

Press Release

Early Childhood Education Policy for Sindh to be prepared soon: Chief Program Manager, RSU E&LD

Karachi, 18 Nov 2014: "Reform Support Unit Education and Literacy Department is working for introduction of Early Childhood Education in public schools of Sindh." said Ms. Saba Mahmood, Chief Program Manager at Reform Support Unit (RSU), Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh. She was addressing the Task Force of ECE, comprising of members from public organizations, NGO/INGOs and practitioners. The Task Force was further divided into five Technical Working Groups (TWGs) to formulate Policy of Early Childhood Education. She also briefed participants about ECE targets and achievements in Sindh Education Sector Plan. "As far as the implementation plan is concerned RSU will play the role of a focal institute for ECE initiatives", she added.

Ms. Mahmood discussed ECE related issues like establishment of ECE Resource Centers at each Taluka, implementation of ECE curriculum, start of ECE class, selection and training of ECE teachers, awareness about ECE among communities and most importantly exploring resources and partnerships to achieve these targets. Mr. Zahid Jatoi, Focal Person for ECE Task Force, informed the participants about several initiatives to support implementation of ECE in Sindh. Reform Support Unit is planning to start ECE classes in some of consolidated schools in the province.

Ms Sheena Mozaffar, Consultant for ECE policy gave a detailed presentation on draft "ECE Policy for Sindh" covering all key areas including Investigation, Analysis, Policy Focus, Policy Implementation and ECE Standards.

All the participants appreciated the draft policy paper and suggested some recommendations to align it with other initiatives already placed in the province as well as more comfortable for local desires. Ms. Divya Lata, Early Learning and Education Advisor for Plan Asia Regional Office, Bangkok, also participated as special observer and proposed some good examples exist in Asia region. The recommendations will be incorporated in final draft before submission for its approval.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Plan International, AKU-HRD, IRC, ITA, UNICEF, SAFWCO, PITE, Bureau of Curriculum, STEDA, ECDNP, Right to Play, DevCon and members of Reform Support Unit.

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