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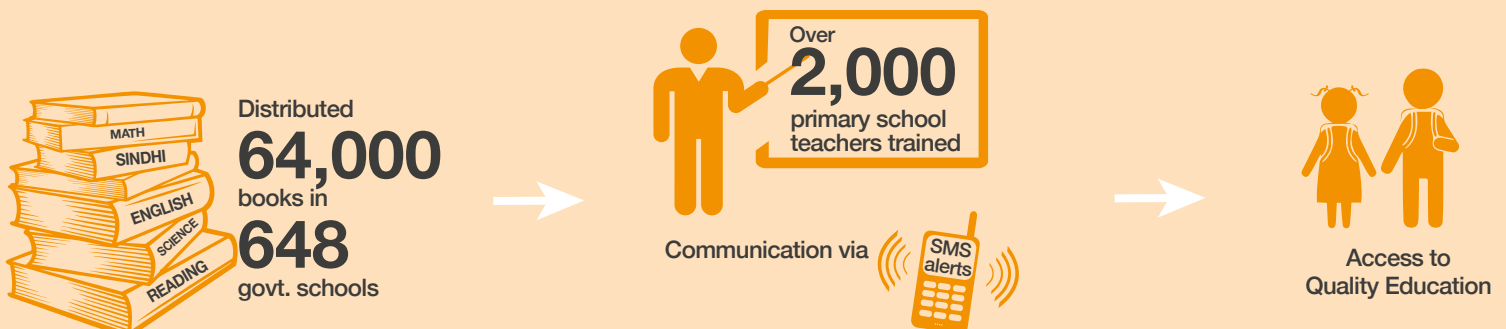
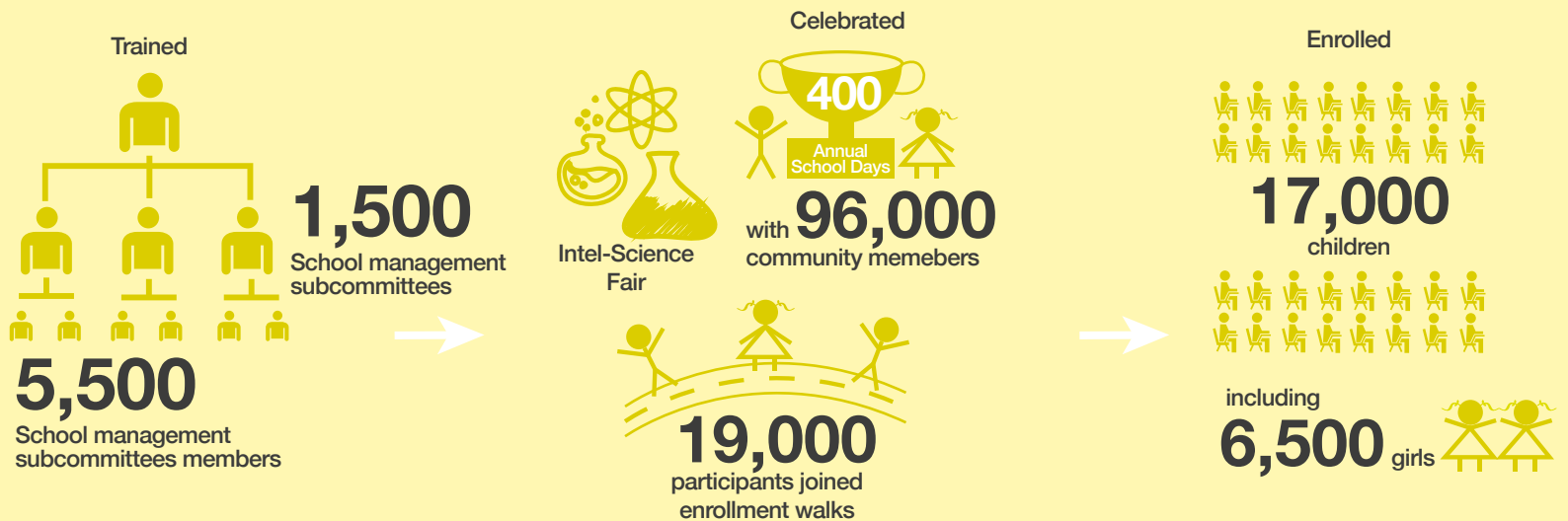
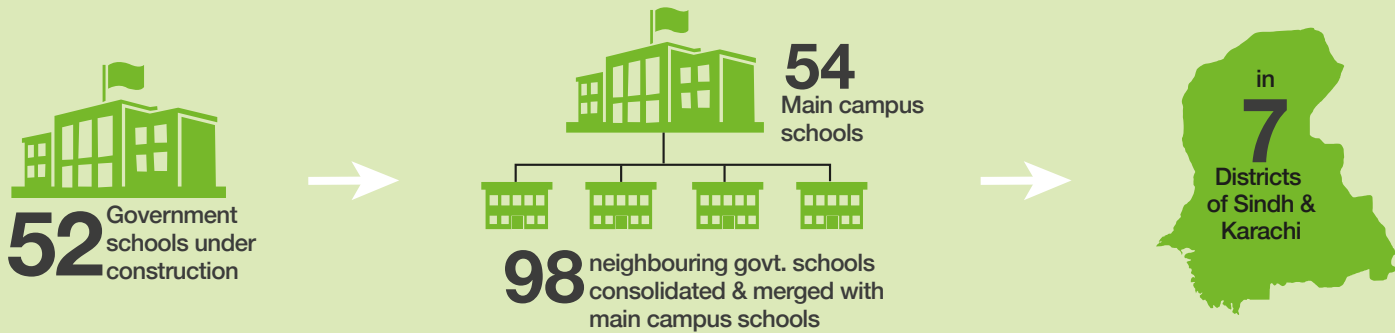
Sindh Basic Education Program

In partnership with the Government of Sindh

The Government of Sindh and U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) are working together to implement the Sindh Basic Education Program (SBEP) to improve the quality and access to basic education for children in Sindh by increasing and sustaining student enrollment at primary, middle and secondary levels. USAID's \$155 million program is being implemented by Government of Sindh's (GoS) Education and Literacy Department, with an additional \$10 million contribution from GoS. The implementation period is 2012 – 2016 (extension till 2018).

SUMMER 2015

Modernizing Education in Sindh



Children will be welcomed in four new schools by this Fall

The first batch of four government schools is expected to be ready in Khairpur and Sukkur Districts, in Koro Goth, Arain, Jajh Regulator and Tando Nazar Ali by August 2015



Government Boys High School (GBHS),
Jajh Regulator, Khairpur



Government Boys High School (GBHS),
Tando Mir Ali, Khairpur



Government Girls Elementary School (GGES),
Arain, Sukkur

- Out of 120 govenments, fifty two schools are under construction in Khairpur, Sukkur, Larkana and Karachi
- Seventy nine government schools have been finalized for reconstruction in five districts



Groundbreaking Ceremonies

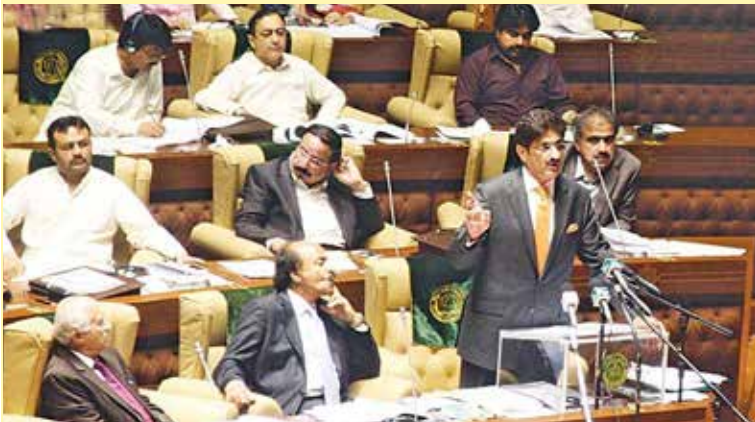


Sindh Senior Minister for Education, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro and USAID Deputy Mission Director, Mr. Leon Waskin broke ground at Damba village, to mark the reconstruction of the first five government schools in Karachi.



Sindh Secretary Education, Dr. Fazlullah Pechuho, broke ground at Government (P) Municipal Boys' High School in old Sukkur, to mark the reconstruction of additional government schools in Sukkur and Larkana.

SBEP presentation in Sindh Assembly



Provincial Finance Minister Murad Ali Shah presented the Sindh Basic Education Program in the Sindh budget 2015-16 to the Sindh Assembly.

The Sindh budget also allocated PKR. 184 million for four furniture schemes for SBEP schools in Khairpur, Larakana and Sukkur Districts. This allocation will assist SBEP efforts for provision of furniture to SBEP government schools. Its quality would be comparable to any elite school in Sindh.

Update on Consolidation and Reconstruction

With PIMU's assistance, under the Sindh government's up-gradation, consolidation and merger policy, 54 SBEP schools are notified as campus schools in which 98 adjacent schools have been consolidated.

Sindh Community Mobilization Program



Enrollment Walks organized to increase and sustain children in government schools, especially girls



Celebrated International Women's Day, to emphasize the importance of educating women



Celebrated Annual School Days, to reward high achievers and regular attendance



Bridging barriers between stakeholders and potential Education Management Organization (EMO) bidders, to improve public school management



Sindh Senior Minister for Education, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro attended the Conference on EMOs



World Environment Day was celebrated across Sindh by planting over 7,00 young trees in SBEP districts



Intel conducted orientation sessions and over 7,000 govt. students participated in Khairpur, Sukkur, Larkana and Karachi, to develop unique science projects for the Intel Science Fair



A strategy has been developed to fight malnutrition in Sindh. Leon Waskin, USAID Provincial Director reinforced the importance of Child Nutrition in Sindh at a conference.

From Child Labor to Schooling

“I steered donkey carts and sold sweets to support my family. Our village elders in the School Management Committee (SMC) and Sindh Community Mobilization Program team motivated me to study in a school, like other students. They made me realize the importance of education. It was the day I got admission into school. I then joined the villagers during the enrollment walk to call other parents to also send their children to school.”

11 year-old Sikander Ali Kalharo used to support his paralyzed father, his mother and four siblings by steering donkey carts and managing his own small shop. After USAID intervention, he finally enrolled in school.



Sikander Ali in front row (L) during enrollment walk organized in village Wasu Kalharo.

Sindh Reading Program

Setting Standards for Early Grade Reading in Urdu

The workshop was instrumental in reviewing the mapping exercise on standard setting and student assessments in Pakistan. It also led the development of draft reading standards for early grade children, and chalked out next steps for effective adoption of provincial/regional standards.



EGRA Dissemination Conference

Provincial Dissemination Conference on Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) was held. Sindh Reading Program successfully conducted a baseline survey on early grade reading assessment in targeted districts of Sindh. The findings of the survey were shared with various stakeholders at the conference, to observe the performance of students i.e. strengths and weaknesses of student achievements related to reading in early grade.



World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated by re-opening Mir Masoom Shah Library in Sukkur. SRP, in collaboration with the Rotary Club equipped the library with more than 5,000 books. SRP also provided IT equipment and internet to the library for a year.



Teachers and Children Literature Festival

Reading stall was set up at Teachers and Children Literature Festival to inculcate the reading culture. The children enjoyed participating in storytelling and creating their own bookmarks.