Introduction

The Hope, a quarterly, is the first official Newsletter of Punjab Education Foundation to disseminate news on promotion of quality education in Public Private Partnership. The Newsletter shall cover facts, events and activities of PEF and partner organizations. In this media dominated age we must convey the true picture to the public mind. PEF was established under the Punjab Education Foundation Act of 1991 as an autonomous statutory body to encourage and promote education in the private sector operating on non-commercial basis. PEF was restructured under the Punjab Education Foundation Act 2004, to promote ‘Quality Education’ through Public Private Partnership. PEF is ushering in ground breaking changes in the form of model lessons, evocative question papers and cluster-based training of teachers. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said, “A tiny drop of practice is superior to a sea of knowledge and a tiny drop of earnestness surpasses the sea of practice”. Punjab Education Foundation is promoting the cause of education with earnestness, resilience and dedication.
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- SEC Islamabad
- Qadir Foundation Bhakkar
- ALAMS School, Mianwali
- RDO, Multan
- RADO, Chakwal.

CBT Statistics

- CBTs Conducted = 72
- Teachers Trained = 3345
- Schools Benefited = 767
- Districts Reached = 29
- Tehsil Reached = 36

Message From Managing Director

Symmetrical information is extremely important for organizational growth, suave promotion of education, appropriate development and implementation of the programs in Public Private Partnership. It’s a matter of great pleasure and satisfaction that PEF is initiating ‘The Hope’ a newsletter to ensure the dissemination of information to all stakeholders and partners working with the Foundation in various programs through Public Private Partnership. I am sanguine that the Newsletter will contribute a lot in terms of successful implementation of the programs, valuable feedback and proper coverage of the educational activities.

Cluster- Based Teachers’ Training (CBT-PPP)

Teaching is a learning process and learning strives to bring attitudinal changes. Cluster Based Teachers’ training (CBT) is a project of the Punjab Education Foundation to promote quality mentoring through Public Private Partnership. Through CBT, PEF empowers the teachers of the schools providing education to less affluent sections of society. We, at PEF are acutely aware that in an age of constant flux, change is the only constant. We, therefore help the teachers jettison obsolete teaching methodologies and adopt the very new in the field of Pedagogy. Since teaching is a blend of content knowledge and methodology, the focus is on activity based teachers’ training to educate the students through joyful learning environment. CBT has turned out to be the most successful program of PEF. The response of teachers is so encouraging that it defies belief.
Foundation Assisted Schools (FAS)

Foundation Assisted Schools is the flagship program of Punjab Education Foundation. Under PEF-FAS, financial assistance is provided to the schools on per child enrolment basis. Schools in rural and slum areas are attended by students from the marginalized and less affluent households. The schools having fee structure ranging from Rs. 50 to 300 are selected on the basis of the criteria announced by the Board. The Foundation is supporting more than 22,000 students in 54 schools in five districts (Lahore, Sialkot, Khushab, Bahawalpur and Chakwal) at the moment. Punjab Education Foundation has also adopted schools of three NGOs, namely Care, Bunyad and MNT in Sheikhupura, Hafizabad and Lahore.

To maintain quality standards and learning outcome of students, the Foundation administers Quality Assurance Tests (QAT) in partner schools on Quarterly/Six monthly basis. Two thirds numbers of students of the partner education institution must score at least 40% marks for the continuation of Partnership.

In its last meeting held on May 22, 2006, the Board of Directors decided to extend coverage and expansion of FAS program to 100 schools as against the existing 54 in the districts where FAS Program is already operational on the basis of contiguity, backwardness and logistic capabilities. Five more districts have been added i.e. Narowal, Gujrat, Bhakkar, Bahawalnagar and Mianwali.

High Performing Institutions (PEF-FAS-QAT)

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<td>Zaib Public School, Talagang, Chakwal</td>
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<td>Leader house Secondary school, Chakwal City</td>
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<td>Al-Rehman Secondary School, Bahawalpur.</td>
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Education Voucher Scheme (PEF-EVS)

Education Voucher Scheme is another ambitious program of the Punjab Education Foundation. In a quest to address the needs of quality education of low income households, PEF is planning to launch Education Voucher Scheme to enable the poor households to send their children to quality schools of their choice. As a pilot project, the provincial metropolis has been selected and PEF is in the process of gathering data from urban slums/katchi abadis to develop an instrument for launching EVS.

PEF has made an arrangement with Open Society Institute (OSI) to design the EVS for low income households. The EVS would be subsidized/free education initiative for the urban slums/katchi abadi’s children at PEF’s expense. All households of the urban slums/katchi abadis would be eligible to get educational vouchers. PEF – EVS will ensure equity, productive efficiency, freedom of choice and social cohesion.

Teaching in Clusters by Subject Specialists (TICSS)

The low cost schools in rural and less affluent urban areas can not afford qualified teachers of impeccable professional standing due to financial constraints. A good subject specialist could be arranged within a salary range of Rs 20,000 — 25,000 and in a school which pays its teachers a meagre average salary of Rs.3000 — Rs.5000, he/she can play a catalytic role in uplifting its educational standards and bringing innovations in a number of spheres in the school’s milieu. The idea was to arrange a subject specialist who would be teaching in a cluster of schools, visiting 2-3 schools a week and teaching the students in actual class room theatries thereby not only impacting the learning outcomes of the students but also influencing the teaching of practices the peers and associates. The model has proved to be cost effective, economical and
beneficial.

As a pilot project this scheme has been launched in Lahore. Subject Specialists have been appointed by Punjab Education Foundation in different low income schools of Lahore to improve the standard of education in under developed areas. In future, Punjab Education Foundation envisages an expansion of the program.

Seminar on Importance and Role of Private Sector for the Promotion of Quality Education

Seminar on the “Importance and Role of Private Sector for the Promotion of Quality Education” was held under the auspices of the Punjab Education Foundation and Mir Khalil-ur-Rehman Memorial society (Jang Group of Newspapers) on Saturday May 13, 2006. The Chairperson of Beacon House School System Mrs.Nasreen Mahmood Kasuri in her presidential address said that the private sector was sharing almost 50 percent burden of education sector in Pakistan. She called for supporting small scale private institutions to bring about positive changes in the existing situation. Punjab Agriculture Minister Mr. Arshad Khan Lodhi said that the government could not educate all children and the Public Private Partnership paradigm has proved to be quite successful. The Chairperson Punjab Education Foundation Mr. Shahid Kardar said that quality education was never cheap and stressed the need to improve the condition of public sector educational institutes to restore the confidence of the masses. He said that PEF was striving to make the quality education accessible for lower income groups in far flung areas and 22,000 students were enrolled in 54 such schools in five districts. He said PEF is giving Rs. 300 per student while teachers were also being trained through workshops in different subjects. The Managing Director of PEF Dr. Allah Bakhsh Malik said that the main objective of the Foundation was to impart quality education and this was being realized through Public Private Partnership. He said that the children must get equal opportunities for Quality education.
Miss Rabia Ali of Tameer-e-Nau School (one of the FAS Partner schools), Hasilpur District Bahawalpur secured 717 marks out of 800 in Middle Standard Examination, 2006. She got second position in District Bahawalpur. Punjab Education Foundation is proud to promote such talented students in their educational quest.

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