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Children from downtrodden background would avail the chance to progress-Mr Saeed Ghani



The honourable Minister Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh Mr Saeed Ghani was warmly welcomed by the Managing Director SEF, Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi along with other senior officials at SEF Head Office on February 24, 2020.

The agenda of the meeting was to give a briefing of the Foundation. For this a detailed presentation was delivered by the Managing Director on the overall structure of SEF particularly on the nature of work, the Foundation's framework, its outreach and set-up of the schools in the three regions of Sindh. The Minister was also briefed about the policy and procedure-related framework, such as the SEF ACT 1992, Conduct of Business Rules (2017), and Service Structure of SEF.

The Managing Director (SEF) briefed the roles and responsibilities of the various departments and units, as well as implementing measures for efficiency and improvement and quality of education under the Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools in Sindh. He further continued that the recent endeavors taken by the Foundation such as the Sindh School Education Scholarship Program (SSESP), INSTAL, Teach for Change (TfC), Adolescent and Adult Learning and Training Program (AALTP), etc. are strengthening SEF's portfolio. The honourable Minister applauded the efforts taken under the SSESP Scholarship program in Sindh and stated that through this initiative, children from the marginalized and downtrodden backgrounds would avail the chance to progress further in their education from prestigious institutions of Sindh.

The deliberation was also made on major bottlenecks faced by the Foundation, particularly school partners who are unable to observe protocols designed into programs which ultimately raises the questions on quality education. Despite the challenges, he reiterated that the Foundation had been struggling to keep the pace and uphold firmly in order to achieve the targets given by the honourable Chief Minister of Sindh/Chairperson SEF BoG. In the end, the honourable Minister, Mr Saeed Ghani appreciated the efforts of the Foundation in providing quality education to the children of Sindh and intended to have another detailed meeting with the Foundation in the near future.

The 7th Executive and Finance Committee's (E&FC) Meeting

The 7th meeting of the Executive and Finance Committee (E&FC) was held on March 13, 2020, at the SEF Head Office, Karachi. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Kaiser Bengali, Chairman, E&FC, and Member of SEF Board of Governors (BOGs). The Managing Director, SEF, Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi presented the key agenda items to the members; who in turn would provide strategic insight and guidance to facilitate the Foundation in achieving its overall objective for the unprivileged beneficiaries.



Adopt-a-School Program Screening Committee Meeting held on 13th February 2020 at SEF

The Adopt-a-School Program Screening Committee meeting was held on 13th February 2020 at Sindh Education Foundation Head Office, Karachi. The meeting was chaired by esteemed Managing Director (SEF), Mr. Abdul Kabir Kazi. The honorable committee members in attendance included Lt. Gen (Rtd) Moin Uddin Haider, Ms. Sadiqa Salahuddin, and Ms. Sayeeda Laghari as Civil Society Members while Mr. Abdul Shakoor Noonari Deputy Secretary (A&T-II) from School Education & Literacy Department, Govt. of Sindh, Ms. Saba Mahmood DEO South (Primary, Karachi) representing Director of Schools (Primary, Karachi), Mr. Kashif AKhtar Deputy Director representing Director of Schools (Elem/Sec/H-Sec, Karachi) along with Program Managers from Reform Support Unit Mr. Naseem Qureshi & Mr. Amanullah Kalwar and the Adopt-a-School Program team (SEF) were also present in the meeting.



The panel reviewed new applications for Adoption of Government Schools from prospective as well as existing Adopters. The panel met with the applicants and interviewed them for gauging their capacity to contribute as per the TORs of the notified committee and also reviewed the profiles

of schools applied for adoption along with work plan of prospective adopters. During the deliberations, numerous issues and challenges of schools applied for adoption were highlighted and reported with the concerned officials present at the forum for necessary action at their end.

During the day long activity, the Screening Committee reviewed 15 applications for around 35 schools and filed recommendations for the consideration of the Adopt-a-School Program Steering Committee, which is chaired by Secretary, School Education & Literacy Department, Govt. of Sindh. Moreover, it was also agreed to plan another meeting soon for reviewing pending applications and programmatic matters (including policy reform).

Launch of 'Caring for Life' Education Project

"it's time that children should inculcate values of empathy and compassion"
- Syed Murad Ali Shah



Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), Government of Sindh in collaboration with Join Hands launched a Caring for Life (CfL) Education project through the formal ceremony which took place in Karachi on February 24, 2020. SEF's BoG members Dr. Muhammad Memon, Mr Qazi Masood and Mr Nazir Tunio were present on this occasion. The Chief CPLC Mr Muhammad Zubair Habib also attended the launch ceremony.



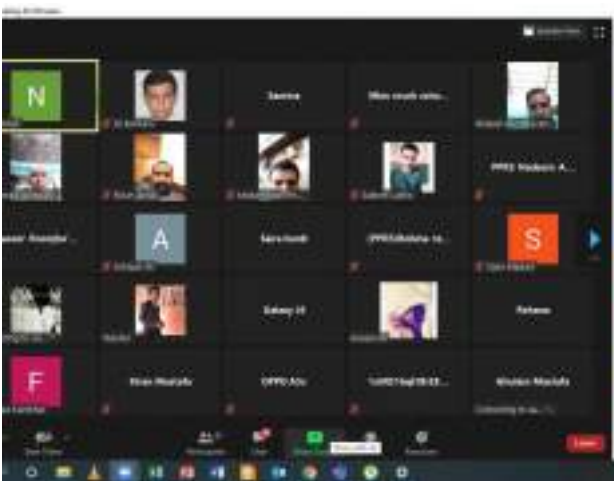
At the beginning, Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi, Managing Director, Sindh Education Foundation, welcomed the guests and shared the details of the project. He conveyed the message of the honourable Chief Minister, Sindh/Chairperson of the BoG-SEF, Syed Murad Ali Shah, and stated that it is time that children should inculcate values of empathy and compassion towards society. Both BoG members spoke on the importance of the project and praised the SEF's constant approach for attaining quality education through different means.



On the other hand, Ms Kerenza Vlastou and Dr Bill Samuels from Join Hands shared their expert opinion and expectations from the project. The Director of Join Hands, Ms Sabrina Sehbai joined through the online platform and stressed how this learning will be beneficial to children and overall society. In the end, she thanked SEF for partnering in this great initiative.



The Digital Education during Pandemic



The education system across the world is facing so many changes, challenges, and uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Unlike other regions, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a shocking impact on the educational provision in the province of Sindh. After the reporting of the first case of COVID-19 in Sindh, the Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh had issued a notification for the closure of all schools, day-care centers, colleges, madrassas, and universities from February 27, 2020.

In the time of crisis, Sindh Education Foundation has moved towards opening remote educational facilities to learners again. This was with the help of M/s Microsoft Education Pakistan for arranging online classes through Microsoft 365. Initially various cycles of workshops were planned for SEF's educators, teachers, school partners, and students which were supposed to be delivered in March 2020. However, keeping the situation in mind, the strategy was tailored at a certain level, therefore educators had been trained in the efficient use of



software in small groups and this would progress on to teachers. It is roughly estimated that around 1289 teachers benefitted from this software. With the support and supervision of the technical team of Training & Assessment (T&A), Information and Technology and Monitoring Cell, these teachers run online classes for students across the region.

For students without access to technology or connectivity, MS Teams were supplemented with learning material and exercises that have been delivered to homes of these students. 4 core subjects have been developed for grade 3-8 by the T&A team considering SLOs of each subject. So once again the Foundation continued its services and ensured provision to the marginalised communities.

Improving the teachers' approach and skills under Caring for Life Education (CfL) Program



The Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), Government of Sindh in collaboration with Join Hands had started a five day training programme for Master Trainers which commenced on 24 February 2020 and concluded on 28 February 2020. The training was attended by 28 Training & Assessment members, who will in return implement the same in selected Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools.

The training was being conducted by international trainers i.e. Ms. Kerenza Vlastou from Greece and Dr. Bill Samuels from the USA. The overall design

of training was evolved on 05 thematic areas and each highlight every single component of the CfL Curriculum to SEF Master Trainers. They also guided them with respect to teachers' approach, skills, and teaching methodologies to implement the CfL curriculum in SEF Schools.

On the last day of the training, the Managing Director -SEF, Mr Abdul Kabir Kazi distributed certification of Appreciation to Master Trainers of Join Hands course completion certificates and to SEF Master Trainers.

Digital Skills Workshops for Educators “Microsoft 365”

Office 365 has been considered as an efficient tool that enables learners and educators to connect easily and collaborate in real-time, which is very beneficial in this era. On the 16th March 2020, the Foundation introduced Microsoft 365 through MS Microsoft Education-Pakistan to its workforce, school partners, teachers, and students. The first kind of Digital Skills Workshop was held in Karachi which consisted of Microsoft Teams, Microsoft Innovative Educator program, Minecraft in Education, and Microsoft Educator Community. Later on a number of workshop sessions were organized at the regional and district offices with the help of IT and Monitoring Cell of SEF. During this difficult period because of COVID 19, Office 365 provided immense exposure to educators, teachers, and students.



In-House Support Sessions at Sehwan Cluster

The SEF team has conducted a session for thirty-six English subject specialist teachers in Sehwan. The session aimed to improve language competency through four main components of speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Moreover, the headteachers of various Foundations (SEF) Assisted Schools located in the district Jamshoro (Sehwan) took self-initiatives for conducting a one-day capacity building session for their school teachers at regional office Sehwan. This was to showcase their ideas and initiatives towards improving the academic environment in schools. In this regard, headteachers designed sessions on technicality and soft elements of assessment papers. The content was focused on the conceptualization of paper development, structure of papers, and how to mark it. It has brought experience for teachers to understand and apply the correct methodology.

Exclusive Training on JICA’s Non-Formal Basic Education Curriculum,Package-C

Sukkur IBA University- The Executive Development Centre provided two weeks of training on JICA’s Non-Formal Basic Education Curriculum of Package-C which commenced on the 30th December 2019, and ended on 13th January 2020. The training was designed for headteachers and teachers, working under the umbrella of the Adolescent and Adult Learning and Training Program (AALTP) centres located in the Dadu Region. The training was split into 5 sections which focused on the four core subjects such as language, mathematics, science, and social studies. Learners deepened their understanding of modern teaching methodology, classroom management skills, and the effective role of headteachers. These learners are expected to implement learning.



Picture Gallery



To review the progress of SEF Regional team, a meeting with SEF management was conducted at head office with regional team on January 16 and 17, 2020



Sukkur IBA - meeting with SEF management regarding assessment on March 03, 2020:



Mr Feroz Mansoor Asst. Director Hyderabad region in a discussion with senior management of SEF and IBA Public School, Hyderabad on March 02, 2020



Meeting with the delegation of JICA is underway to discuss the NFE Curriculum-at SEF head office, Karachi on February 18, 2020



A progress a review meeting held with SEF Team Sehwan. The meeting was chaired by Abdul Jabbar Mari (SEF Director Regions North) on February 11, 2020



'Spelling Bee' competition and quiz competition observed at SEF assisted Babul Islam School Karachi on January 06, 2020



Winter sports shoes distribution among SEF Scholars of SESP Phase-I & II at IBA Community College Dadu on January 07, 2020 at IBA CC Dadu supported



SEF regional teams are preparing for assessment orientation in Sukkur, January 09, 2020

Picture Gallery



Assessment Mock Activity in schools, purpose of the mock activity was to check and prepare the students for upcoming assessment by SEF on February 12, 2020



SEF in collaboration with Colgate Pakistan conducted teeth cleaning awareness sessions at different Foundation (SEF) Assisted Schools of Dadu Region on February 17, 2020



An inauguration of Science and Art Exhibition Ceremony was arranged at newly established Fine Future Public School at Shahpur Chakar, Sanghar, on February 26, 2020



Mr Khalid Hyder Shah, Sec. SE&LD, Sindh, chaired a meeting with SEF, UNICEF and Microsoft to explore possibilities for students learning during pandemic on March 18, 2020



Invigilator's orientation has been organised by SUKKUR IBA who are assessment invigilation/execution partners of SEF at Muhammad Ali Jinnah University Karachi, March 2020



JICA delegation visited SEF, SMB, AALTP Center at Ali Nawaz Jokhio, Darsano, Gadap on February 17, 2020



Sindh Education Foundation and Microsoft initiated an Education Readiness Workshop for SEF educators during March 2020



AALTP staff from Gorakh, Johi, Dadu and Mahar visited learner's homes for homework follow-up and collected home-work feedback with strictly followed SoPs, June 2020

Sharing efforts and ideas of SEF in 11th Karachi Literature Festival (KLF), 2020



The Foundation participated in the 11th Karachi Literature Festival (KLF). The significance of the festival brings an audience to witness the progress and development of literature and education. The Foundation showcased its work with its beautiful and resourceful stall through display of documentary, manuals, workbooks, artwork and learning material for the public. The T&A team also arranged an activity corner for entertainment and learning in order to provide an enjoyable experience for children. It was observed that thousands of school children, young people, families, working-class, educationists, took a deep interest and were curious to know more about this initiative from the team. Many of them were interested to get to know about the Foundation & it's out-reach. Their feedback was very encouraging, especially when showing their interest in SESP, INSTAL, teachers' training and student assessment being taken by the Foundation.

Inauguration of the new building for the Fine Future Public School, Sanghar

The inauguration ceremony of the newly constructed building for Fine Future Public School, Sanghar took place on February, 26 2020, and the school displayed a science and art exhibition. The respectable Senator Mr Malik Imamuddin was a guest of honor at the ceremony. Regional Head SBA Mr Ali Asghar Jamali, Regional and district team and other local politicians, community notables, media persons, parents, and many stakeholders witnessed the occasion. Senator Imamuddin appreciated the quality work carried out by the Foundation and efforts to access the education for underprivileged children of Sindh.



M/s Dr A.Q Khan School System and College Ibrahim Campus

On the 21st February 2020, a meeting was scheduled between the Foundation and M/s Dr. A.Q Khan School System & college Ibrahim Campus, at SEF Head Office, Karachi under the chairmanship of Managing Director SEF. The meeting revolved around various aspects of scholarship holders such as the academic performance as well as personal development at the campus. This was the third academic year of SESP with M/s Dr A.Q Khan, therefore, both partners thoroughly discussed future plans and the way forward. From SEF side, Ms. Naheed Abbasi- Focal Person for SESP, Mr Mukhtiar Chandio- Acting Deputy



Director programs participated in the meeting, whereas guests included, Mr Nasir Iqbal, Director Ibrahim Campus, Islamabad, Mr Zahid Mehmood, Coordinator, Dr Samiullah, Medial Officer & Mr Niaz Hussain, Chief Warden.

Sukkur IBA Public School SIBA



Similarly another meeting was chaired by Managing Director-SEF. This meeting was held on March 02, 2020 at Sukkur IBA Public School, Hyderabad, Sindh. The Foundation's Director Regions (North) -Abdul Jabbar Mari, Focal Person for SESP- Ms Naheed Abbasi, Regional Head Hyderabad-Feroz Mansoor, Regional Head Sukkur- Dilshad Pirzada, Regional head Dadu-Mahboob Ali Magsi, Acting Deputy Director Programs-Mukhtiar Chandio participated in the meeting. Other participants at the meeting were of the partner institute M/s Sukkur Institute of Business Administration (SIBA), comprising of Mr Noor Hasan, Director of



Community Colleges, Mr Darya Khan, Manager Finance, Mr Majid Ahmed, Coordinator and In-charge SEF - SIBA. Principal Sukkur IBA Public School Hyderabad, Mr Imran Ahmed Larik was also part of the meeting. Deliberations were made about the student's performance and plans for the upcoming academic year 2020-2021. The Managing Director also observed academic as well as accommodation situations by personally visiting classrooms, the dining, and living rooms. Finally, he appreciated management for the provision of conducive learning environment and quality living standards to scholars.

