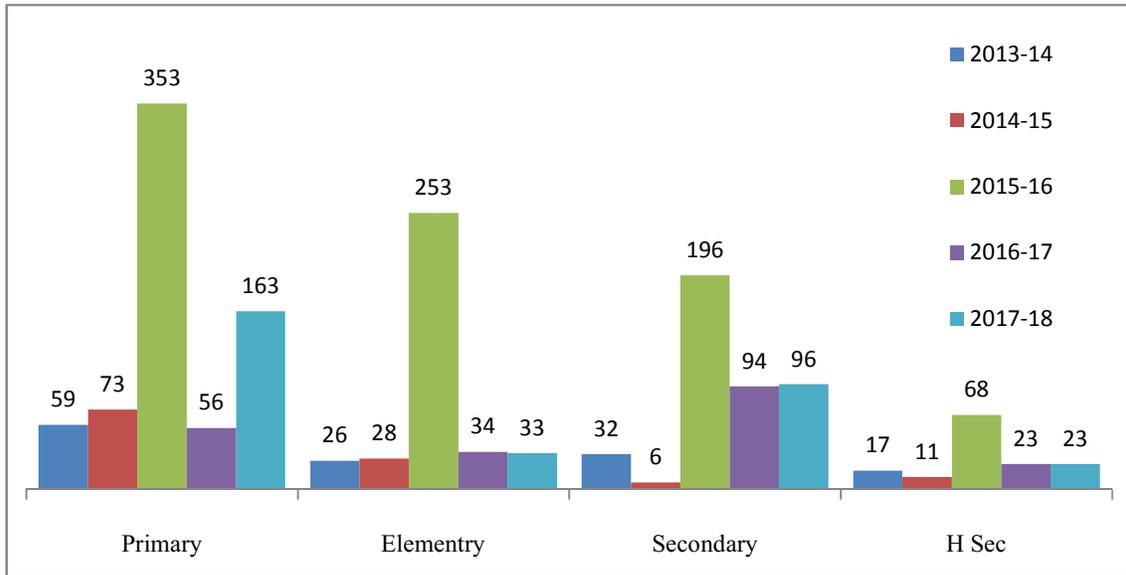
In this session firstly method to set priorities to resolve education issues was shared with the participants of the workshop. We have to consider girl schools with high enrollment in first step than girls with low enrollment than boys schools will be considered for provision of facilities in schools. We have a plan to enroll 308,674 out of school children in district Lodhran.

Graph 1: Current Schools Level wise and Demand for New Schools in Next Five Year



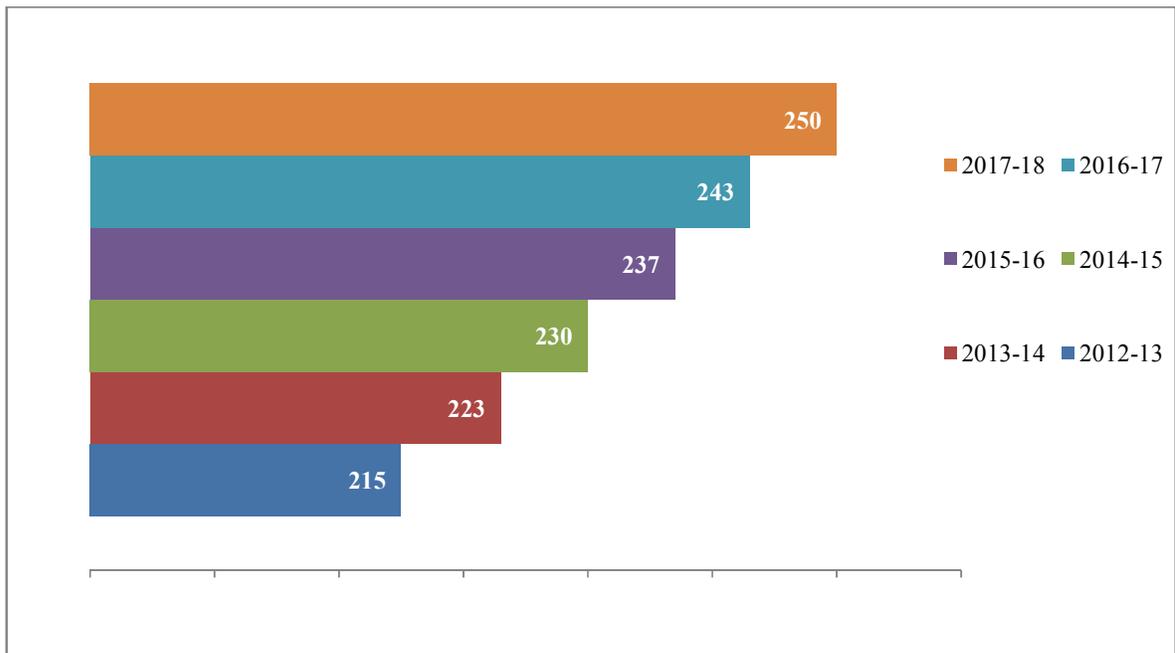
Then the requirement of new schools in the next five years were shared in graphical form with the participants. Secondly need of additional class rooms school level wise and year wise was also shared with the participants with the help of a graph.

Graph 2: Year wise and Level Wise need of new rooms in next five years

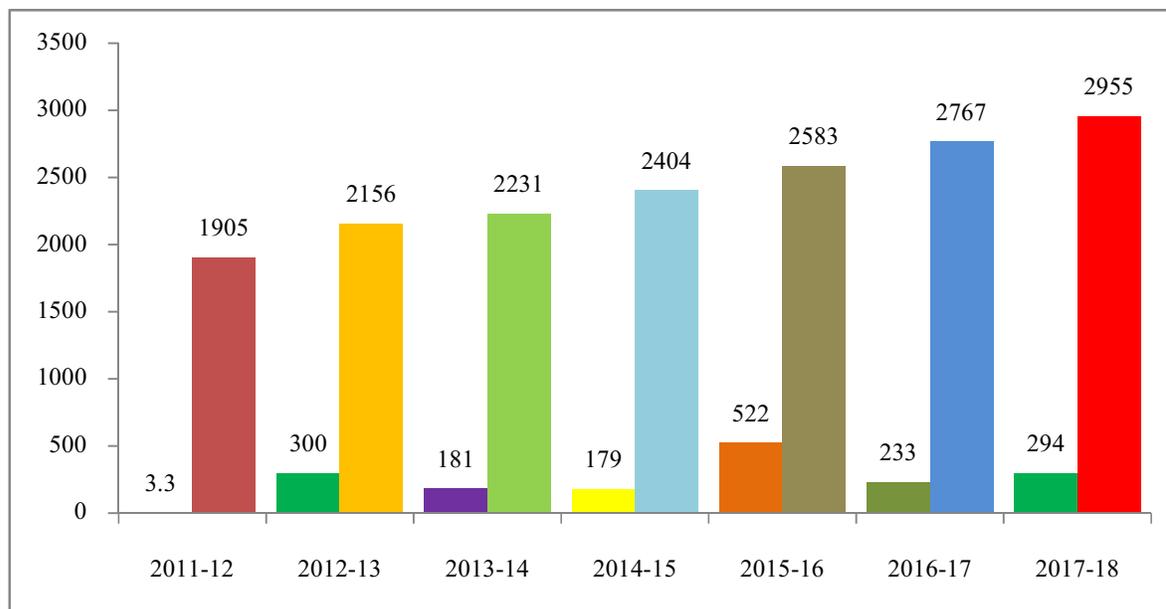


Using the same scheme need for additional teachers and budget in next five years was shared.

Graph 3: Year wise teachers requirement for in five years



Graph 4: Year Wise Budget Requirement both Development and Non Development



1.5 Participants Point of View

Mr. Muzammal Bashir, DMO Lodhran, appreciated the work of I-SAPS. He said that a lot of work is going on Education but there is lack of coordination among the stakeholders. Forum provided by I-SAPS will help stakeholders to strong coordination among them this strong coordination will improve the educational condition of the district within minimum time. This plan will be considered in future planning for provision of missing facilities in the schools.

Mr. Ch. Muhammad Aslam, EDO F & P Lodhran ensured his full cooperation and his commitments for the improving quality and access to education in the district and appreciated the effort of I-SAPS. District Education Plan which will be beneficial for the Education and district government officials for future planning. We will pick schools one by one according to this plan and provide missing facility required in that school than second school will be picked and so on till completion of all schools provided in the plan. He added that an amount of 220 million rupees is provided for missing facilities by Punjab government this plan will help us in utilization of this budget. He shared with participants that district government officials and education department officials will also focus on attendance of student, teacher's availability in schools and to improve quality of education. All the stakeholders NGOs/CBO, active citizens, bar council members, school council members, parents and political leaders will be involved in enrolment campaign to resolve the issue of out of school children.

Most of the participants committed and appreciated the efforts of I-SAPS. They ensure that they will utilize this district education plan in improving access and quality of education in their district.

Pictorial View of Workshop



Participants View



EDO-F&F Addressing Participants



DMO Addressing Participants

Media Coverage of the Workshop



List of Participants:

Sr #	Name	Designation	Organization/Party
1.	Muhammad Aslam	EDO	F&P
2.	Zohera Batool	DDO	Education
3.	Akber khan	Program Manager	Tareen Education Foundation
4.	Muhamad Sadeeq Tareen	Consultant	I-SAPS Islamabad
5.	Mian Abdul Ghafar	DPM E	NCHD
6.	Muhammad Jamal Nasir	DEO (SEC)	Education
7.	Ashraf Ismail	President	PMLN
8.	Zahoor Hussain	Member	School Council
9.	Waris Ali	President	PTU Dunya Pur
10.	Mufti Muhammad Ismail	District President	JUI (F)
11.	Abdul Malik	Sectary information	JUI (F)
12.	Muhammad Shafi	DPM L	NCHD
13.	Muhammad Muzamil Bashir	DMO	PMIU
14.	Gulam Mustafa	Secretary Information	MQM
15.	Jacakab Aftab	President	CFDO
16.	Aneel	Member	CFDO
17.	Malik Walter	Member	CFDO
18.	Qadus Younas	DLO	Education
19.	Ubaid ulla Khan	Vice President	PTI
20.	Muhammd Aslam	Member	Social Welfare
21.	Muhammad Ahsan	VP UC 28	PTI
22.	Ahtsham ul Haq	DO	Social Wellfare
23.	Iffat Tahira Sumroo	Advocate	District Bar PTI
24.	Abdul kareem	LM	Literacy
25.	Rasheed Ahmed	LM	Literacy
26.	Sayeda Fouzia	Master Trainner	CGNP
27.	Rao Nasir	MPA Contestant	PML N
28.	Ilyas Hussan	SM	PWO
29.	Qaiser Iqbal	DP	Daily Satluj
30.	Malik Naeem Qaiser	Head Master	Education
31.	Mian Naveed Aslam	Manager Advocacy	I-SAPS
32.	Rajam M Ibrar	Teacher	Education
33.	Muhammad Jamal Nasir	DEO	Education
34.	Liaqat ali mughal	journalist	Chanel 5
35.	Muhammad arshad	Member	PTU
36.	Ghafoor ahmed	AEO	Education
37.	Muhammad Yousaf	AEO	Education
38.	Riaz Ahmed Bhutta	Mobilizer	Wasaib Foundation
39.	Muhammad Arif	Lecturer	IUB
40.	Mirza Saleem	President	Sahara HRO
41.	Rao Waheed Ahmed	Seiner Journalist	PTV Press Club
42.	Faisal Hassan	District Coordinator	I-SAPS
43.	Rana Moin	Director	Rana Academy

44.	Sajjad Akhter	President	PTU
45.	Aleem Tahir Khan	Field Manager	Al-Nisa
46.	Waqar Hussain	General Sectary	PTU
47.	Amera Nazi	AEO	Education
48.	Rao Amin	President	Press club
49.	Munawer Hussain	DP	DMO office
50.	Adnan Dastgeer	PM	I-SAPS