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SINDH BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN USAID & GOVERNMENT OF SINDH



MODERNIZING EDUCATION IN SINDH

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Sindh Basic Education Program (SBEP) is a USAID-funded USD 169.2 M program, which is being implemented by Program Management & Implementation Unit (PMIU), SE&LD.

The fund includes GoS share of \$10 M for PMIU operations and land purchase for schools.

The program was conceived in the year 2010 in the wake of heavy floods in Sindh.

The Program started in 2012. It was for a period of 05 years, but has been extended till 31st December 2021.

Out of USAID grant of \$159.2M, \$81M is for the construction of 106 government schools.

Whereas \$78.2 M are for community mobilization; teachers training; students' enrolment and classroom support; hiring of consultant for construction supervision of schools.

GoS has also additionally contributed PKR. 554.48 M for provision of school furniture and electrification in 68 SBEP schools.

MAJOR SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

1. Construction of Schools
2. Engagement of Education Management Organizations (EMOs)
3. Community Mobilization Program
4. Sindh Reading Program for improving reading skills of children
5. Sindh Capacity Development Program,
6. Support to SE&LD for Policy Reforms

1. CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS AND PROVISION OF FURNITURE

Total schools to be constructed 106;

70 schools have been completed,

36 schools are at various stages of construction; overall construction progress is 86%

Districts	No. of Schools	Completed
Khairpur	15	15
Sukkur	13	13
Larkana	13	13
Karachi West	03	01
Karachi South	01	00
Karachi Malir	05	02
Dadu	12	11
QS Kot	21	15
Jacobabad	13	0
Kashmore	10	0
Total	106	70



MANAGEMENT OF SBEP SCHOOLS

In order to improve the quality and management of SBEP schools it was decided to engage reputable private sector Education Management Organizations (EMOs) for the management of these public schools through a competitive process.

The concession agreements are signed with these partners under public private partnership mode by PPP Node of SE&LD.

So far 68 SBEP schools have been handed over to EMOs through a competitive process to the following reputable private sector organizations/Institutes.

S#	Name of EMO	No. of schools
1	Charter for Compassion	17
2	Indus Resource Centre	05
3	Sukkur IBA	12
4	The Citizens Foundation (TCF)	11
5	Health & Nutrition Development Society (HANDS)	20
6	Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO)	02
7	Beaconhouse	01
	Total	68



3. COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION PROGRAM

133,825 students were registered in SBEP schools, of which 49,349 are girl students.

In addition, to total enrollment 16,749 are newly enrolled girl students .

Through community engagement initiatives private landowners donated land worth approx. PKR 61 million for 21 Government Schools in Khairpur, Sukkur, Larkana and Dadu Districts.

Under the program 300 neighboring schools (in targeted districts) also received small grants for the improvement of facilities.



4. SINDH READING PROGRAM

Sindh Reading Program was initiated for improving reading skills of children. **460,464 students** received improved reading skills through Formal & Nonformal Education (NFE) initiatives, under the Sindh Reading Program.

The program trained 15,551 government teachers on improved teaching & learning methods.

23 SBEP schools and 10 public libraries were refurbished and equipped.

807,203 copies of teaching and learning material (TLM) for early grades (Grade 1 & 2) distributed in government schools of targeted districts.



5. SINDH CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Sindh Capacity Development Project (SCDP) supported the GoS in strengthening its institutions and capacity building of the staff/officers.

SCDP also supported the SE&LD to provide ICT (Information and Communication Technology) trainings to 9,136 teachers, in school students and out of school children in SBEP districts.

SCDP worked with the PMIU, Public Private Partnership Node at SE&LD, NFE Directorate and Directorate of M&E to assist the GoS for the implementation of its education reforms in Sindh.

162 officers of SE&LD, GoS received the capacity building training in USA, Malaysia and Pakistan.

241 members of School Management Committees of SBEP schools were trained on e-monitoring of these schools.



6. SUPPORT SE&LD ON POLICY REFORMS

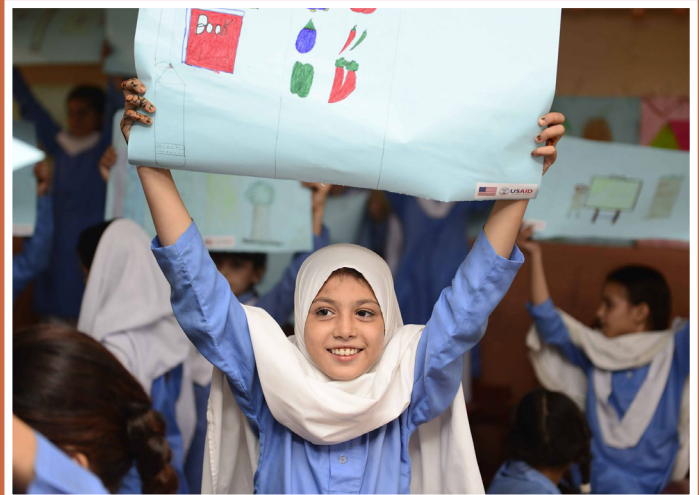
EMO policy framework & NFE Policy for Government of Sindh are being formulated & implemented by the SE&LD.

Under EMO reforms private institutes/NGOs have been given the management of SBEP schools through Public Private Partnership to improve the governance and quality of education in public schools.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Construction of 70 schools has been completed and remaining 36 are at various stages of completion.
2. 68 schools equipped with state of the art furniture have been awarded to Education Management Organizations (EMOs),
3. 17 SBEP schools have been upgraded to High school Level,
4. 16,749 girl students have been newly enrolled in SBEP schools.
5. Teaching skills of 15,551 primary school teachers enhanced through on job training under SRP.



FUTURE TARGETS (2020-2021)

- Construction of 15 more schools to be completed out of 36 remaining schools.

All 15 schools equipped with new furniture will

- be handed over to EMOs through competitive process.

- 21 schools will be upgraded to the High School level.

School Management Committees (SMCs) will

- be mobilized in 300 more schools throughout Sindh under CMP initiative,

6700 more children will be enrolled under

- CMP, in SBEP targeted schools.

