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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 for ultimate improvement in the education services in Pakistan.

In order to embed the political capital created under this initiative, a “*Political Support for Education Network*” has been established in each of six districts. This Network comprises elected representatives of the districts and other active political actors irrespective of their political affiliation. The political actors who are part of the network at the district level include members of political parties, opinion leaders, leaders who could not win elections or aspirants of political power, members of bar associations as well as representatives of press clubs, trade unions, chambers of commerce, agri-unions, etc. The objective of bringing them together is to establish a platform where all educational issues and needs of the district are discussed with a view to take concrete actions.

Network established in each district is the main recipient of information and evidence produced under this initiative. The network formally meets every year for stocktaking of the developments of select education indicators and progress on the district education plan. Keeping in view this, first annual stock take meeting in District Rajanpur has been undertaken. Constituency Ranking Cards have been shared in these network meetings. Ranking Cards aim to generate a political competition between the political actors, constituencies and district administrations. The ranking aims to motivate the political leaders to care about education of children in their respective constituencies, and act in the spirit of accountability and oversight.

In the above context, this report presents the proceedings of the first Annual Stock take of the meeting held in Rajanpur on October 28, 2014. Proceedings of the stock take meeting 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 verses of Holy Quran by one of the participants. Sultan Mazari, I-SAPS District Coordinator Rajanpur welcomed the participants and shared objectives and plan of stock take meeting with them.

3. Presentation on Educational Issues and Constituency Ranking in Rajanpur

Sultan Mazari, I-SAPS District Coordinator Rajanpur gave a comprehensive presentation on educational situation of District Rajanpur to the participants. He briefed that under the umbrella of I-SAPS and AlifAilaan, various research products are being developed including district specific citizen

agenda and annual constituency ranking cards. The constituency ranking cards present and rank the provincial constituencies of the district on the basis of education indicators. He briefed that the purpose of sharing the ranking card in the meeting is to share with the members of the network that where their constituency stands in terms of education indicators.

Following statistics were presented to the participants in the stock take meeting:

- The total number of children in Rajanpur of the age 5-16 years is 187,774. The number will increase to 237,485 by 2018
- The District has 1,119 schools out of which 146 are closed due to various reasons
- 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 the 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

Following the presentation on the general education indicators and situation in the district, findings of the constituency ranking were shared with the participants. Procedure and methodological approach for developing the ranking cards was shared. Participants were briefed that two kinds of indicators have been used; one set of indicators make up the education score and the other set of indicators is the quality of education score. Procedure of giving weightage to various indicators was also shared following sharing the positions of various provincial constituencies with respect to education score and school score.

Following the presentation and briefing, copies of the constituency ranking were shared with the participants for review. Following the participants' review of the rankings, forum was open for discussion. Perspectives of various stakeholders and the key discussion points are presented below:

5. Perspectives of Key Participants

Yousuf Gabol, Former MPA Candidate (PP 249), Pakistan People's Party (PPP)

Mr. Yousuf Gabool thanked I-SAPS for working on the education issues in district Rajanpur and discussing challenges, achievements and opportunities in education sector in district Rajanpur. He said that the district education department and political leadership should consider the findings of the constituency ranking cards for future development. He said that there is urgent need to impart trainings to both primary and secondary school teachers. He said that the district has been given very small amount of development budgets due to which quality of education has been affected in the previous years. Concluding the discussion, he further said that our area is one of the most deprived and backward in the province of Punjab and it is only education that can enlighten our future.

Ismail Khan Mazari, Pakistan Muslim League (N) and Vice President Labour Federation Pakistan

Ismail Khan Mazari said that our Government has taken an active role for the improvement of education situation in the district. We have been given a huge budget for the provision of missing facilities in the schools of the district and we are working on priority basis on this issue. He said that based upon the findings of the ranking card, we will work for teachers training to improve quality of education, to enroll out of schools children into the schools and to address issues of child labor. He said our MPA PP 250 Atif Hussain Mazari PML (N) has provided electricity, boundary wall, furniture and new school buildings specially for girls primary schools in his constituency which is indicated in the constituency ranking card also.

Abdul Kareem Doomra, President Pakistan Inqlabi Seraki Party

Mr. Abdul kareem Doomra said that education is the right of every human being and girl's education is the most important and fundamental foundation for nations building. He said that the rankings presented in the report card should be eye openers for the elected representatives and they must pay attention to the situation in their areas and should undertake efforts for this. He also said that we as part of the network members will work on the situation shared in the ranking cards.

Abdul Majeed Pathan Advocate, Formr Candidate (NA 175) Member Bar Association JI, Member Kisan Board

Mr. Abdul Majeed Pathan said that there is urgent need to allocate more funds to the education sector for improvement in the situation prevailing in the district. He said that the ranking card presenting the situation of various constituencies is a very good and unique effort which I have not seen previously. He said that we will work for the betterment of the indicators in the district.

Shaukat Hayat Waraich Former Candidate PP-249, Provincial Vice President APMML

Mr. Shaukat Waraich said that quality of education is very poor in rural areas especially in girl's school. He said that the education standard has deteriorated in the recent years instead of improving. He concluded by saying that he will undertake every effort to improve the situation of the education in the district.

Amjad Farooq President, Press Club Rajanpur

He said that due to poor conditions of the people and prevailing poverty, a lot of children are not going to the school. There are very few earning opportunities for the people here in this district, due to which people are living in very difficult conditions and therefore the education indicators are very low. He said that the press club has been raising its voice for improving the basic facilities, including education, we will further raise the awareness levels by sharing the findings of the constituency ranking.

6. Vote of Thanks

Mr. Sultan Mazari thanked all participants and said that this engagement will continue with all stakeholders in the coming months. Participants were invite for refreshment after the event.

Annex I- Photo Gallery



Annex II- List of Participants

| Sr.No. | Name | Designation | Organization |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Comrade Abdul Karim Doomra | President | Seraki Qoomi Inqlabi Party |
| 2 | Hamza Zaman | City President | Pakistan People Party |
| 3 | Sardar Yousaf Gabool | City President, X-Candidate PPP 249 | PPP |
| 4 | Ch. Ifthikhar Warriach | President | APL |
| 5 | Ch. Muzzamil | General Secretary | APL |
| 6 | Ch. Ifthikhar | Provincial Vice President | APL |
| 7 | Abdul Majeed Advocate | Divisional Member Bar Association, X-Candidate and Member Kisan Board | JI |
| 8 | Ismail Mazari | Member Education Network | Leader PML(N) and Vice President Labor Federation Pakistan |
| 9 | Sardar Sami ud Din Mazari | Representative MPA 250, X-Candidate 250, Member Bar Council | PML(N) |
| 10 | Habibullah | General Secretary | Punjab Teacher Union |
| 11 | Ch. Mozzam | Student | Education Department |
| 12 | Ali Raza | General Secretary, active citizen | Zindgi Welfare Society |
| 13 | Naeem Ahmed | Student | Education Department |
| 14 | Mushtaq Ahmed Bhatti | District Rehabilitation Officer | District Government |
| 15 | Shahid Hussain | Advocate | Former EDO, Member Bar Association |
| 16 | Habibullah Saiach | General Secretary, | Punjab Teacher Union |
| 17 | Noorine Javeed | General Secretary | Private School Association |
| 18 | Muhammad BUKHSH | Editor | Open News |
| 19 | Manzoor Gul | PM | SWS |
| 20 | Muhammad Bux Assi | Reporter | Waseeb TV |
| 21 | Muhammad Amjad Farooq | President & Correspondent Khabrain | Press Club |
| 22 | Malik Rayaz | Editor | Triteen Sahab Gee |
| 23 | CH. Yousaf | Former Nazim & Reporter | The Promotion |
| 24 | Muhammad Kaleem | General Secretary | DSTC |
| 25 | Aisha Saba | Social Worker, Member Education, active citizen | Network ISAP |
| 26 | Shanza Hafeez | Member Education Network | |
| 27 | Sajjad Bhutti | Program Office | Saiban Officer |
| 28 | Tanzeel Alvi | Coordinator | Cayyad |
| 29 | Khalid Hussain | Focal Person | Awaz Program |
| 30 | Muhammad Saeedullah Khan Pitafi | Politician & Reporter | Daily Islam |
| 31 | Asifa Tabbussam | Member Education Network | Active Citizen |
| 32 | Atta Muhammad | Social Worker, active citizen, Member | Active Citizen |
| 33 | Bushra Parveen | Member Education Network | Active Citizen |
| 35 | Malik Rafiullah | Member Education Network | Active Citizen |

Annex III- Media Coverage



