Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) and Cholistan Development Authority (CDA) have signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) to give free education to 45 hundred students enrolled in 75 non-formal community schools situated in Cholistan area of Bahawalpur division. The MOU signing ceremony was held at Bahawalpur DCO office. On the occasion, besides DCO Bahawalpur Imran Sikandar Baloch, MD Cholistan Development Authority Iqbal Hussain, MD Punjab Education Foundation Dr. Aneela Salman, Deputy MD (Finance) Salman Anwar Malik and other concerned officers were present. MD CDA Iqbal Hussain and Director PEF Waqar Azeem signed the MOU document on behalf of their respective organizations. These schools will be run under New School Program mode of Punjab Education Foundation. After the MOU signing ceremony, MD PEF told that Punjab Education Foundation shall provide a sum of Rs. 360 per student to the CDA for first three months.

After this transition period, a long term tri-partite arrangement will be made to continue free education of the students who mostly belong to the impecunious strata. As a result of this MOU, she told that the junior teachers will be paid Rs. 7000 while senior teachers will get Rs. 8000 as monthly salary and their capacity building will also be arranged by PEF so that the overall standards could be improved. Continuing with its commitment of providing most conducive and child-friendly schooling, Punjab Education Foundation will also ensure that the students are provided with basic facilities like clean drinking water and hygienic toilets. On the occasion, MD PEF also briefed about various educational interventions of the foundation and hoped that this MOU would help in giving quality education to the community schools students. She said that PEF would continue to serve the under-privileged areas with full commitment and zeal as it’s committed to promote free schooling in the needy communities. Earlier, MD CDA Iqbal Hussain told that these schools were launched under ‘Cholistan Literate Project’ and after the expiry of this project; these schools would now be run through the support of Punjab Education Foundation. Later, PEF DMD (F) Salaman Anwar Malik presented cheque worth Rs.1.16 million to MD CDA as first monthly installment for the community schools.
Managing Director Punjab Education Foundation
Inspects Community School in Cholistan

Managing Director, Punjab Education Foundation (PEF), Dr. Aneela Salman has said that PEF will provide best educational facilities to 75 community schools of Cholistan so that the 45 hundred students could get quality education in their schools. She stated this while inspecting a Cholistan Community School at Adda Sabeel on Hasilpur Road in Bahawalpur. PEF DMD (Finance) Salman Anwar Malik and Director (NSP) Waqar Azeem were also present on the occasion.

MD PEF inspected the school and said that partnership with the foundation will usher in a new era of educational development in the arid areas of Cholistan.

Dr. Salman said that PEF will provide free text books & monthly fee, besides arranging capacity building of the teachers so that the quality of education could be improved sufficiently. She told that solar energy system will also be arranged for community schools so that students could remain safe from hot and humid weather conditions.

Earlier, a representative of Cholistan Development Authority briefed MD that five percent quota of children of Cholistan has been reserved in Daanish Schools.

On the occasion, local people thanked PEF for adopting their schools and arranging totally free education for their children.
A three member representative delegation of Bangladesh Rehabilitation Assistance Committee (BRAC) - an international development organization, headed by its Vice Chairman Dr. Mushtaque Choudhury visited head office of Punjab Education Foundation (PEF). On the occasion, PEF Chairman Raja Anwar explained the BRAC delegation about various educational interventions adopted by the foundation to promote school education in the poor communities. He told that PEF is internationally accepted and recognized as the best model to reduce illiteracy though public private partnership.

ADU's Orientation Sessions for the FAS Partners

Punjab Education Foundation (FAS) has introduced and implemented the most effective models of gratis education for the disfranchised segments of the society so that deserving children could study in a child-friendly atmosphere. This was stated by Managing Director Punjab Education Foundation, Dr. Aneela Salman while addressing the opening session of orientation workshop for school principals attached with the foundation under its Foundation Assisted School (FAS) Program, in Rawalpindi. The principals were informed about secure understanding of content book and model papers for the Quality Assurance Test (QAT) and financial management of the schools by PEF-DMD (Finance) Salman Anwar Malik and Director (FAS) Nadeem Masood. These sessions were arranged by PEF-ADU Department in different districts.
Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has introduced most-effective, result-oriented and efficient models of free education in partnership with low-cost private schools to educate the deserving students who cannot afford their educational expenses. The partnership has benefited the private schools in a number of ways and as a result, the private sector has been strengthened to play its role.

Managing Director Punjab Education Foundation, Dr. Aneela Salman stated this while moderating the 5th session of two days conference on harnessing the potential of low fee private schools at LUMS. The conference was arranged in collaboration with USAID. MD PEF said that efficient monitoring and control mechanisms have been designed to achieve the desired results as well as to maintain complete transparency. On the occasion, Atyab Tahir Chief Strategy Officer Tameer Microfinance Bank spoke on “Financing Quality Improvement through Microfinance Providers-The Changing Legal Regime,” while Khadija Ali Research Analyst Pakistan Microfinance Network discussed the topic of “Commercial Financing Options for Private Schools.” Earlier, Syed Hussain Haider dilated upon the topic of “Microfinance Options for Private Schools” and gave a detailed review of interest free microfinance under the umbrella of Akhuwat.
Books Distribution Completed

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has completed the activity of distributing free text books in private schools partnering under various programs in different districts of the province. These books are provided free of cost to the partners for their students.

Agreement Signing Ceremony of South Region Schools Under Foundation Assisted School (FAS) at Regional office, Multan
Academic Development Unit’s Training in progress

PEF Annual Report, 2013 Published

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has published its annual report, 2013. This booklet contains details of expenditures under various heads. The launching ceremony was held at Civil Officers Mess, GOR-1 with PEF Chairman Raja Anwar in the chair.

MD PEF Dr. Aneela Salman, besides DMD (F) Salman Anwar Malik, Internal & External auditors, program directors besides a large number of officers, attended the ceremony. On the occasion, Raja Anwar said that the foundation has devised an elaborate financial system to provide monthly grants to the partner schools, well in time. This system is most-effective, transparent and well-serves the purpose, he added.
Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) setup a stall at the launch of Universal Primary Education Campaign, 2014 at 90 - Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam, Lahore.

MD PEF Dr. Aneela Salman attended an educational conference in Islamabad
Pilot Project of Interactive Classroom Technology Launched

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has launched pilot project of introducing interactive classroom technology in 25 selected schools in Lahore and other districts. These schools are attached under Education Voucher Scheme (EVS) with the foundation. The memorandum of understanding (MOU) signing ceremony was held with MD PEF Dr. Aneela Salman in the chair. The MOU was signed by PEF Director (CPDP) Ms. Bushra Saeed Khan and CEO of Social Engineering Consultants (SEC) Ms. Sonia Saleem, on behalf of their respective organizations. Under the pilot project, SEC will provide computerized electronic boards and multimedia projectors free of cost to EVS partners to teach their students through latest IT based equipment.

Continuous Professional Development Program (CPDP) Meeting Held in Regional Office, Multan
PEF-EVS Expansion Phase 12 Launched

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has launched expansion phase 12 of its Education Voucher Scheme (EVS) in the districts of Faisalabad, Muzaffargarh, Dera Ghazi Khan and Rajanpur. During this expansion phase, deserving students of these districts will be offered free educational facilities in private schools partnered under EVS with the foundation. PEF will provide assistance in shape of monthly grants and free text books to EVS partner schools.

PEF Communication Department Team Visits Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur, Dera Ghazi Khan and Faisalabad

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has called applications from low-cost private schools to apply for partnership under expansion phase 12 of its Education Voucher Scheme (EVS) in the districts of Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur, Dera Ghazi Khan and Faisalabad. The EVS is Public Private Partnership based free education program for the needy and deserving students who cannot afford their educational expenses. A three member PEF team led by Deputy Director (Communication) Ms. Aruj Salman visited various private schools in the said districts and asked the school owners to apply for partnership so that the needy students could get free education in their areas. The PEF Communication team also setup public awareness stalls at various public places and union council level.
MD PEF Inspects Partner Schools

Managing Director Punjab Education Foundation (PEF), Dr. Aneela Salman paid a surprise visit to various private schools attached with the foundation under its Education Voucher Scheme (EVS) and Foundation Assisted School (FAS) program in Faisalabad city. During the visit, she inspected classrooms; checked attendance and other facilities provided to the students and enquired the students about academic standards of the schools. She told that child-friendly atmosphere is provided to the students for positive grooming of their personalities. PEF has launched expansion phase 12 of its EVS program for the deserving students in four different districts including Faisalabad. PEF will also provide free text books to the students, she added. On the occasion, partner schools principals expressed their satisfaction over strenuous support extended to the low-cost schools in poor standard localities through Public Private Partnership model of the Punjab Education Foundation.

Evening Classes Planned Under EVS

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) will launch pilot project of evening classes for the child laborers, dropouts and out of school children so that they could study free of cost up to matric level in evening times and improve the economic prospects through education. This project will be especially beneficial for those needy children who could not go to schools in morning due to various reasons. In this regard, a meeting was held at PEF head office which was attended by representatives of nine different nongovernmental organizations working in the field of education in various districts. The NGOs representatives shared their success stories on relevant projects. PEF Director (EVS) Ms. Maleeha Batool, who presided over the meeting, briefed the participants about objectives of the meeting and sought their expert opinion to make evening classes project a success story. She asked the NGOs to share key issues like their target setting, procedure of child-identification, project duration, cost, infrastructure, assessment, curriculum and teachers recruitment policies with the PEF.