

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 Rahim Yar Khan.

1.0 PROCEEDINGS

1.1 Registration of the participants:

The participants were welcomed and registered by Mr. Muhammad Ishfaq 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.

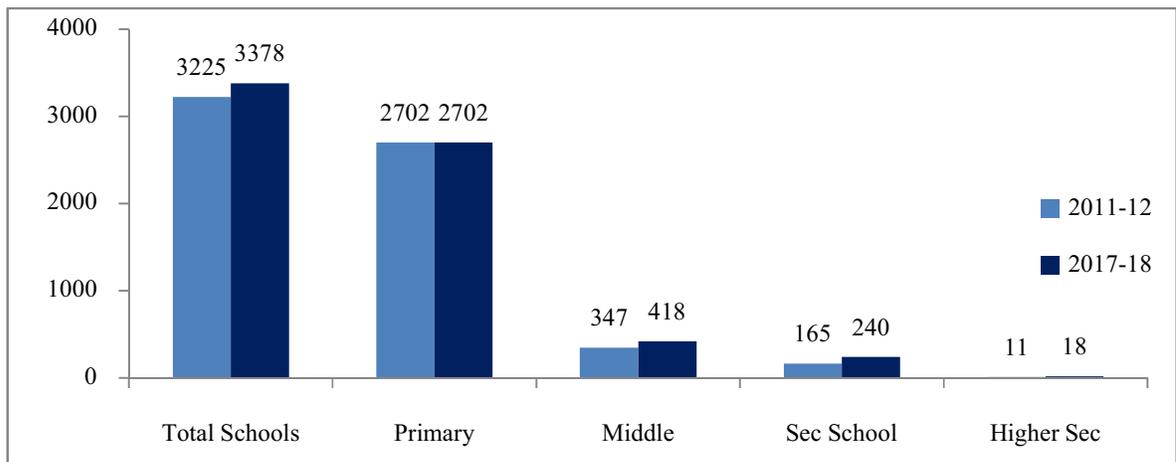
In this session consultant shared current educational condition of the district starting from percentage of population gender wise ever attended school with comparison of school completed at primary or higher level from urban and rural areas. From urban area 77% male and 63% female ever attended schools while 67% male and 56% female completed their primary or higher school education. As far as rural area is concerned, 54% male and 28% female ever attended schools while 40% male and 21% 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 93% boys get enrolled in primary only 39% reach to secondary level as far as higher level is concerned only 21% boys crossed it. With respect to females 64% girls get

enrolled in primary only 25% reach to secondary level. As far as higher level is concerned only 13% 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 Rahim Yar Khan:

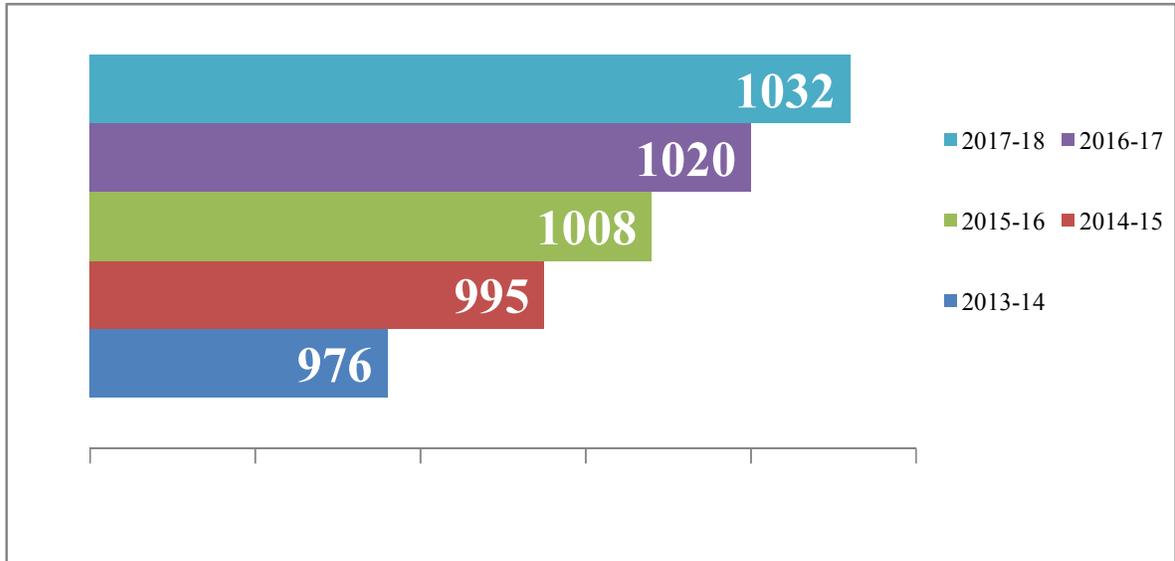
In this session firstly method to set priorities to resolve education issues was shared with the participants of the workshop. It was told that girl schools with high enrollment have been considered first step than girls with low enrollment than boys schools has been considered for provision of facilities in schools. Plan sets out the targets to enroll 271,000 out of school children in district Rahim Yar Khan.

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

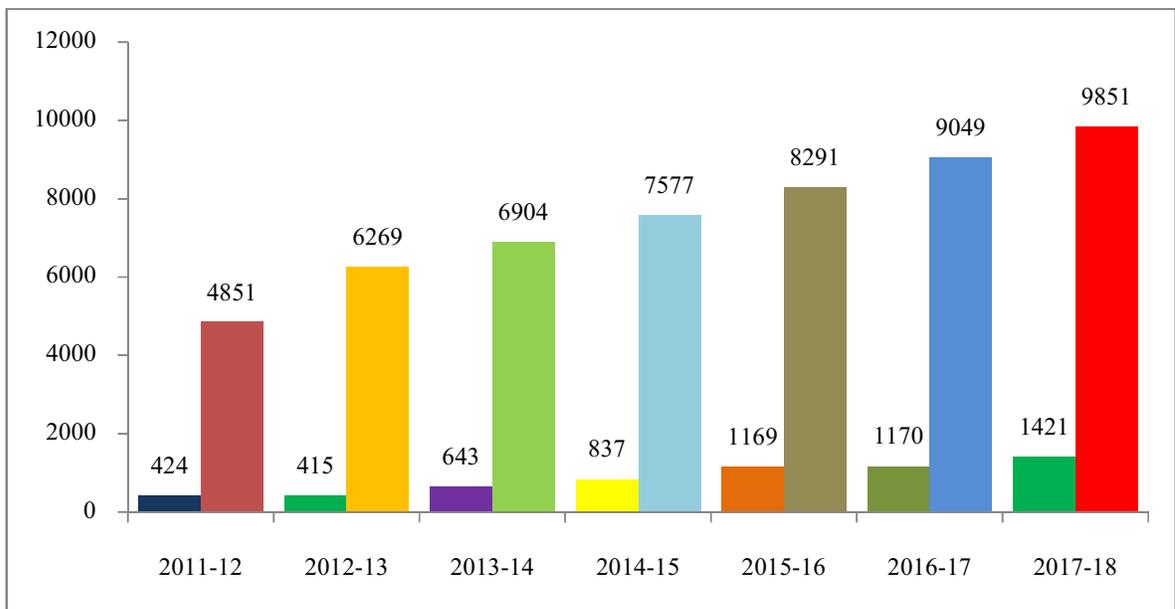


Then the requirement of new schools in the next five years were shared in graphical form with the participants. Secondly need of additional teachers year wise was also shared the participants with the help of a graph.

Graph 2: Year wise teachers requirement for in five years



Graph 3: Year Wise Budget Requirement both Development and Non Development



1.5 Participants Point of View

Mr. Rana Naveed Akhter, EDO-E Rahim Yar Khan appreciated the work of I-SAPS. He said that a lot of development work is going on for the improvement of basic facilities in schools. He insured the participants that education department follow to strict merit policy in recent transfers and in new recruitments. He shared that he has to provide completion certificate to secretary education on the completion of all missing facilities till June 2014. He said I-SAPS provided a forum to all stakeholders to joint efforts for the betterment of education. Further he said that Rahim Yar Khan is increasing its progress in Education. He ensured his fully

cooperation and commitments for the improving quality and access to education. He said that the District Education Plan which will be very beneficial for the Education and district government officials. He shared that Punjab government provided 706 million rupees for provision of missing facilities in schools. 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.

Mr. Asif Saeed Advocate shared that we need laws and there proper implementation regarding enrollment of out of school children, attendance of students and attendance of teachers in schools.

Mr. Khalid Shaheen District President PML-N appreciated the working of I-SAPS team to provide District Education Plan which will facilitate Punjab Govt. in future planning. He also appreciated the education department work. He said department is improving day by day. Punjab Govt. has also been providing maximum financial support to improve basic facilities as well as shortage of teachers.

Mr. Niaz Ahmad District General Secretary Bar Council shared he views. He said that right to education is the right of every children. Posting of teachers at admin seats is not a rational approach. Focus is only on quantity not on quality on education.

Mr. Sajid Ali GM NCHD shared that I-SAPS provide a platform to all stakeholders to discuss education problems and collectively try to reach a better solution. He said policy makers find here a great opportunity to know the issues of education sector and suggestions of improvement. He Said District Education Plan provided by I-SAPS is a key document for next 5 year education planning for District Rahim Yar Khan.

Pictorial View of Workshop



EDO-E Delivering His Speech



GM-NCHD Delivering His Speech



Participants View



District President PML-N Addressing Wokshop



Participants View



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Press Clipping of the Workshop



List of Participants:

Sr #	Name	Designation	Organization/Party
1.	Rana Naveed Akhter	EDO-E	Education
2.	Nighat Ghazala	DEO-EW	Education
3.	Safder Hussain	DO	Social Welfare
4.	M. Hanif Kanjoo	DDEO-EM	Education
5.	Muhammad Riaz Noori	District President	JUP
6.	Khalid Shaheen	President	PML-N
7.	Rais Niaz	General Secretary	District Bar
8.	Sajid Ali	DGM	NCHD
9.	Sadiq Qayoom	AEO- Planning	Education
10.	Ghazanfar Hussain	DTE	DSD-Education
11.	Farhan Amir	District Manager	ITA
12.	Abdul Razzaq	District President	Jamat-e-Islami
13.	Fayaz Mehmood	Reporter	Daily Jang
14.	M. Sabir Rana	AEO	Education
15.	Muhammad Sadeeq	Reporter	Daily Jang
16.	Maria Durani Advocate	Member	District Bar
17.	Javeed Iqbal	District Coordinator	ITA
18.	Ijaz Ahmad	Project Manager	Bunyad
19.	Tasawar Hussain	M & E Officer	Bunyad
20.	Sikandar Aziz	Social Worker	Active Citizen
21.	Rana Abdul Jabbar	Member	District Bar Council
22.	Muhammad Asif Saeed	Member	District Bar Council
23.	Rehana Irum	Focal Person	Education
24.	Mian Ahsan	Representative MPA-294	PML-N
25.	Farzana shaheen	Head Teacher	Education
26.	Saeeda Khanam	ESE	Education
27.	Samina Younis	AEO	Education
28.	Shahid Mehmood	Member	School Council
29.	Tariq Mehmood advocate	President	GDF
30.	Malik Abid Feroz	Voice President	Anjman Falah-e-Mareezan
31.	Emanuel ami	Director	Children Welfare
32.	Sadiq Zia	Photo Grapher	Naway Waqt
33.	M. Azam Hussain	Photo journalist	Daily Khabreen
34.	Sardar Ahmad	Photo journalist	Express
35.	Nazar Muhammad	Auditor	Shan-e-Watan
36.	Abdul Khaliq	Assistant social welfare officer	Social welfare
37.	Muhammad Ishfaq	District Coordinator	I-SAPS
38.	Mian Naveed Aslam	Manager Advocacy	I-SAPS
39.	Zahoor Ali shah	Member	School Council
40.	Bilal ahmd	Member	School Council

41.	Shafqat Parveen	Head Teacher	Education
42.	Adnan Dastgeer	PM	I-SAPS
43.	Hassan Sharif	District Liaison officer	SAYYA
44.	Muhammad Hanif	Journalist	Daily Jang
45.	Waseem Chuhdary	City Reporter	Ausaf
46.	Molana Fatehullah Ubaid	Chairman islami Saturate	JUF(I)
47.	Muhammad Akram	President	PPPP
48.	Muhammad Saad Shibli	Advocate Supreme Court	Bar Council