MD’s MESSAGE

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) would like to share the sorrows and difficulties of partner schools and students in wake of flash floods in Punjab. It is a critical situation but we must not lose hearts and continue to work hard for the collective well being and prosperity of the Pakistani nation which has a great potential to excel. It is good to note that school partners have worked hard so that studies of the students may not hamper.

AFTER THE DELUGE

Meanwhile, SMS messages to school partners were sent by PEF IT department on the direction of Managing Director Dr. Aneela Salman to hearten them up during this natural catastrophe. She also asked the PEF staff to keep close and continuous liaison with their partner schools for providing necessary guidance.

It is good to note that Punjab Government has work tremendously hard to ameliorate the lot of the marooned and provided ample funds for their rehabilitation. The Chief Minister Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif went everywhere in the flood affected areas and personally supervised the rehabilitation work. The flood waters have already receded and the provincial government has started taking steps for the rehabilitation of the people in need.
PROJECT MANAGEMENT
TRAINING FOR PEF EMPLOYEES

As many as 16 PEF employees have successfully completed their project management training at Pakistan Institute of Management, Lahore. Dr. Irfan Nabi of PIM conducted the training. The purpose of this training is to further improve the professional skills of the employees so that they could best perform their duties.

Sitting (Left to Right:) Mr. Kamran Hafeez (Director-Finance), Ms. Zubaida Muslim Ali (Additional Director-FAS), Ms. Maiha Batool (Director-EVS), Ms. Samina Nawaz (Director-M&E), Dr. Irfan Nabi (Trainer), Ms. Aisha Nauman (Director-ADU), Ms. Bushra Saeed Khan (Director-CPDP), Dr. Saima Nazir (Additional Director-R.O Rawalpindi), Ms Fatima Jamal Usama (MD’s Coordination Cell)

Standing (Left to Right:) Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad Rabbani (Additional Director-FAS), Mr. Muhammad Nasir Akram (Additional Director-R.O Multan), Mr. Kashif Ijaz (Additional Director-EVS), Mr. Nadeem Masood (Director-FAS), Mr. Farhan Butt (Deputy Director- IT), Mr. Muhammad Yousaf (Additional Director-Admin), Mr. Hamad (Assistant Director-CPDP), Mr. Syed Safi Sarwar (Deputy Director-Finance), Mr. Waqar Azim (Director-NSP)
CPDP INTRODUCES
DIGITIZED ASSESSMENT

Continuous Professional Development Program (CPDP) has introduced digitized assessment facility by using advanced paper based optical mark recognition technology and handheld digital tablet PCs. This technological facility is very helpful in rapid assessment of the data. This digitized assessment will be used in SBSP partner schools for post QAT evaluations. It is expected that this would also help in quick management decisions due to availability of complete data statistics.

CAMP BASED TRAININGS IN
PEF PARTNER SCHOOLS

Continuous Professional Development Program (CPDP) has completed 41 camp based trainings last month. These training were of 6 days which held in different partner schools where subject specialists attached with the Subject Based Support Program (SBSP) trained the participants about different educational concepts.
HIGH PERFORMANCE OF SBSP PARTNER SCHOOLS

Various private schools attached with the Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) under its Subject Based Support Program (SBSP) in different districts of the province have shown good results in their matric exams. As many as thirteen students have secured more than 500 marks while two other students have secured 493 marks in their 9th level exams. The detail is as under:

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Similarly, eight other students have secured more than one thousand marks in their matric exams. Director (CPDP) Bushra Saeed Khan has congratulated PEF’s Subject Specialists and students on this success and hoped that the Subject Specialists will continue to work hard to maintain their good standards.
DEAR DEPARTED

It is announced with great grief and sorrow that Muhammad Rafiq, a retired Dak Runner of the foundation has expired. He was re-employed keeping in view his hard work and dedication towards his duties. May Allah Almighty rest his soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family to bear this loss with equanimity.

PEF CELEBRATES ANTI-DENGUE DAYS

In line with the directions of the Punjab Government, offices of Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) in Lahore, along with two regional offices in Rawalpindi and Multan, remained open on two consecutive Sundays on account of Anti-Dengue Day. The staff was available in the offices and general cleanliness was ensured so that dengue virus may not surface in the office premises. MD PEF Dr. Aneela Salman inspected different sections of the head office and asked the staff to remain vigilant in fight against dengue. She said that partner schools should also hold various co-curricular activities including posters and quiz competitions to sensitize their students about the hazards of dengue disease and how they can help fight it.

She further said that partner schools also hold ‘zero periods’ for educating their students about fatal disease of dengue. She said that teachers, being the best role model, can play active role in raising awareness about it. On this occasion, PEF communication department displayed immaculately designed anti-dengue banners and colorful posters at different places in offices for awareness.

MD PEF Dr. Aneela Salman in a group photo with PEF high-ups on Anti Dengue Cleanliness Day

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PEF REVIEWS ANTI-DENGUE MEASURES

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has made elaborate arrangements to secure its students from dengue disease. In this regard, the instructions of the Punjab Government are being implemented fully so that the partner school students could enjoy neat, clean and healthy atmosphere.

Managing Director Punjab Education Foundation, Dr. Aneela Salman stated this while presiding over a departmental meeting at her office. Deputy MDs, Directors and Program Heads attended the meeting. The meeting reviewed in detail the anti-dengue measures adopted by the partner schools.

Addressing the meeting, MD PEF said that students should be fully sensitized about the hazards of dengue and how best they can play their role in its eradication. Co-curricular activities help improve the intellectual ken of the students; therefore, the partner schools should educate their students through such activities, she added. Dr. Aneela Salman expressed the satisfaction that Punjab Education Foundation has achieved important milestone of arranging free quality education for the needy students who otherwise cannot go to schools due to lack of resources. On the occasion, the meeting was told that PEF offices are regularly sprayed and different arrangements are made to mitigate dengue virus in office premises.
Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has completed month long baseline survey of 75 non-formal community schools situated in Cholistan area of Bahawalpur division. This survey would be helpful to determine present conditions of schools’ infrastructure, academic standards and educational opportunities for male and female students.

This survey was conducted in two phases; first part was completed by monitoring and evaluation department which checked infrastructure etc while second part was managed by Academic Development Unit (ADU) which took a sample test of 45 hundred students to determine the academic standard of these schools.

It may be added here that Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has taken over these schools early this year to help continue education of Cholistani students. These schools will be run under New School Program (NSP) of the foundation. These schools were opened under “Literate Cholistan Project” of the Cholistan Development Authority (CDA). After the expiry of this project, the educational future of the students was at stake; therefore, PEF decided to adopt these schools so that the students may not suffer. Now, besides arranging free quality education for the students, the salaries of the teachers have also been increased.
PEF IS PROMOTING FREE EDUCATION IN POTHOHAR REGION

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) is giving free school education to 2.5 lakh most deserving male and female students in 10 different districts situated in northern region of the province through a network of 262 partner schools.

Regional Director (Rawalpindi) of Punjab Education Foundation, Syed Naveed Abbas told this while addressing an International Literacy Day function at his office. Deputy Secretary General UNESCO (Education, Science & Culture) Muhammad Dawood and a retired civil servant Muhammad Forozuddin, besides a large number of partner schools principals, teachers and students, attended the ceremony.

Naveed Abbas said that PEF is running the largest program of free school education in Pothohar region. Due to PEF’s proactive role in promotion of free school education, disfranchised communities are sending their children to partner schools where they are provided conducive atmosphere for studies. He said that various public private partnership based educational interventions introduced by the foundation have helped and strengthened the low-cost private schools in a number of ways. Earlier, Muhammad Dawood talked about the significance of education. He appreciated the good efforts of Punjab Education Foundation in education sector and said that this has helped the needy students, especially the girls, to study free of cost.

On the occasion, PEF Officer, Humaira Shehzadi delivered speech on significance of International Literacy Day. She also shared a documentary on the life and works of legendary activist Ghulam Sughra Sulangi whose life is a role model for women of Pakistan. Teachers and students also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the importance of education in the 21st century.

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Mobilink Foundation (MF) has doled out state of the art computer laboratory to pateloid school and girls college- a private institution attached with Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) under its Foundation Assisted School (FAS) program in Kahna Nau in Lahore. This IT lab is given under the principle of corporate social responsibility (CSR) to promote IT literacy in the students. The inauguration ceremony was held with Mobilink Foundation’s Director Musammir Ali Syed in the chair. The ceremony was largely attended among others, by PEF Directors Nadeem Masood (Director-FAS), Ayesha Nauman (Director-ADU) and Qasim Munir (Deputy Director-Rawalpindi). In his address, PEF Director Nadeem Masood said that Foundation Assisted School program is sponsoring free education of more than 1.3 million deserving students in Punjab through a network of 2313 partner private schools situated mostly in slums and remote areas. He said that PEF is promoting IT education in its partner schools so that the students, mostly belonging to the impecunious strata, could learn about latest concepts. PEF has also introduced Students’ Information System (SIS) for electronically storing students’ data in its Server. He further said that FAS program is being extended in Punjab for arranging free educational facilities to more deserving children. For this purpose, FAS admission policy has been announced for accommodating dropouts and out of school children in PEF partner schools. Education is the best social investment; therefore, corporate sector should come forward to wholly invest in educational system of Pakistan so that no one is left unattended, he added.

Mobilink Foundation’s Director Musammir Ali Syed lauded the good work of Punjab Education Foundation in education sector and assured their full support for the cause of education. MF’s Manager (CSR) Zuhair Arshad and school principal Ms. Shaheena Jamali also spoke on the occasion. Earlier, different students presented tableaus and sung national songs. Later, Musammir Ali Syed inaugurated the IT lab.
IT & M&E DEPARTMENTS: DIGITAL MONITORING SYSTEM ON THE ANVIL

In order to make monitoring and evaluation system more efficient and effective, PEF IT department is in the process of developing digital monitoring system for M&E department. It is expected that this will ensure timely reporting with the help of GPRS technology. Further, this state of the art system will not only save time and monitoring-cost but will also help in instant reporting and data analysis. Thus, maximum partner schools will be covered through rigorous monitoring besides making available centralized monitoring data. This department has also conducted household survey of EVS beneficiary students to determine the socio-economic conditions of the EVS students.

Mobile Data Collection Framework

It may be added here that PEF established a separate M&E department in August 2006 to bring in continuous improvement through rigorous surveillance of programs and for better implementation of policies and procedures.
PEF-FAS PHASE 9
MAMMOTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has launched the expansion phase 9 of its Foundation Assisted School (FAS) program to further expand this beneficial opportunity to more deserving children. A total of 200 private schools in different districts of the province will be partnered under this expansion phase to provide free education to the needy students. This time the expansion phase has been launched for middle and matric level schools. With a view to facilitate the private schools, the foundation also extended the last date for nine days so that maximum number of interested candidates could apply for partnership.

It is important to note that Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) devised and implemented a comprehensive communication strategy through its communication department to sensitize the prospective partners about this beneficial opportunity. The communication teams visited 11 selected districts and held meetings with the private school owners to educate them about the FAS program. Similarly, banners were displayed in these districts besides sending SMS messages to the private schools and airing audio message at the FM channels. Letters were also sent to the private schools and an educational video about partnership procedure was made and uploaded at PEF social media account to educate the interested people about submitting their applications.
PEF-FAS PHASE 9
MAMMOTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
**PEF ALUMNI HONORED**

Diya Pakistan - a voluntary non-governmental organization working in the field of public welfare, has given consolation cheques to 20 students belonging to the southern districts of the province for securing more than 90 percent marks in matric exams. The cheques distribution ceremony was held in Multan with PEF DMD (Finance) Salman Anwar Malik in the chair. PEF Regional Director (Multan) Shafiq Ahmad presented his address of welcome and lauded the good work done by the students. DMD (F) Salman Anwar Malik said in his speech that Punjab Education Foundation is working hard to provide free quality education to the needy students in the province. He said that PEF is the biggest program of free school education which has secured the future of children through education.

Keeping in view the importance and effectiveness of this public private partnership based model, various free educational programs of the foundation are regularly expanded so that more and more deserving children could benefit from this beneficial opportunity, he added. Later, cheques were distributed among the students. The function was largely attended by partner school owners, parents and educationists who appreciated the good efforts of the foundation in the field of school education.

**PEF HEAD OFFICE RELOCATED**

The head office of Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has been shifted to 87-B1, M.M Alam Road, Gulberg III, Lahore. The new office building is quite spacious and purpose built.

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EVS LAUNCHES EVENING CLASSES FOR OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

With a view to provide free school education to the most deserving out of school children who could not go to schools due to socio-economic compulsions, the Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has entered into partnership with the five non-governmental voluntary organizations running schools in Lahore, Multan and Rawalpindi districts to give totally free school education to such children. In this regard, a meeting was held at EVS office in Lahore with PEF Director (EVS) Maliha Batool in the chair. The meeting was attended by representatives of NGOs and owners of private schools. On the occasion, she said that it is a great initiative which will retune life-patterns of out of school children who mostly belong to the impecunious strata. It will especially benefit the girls to study in nearby schools without any financial burden. She asked the new partners to work diligently so that the menace of illiteracy could be mitigated effectively.

EVS UNVEILS EXPANSION PHASE 13

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has launched expansion phase 13 of Education Voucher Scheme (EVS) in six districts including Bahawalpur, Khanewal, Mianwali, Pakpattan, Sargodha and Sheikhupura. The non-governmental organizations having three years relevant experience as well as private schools working in these districts are offered partnership during this phase. Private schools having at least one year existence are eligible to apply for partnership. It is expected that this expansion will accord lifelong opportunity to the deserving children to study free of cost and improve the quality of life.

NSP PARTNERS MEETING

A meeting of different schools attached under New School Program (NSP) with the foundation was held in Regional Office (Multan). Regional Director (Multan) Shafiq Ahmad presided over the meeting. The meeting discuss various aspects of the NSP Program and observed that this program is very beneficial for the needy children living in remote hinterlands.
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