## **Press Release**

## Sindh to achieve MDGs by 2020-2021 if double its efforts

Karachi,21 Oct 2014: Sindh can achieve its Millennium Development Goals in education by 2020-2021 if double its efforts, was informed in a workshop, organized by UNDP on "National Millennium Development Goal s Acceleration Framework (MAF)" in Islamabad. The objective of the workshop was to discuss how MDGs can be achieved by accelerating the framework.

Mr.Balighur Rehman, Federal Education Minister said that the government is fully committed to increase the literacy rate and promote quality education.

Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform said that timely implementation of policies on education can get us achieve the MDGs.

On this occasion, Ms.Saba Mahmood-Chief Program Manager-Reform Support Unit (RSU), told the participants that Sindh Education Sector Plan has been launched which targets the MDGs .The document also highlights the road map and key activities. The District Education Groups are formed in each district for its successful implementation.

"Sindh can achieve 100% enrollment by 2030-2031 if we go with same pace of enrollment and if we double the efforts MDG can be achieved by 2020-2021", Mr.Ghulam Nabi-Senior Program Manager at RSU informed.

The participants were also informed about the Sindh government's incentive program of girls' stipend from class VI-X to increase the enrollment and bring back out of school girls.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr.Marc Andre Franche- Country Director UNDP said that there is a progress in the form of enhanced budgetary allocations but more commitment is needed.

Participant from every province shared information and challenges in education in their respective provinces.

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