

Press Release

Donor Agencies requested to monitor government schools

Karachi, 17 July, 2014: The Senior Minister Education and Literacy Department Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro has announced that the monitoring of government schools will be done by third party mainly through NGOs and donor Agencies to improve the quality of education in public sector institutions.

He was addressing a consultative meeting largely attended by education sector's stakeholders including experts, representatives of the NGOs, INGOs and Donor agencies.

Minister requested the representatives of NGOs and donors to support government and provide their services to improve the governance and accountability in education system in Sindh province.

Minister told the participants that a transparent system of data collection will be introduced through monitoring by NGOs. In this regard he said that an advertisement will be published soon in newspaper to request NGOs to offer their services to monitor schools in Sindh.

The working areas will be selected by the NGOs themselves and areas will be divided and marked at District, Taluka and UC level for monitoring, he elaborated.

A Service Delivery Unit will be established in Education and Literacy Department and once the monitoring will be completed, a report will be sent to Service delivery Unit which will note down the requirements and act accordingly, Senior Minister added.

On this occasion, Secretary Education Mr.Fazlullah Pechuho also briefed the participants about the current situation of education affairs in Sindh province and measures taken by the government to improve the service delivery and providing quality education.

The representatives of different NGOs and donor agencies have presented their valuable suggestion in the meeting and assured to provide full support and their services to government for the improvement of education system in Sindh province.

Participants recommended that community must be mobilized and involved in the process at grassroots to take ownership of the public schools where their children are enrolled.

It was also suggested that measures should be taken to reuse text books provided by government. It may save huge funds and those saved funds can be used for other purposes for improvement in schools. One of the participants suggested a thorough review of the curriculum and teaching methodology and suggested an active involvement of Provincial Institute of Training Education (PITE), Bureau of Curriculum (BOC), Sindh Teachers Education Development Authority (STEDA) to play their assigned role effectively and these institutions should be strengthened.

During the meeting, Ms. Shehla R.Din, Education Specialist from UNICEF congratulated the participants on receiving 66 Million Grant from Global Partnership for Education and successful development of the Sindh Education Sector Plan which covers education from Early Childhood Education to 18 years.

The meeting was attended by Ms. Sadiqa Salauddin from Indus Resource Centre, Ms. Baela Raza Jamil from Idara-e-Taleem o Agahi, Mr.Mubashir Zaidi from Alif Aailan, Ms.Ghazala Rafiq from Agha Khan University, Ms. Farhana Iqbal from The Education Foundation, Mr. Umair Jaliwala from School of Leadship, Mr. Ali Bux from Plan International , Ms. Ratan Salem from Right to Play, Ms. Ayesha Irfan from Care Foundation, Mr.Mashkooor from Seed Foundation, Mr.Noor Masood from Teach for Pakistan, Mr. Moinudin Haider, Ms Randi Thompson from USAID, European Union Team, Chief Program Manager of Reform Support Unit Ms.Saba Mahmood and officials from Reform Support Unit.

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