Chairman’s Message

It is a matter of great satisfaction that Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has seen significant growth and development during the last three years. In fact, PEF has revolutionized the concept of school education by introducing various innovative interventions through Public Private Partnership. As a result of this, about one lakh new students have been provided free educational facilities, while PEF’s presence has also been extended from 19 districts to 29 districts in the Province. Now, more than one million deserving students are getting quality education through a coherent network of 2445 partner schools. I believe this is a giant leap towards promoting education in marginalized segments of society.

Meanwhile, PEF has developed many useful initiatives to promote affordable quality education for the less-privileged and disenfranchised sections of the society. The initiatives have been widely appreciated and recognized both at national and international levels. They are enabling the less-advantageous sections of society by providing wider quality educational opportunities to get quality education.

PEF has also succeeded in the automation of its vital data-base of partner school students which has now surpassed one million. After NADRA, PEF is another public-sector organization which has achieved such a marvelous success in a record period of time. Not contending with this progress, PEF has envisaged an ambitious plan to further extend its Education Voucher Scheme to 13 new districts where 15 thousand new students will be facilitated through partner schools. In my opinion, the Public Private Partnership model designed and implemented by the Punjab Education Foundation is best to foster quality education in the marginalized segments as education is the best support to alleviate poverty and improve socio-economic conditions.
FAS is the flagship program of the Punjab Education Foundation with a total of more than 8 lakh students enrolled in its 1771 schools in 29 districts. Under the FAS, PEF gives Rs. 350 for Elementary Rs. 400 (for Arts students) and Rs. 500 (for Science students) to partner schools on monthly basis. Similarly, Rs. 500 (for Arts students) and Rs. 700 (for Science students) are provided to partner higher secondary schools on per student basis. The philosophy of the FAS is to open the doors of quality education for poor segments of society having no access to education due to socio-economic poverty.

New School Program (NSP)

New School Program (NSP) was initiated as a pilot project in March 2008 with a vision to open schools in those areas where people are living at the edge of poverty and Government or the private schools are less in number or absent altogether. Currently, 200 NSP schools are successfully working in 16 districts of Punjab with an enrollment of about 26,820 students. NSP is going to open 200 new schools in FY 2011-2012 to expand the impact of program by approaching in those districts where NSP is absent. It is pertinent to note that NSP is relaxing in the condition of 2Km i.e. if there is only primary school within 2K.m radius of the proposed site for new school then applicant can apply for middle or high school and if there is middle or high school for boys then applicant can apply for middle or high school for girls or vice versa.

Education Voucher Scheme (EVS)

EVS is the landmark achievement of PEF which has motivated the residents of city slums and peri-urban localities to send their children to nearby schools. This program is designed by the Columbia University and successfully implemented by the PEF. The deserving students are given vouchers which are redeemable in nearby schools selected by the PEF. Presently, 25 thousand vouchers have been distributed in the districts of Lahore, Kasur, Multan and Rawalpindi. It is planned to further expand the EVS program in 13 education-wise backward districts where 40 thousand vouchers will be distributed. After that, the total number will rise to 65 thousand students.
Continuous Professional Development Program (CPDP)

For the first time, teachers of low-cost private educational institutions have been provided opportunities for their professional development through Cluster Based Trainings aimed at improving the pedagogical skills and understanding of the subject matter. To ensure quality education, sustained mentoring system is the quintessential pre-requisite. The program is aimed at impacting the learning outcomes of the students studying in these low-cost educational institutions through quality mentoring. The contents and contours of the program are focused to achieve the target of quality education through synergy and synchronization, sharing resources, knowledge, perceptions and accumulated expertise in Public Private Partnership. The program is enhancing the didactic resource base of the teachers in pedagogy, andragogy, secure and superior understanding of the core content knowledge. There is irrefutable empirical evidence of positive and definite impact on the learning outcomes of the students - the ultimate beneficiaries of the intervention.

CPDP is currently running following programs:
- Continuous Teachers Development Program
- School Leadership Development Program
- Teaching in Cluster by Subject Specialist
- Secondary Level Mentoring
- Skills Development Program
Workshop on “Skills for Excellence”
by CPDP

For the first time in the history of PEF, a one-day training workshop on “Skills for Excellence” was organized for all PEF employees by Continuous Professional Development Program. The training session was conducted by Omer Al-Ghazali from Centre for Human Excellence (CHE) in PEF Board Room. Training session was based on the case-study of an organization which excels in the provision of services at a global level. Session was based on the skills needed to achieve higher standards of performance on individual as well as organization basis.

PEF Doles Out Financial Assistance to Flood Affected Partner Schools

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has provided a sum of Rs. 5.22 million as financial assistance to 86 flood affected partner schools in the districts of D.G. Khan, Rahim Yar Khan, Rajan Pur, Muzaffargarh, Bhaakar and Layyah. The purpose is to help the schools to resume their educational activities and to restore & improve their infrastructure. The Cheque distribution ceremony was held in Kot Addu, Muzaffargarh which was attended by partner school owners, educationists and PEF officials. Chairman Punjab Education Foundation, Raja Muhammad Anwar was the chief guest who distributed Cheques among the school owners. He said in his address that PEF has provided Rs. one lakh under own school building category and Rs. 35 thousand for rented school buildings. 22 PEF partner schools registered under New School Program and 64 partner schools registered under Foundation Assisted Schools program were chosen by the PEF for financial aid. According to details, 38 FAS partner schools were given Rs. 35 thousand each and 26 others were given Rs. one lakh for building repair and maintenance.

Similarly, 8 NSP schools were given Rs. one lakh and 14 others got Rs. 35 thousand each.
Mariam Mushtaq, a 10th class student of Ayesha Public School, Chak No.8, Kasur has won “Brain of Kasur, 2011” inter-school quiz competition arranged by the Punjab Education Foundation at District Public School & Bulleh Shah Degree College, Kasur. The competition was arranged in collaboration with The Trust School, Lahore. A total of 127 schools of kasur district took part in it.


Saifur-Rehman of Society Public School, Mughalpura, Lahore has won the “Brain of Lahore, 2011” inter-school quiz competition arranged by the Punjab Education Foundation at The Trust School, Amir Town, Harbanspura. A total of 236 schools took part in it.

According to the results, Hafiz Abdullah Ramzan (LDA Model High School for Boys) took first position in the subject of Computer Science. Similarly, Mahnoor Khan (Jamil Grammar Girls High School, Ferozepur Road) topped in Mathematics, Muhammad Arslan Rauf (Government Central Model School, Lower Mall), Junaid Ali (The Quest High School Shahdara) and Ghazia Nadeem (The Punjab School, Township) jointly topped in Chemistry, Raza Mehdi (Pride Public High School for Boys), Komal Waris (KIPS High School for Girls) and Junaid Ali (Quest High School, Shahdara) topped in Physics, Ghazia Nadeem (The Punjab School, Township) topped in General Knowledge & Biology and Laila Fatima (Ali Foundation Girls High School, Mughalpura) secured first position in the subject of English.

The winners of “Brain of Lahore, 2011” and “Brain of Kasur, 2011” were awarded Rs. 20,000 each while subject-wise winners got Rs. 5,000 reward by the Punjab Education Foundation. On the occasion, the chief guest, Barrister Aitzaz Ahsan asked the students to emerge as nation-builders and change the destiny of the nation by learning latest trends in knowledge which could enable them to move along the changing times. He observed that rule of law is very important for the composite development of the society and added that no affluent should be above the law.
Symposium on
Public Private Partnership in
Vocational Training –
A New Paradigm

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has launched a program to provide free Vocational Training facilities to as many as 35 thousand secondary school students in 29 districts through Public Private Partnership. This program is aimed to provide skilled labor-force to industry, reduce unemployment in poor youth besides teaching different beneficial technical and vocational skills to the students so that they could start their own small-scale businesses.

Secondary School students, deserving out of school 15-25 year old youth and housemaids will be imparted free training through TEVTA, NGOs and the Technical institutions owned by the business community in Punjab. PEF will bear the expenses of this training. This program will be especially beneficial for jobless girls, Matriculate students and out of school youth who, because of their socio-economic poverty, cannot start their own small-scale entrepreneurship or take admission in any higher educational institution for want of resources. This program is also designed to provide trained workforce to the trade and industrial sectors, as Pakistani industry needs trained manpower to enable it to compete in the competitive environment of globalization.

In this regard, a stakeholders’ symposium was arranged at a local hotel which was well attended, besides others, by Pro-Chancellor LUMS Syed Babar Ali, President Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry Shahzad Malik, Ex-Chairman The Bank of Punjab AZK Sherdil (Late), Chairman TEVTA Saeed Alvi, Chairman PEF Raja Muhammad Anwar, Pro-Rector NUST M. Mushtaq and Secretary School Education Department Muhammad Aslam Kamboh.

The participants were divided in different groups who held detailed deliberations to develop necessary linkage between academia and the industry.

On the occasion, various business house representatives also presented their proposals to provide market-oriented training to the youth for expanding their economic horizons.
25th Lahore International Book Fair - 2011

The Punjab Education Foundation took part in the 25th Lahore International Book Fair held at Lahore Expo Centre from 7th to 11th April, 2011 with a view to promote public understanding about its various educational initiatives.

Chief Minister Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif inaugurated the Book Fair and Punjab Minister for Education Mujtaba Shuja-ur-Rehman, along with other dignitaries and book lovers, visited various book stalls. They appreciated the good efforts put forth by the Punjab Education Foundation in the field of education.

The visitors were shown official PEF documentaries and were also given information packs containing necessary details of educational activities in the 29 districts of Punjab. During the exhibition, local as well as foreign book sellers and publishers were also given information packs with a view to sensitize them about the project of Public Private Partnership in education in Punjab.

Around 165 local and foreign publishers and book sellers set up their stalls in the said Book Fair. More than five thousand visitors from different walks of life including students, teachers and general public visited the stall of Punjab Education Foundation.
PEF Engages NGOs to Train Teachers...

The Punjab Education Foundation has hired the services of 4 Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for capacity-building and training of partner school teachers and administrative staff on professional skills for teaching and school administration.

These NGOs have been selected by the Professional Development Division. Body (PDDC) of the PEF for arranging Cluster Based Training for low-cost schools in Punjab. Continuous Teacher Development Program (CTDP) training spans over a period of up to six days whereas School Leadership Development Program (SLDP) training is for three days. Each training day lasts for four hours. Latest concepts and practices of teaching, classroom management, and child-friendly learning are taught to the teachers. This training is especially beneficial for the low-cost schools, who cannot afford to arrange such trainings on their own.

Appointment of New Director

Ms. Sudha Saeed Khan has joined Punjab Education Foundation as Director, Continuous Professional Development Program. She carries with her 20 years rigorous professional experience in the field of education and training.

District Coordination Meetings (DCMs)

Hundreds of stakeholders including PEF School Principals, teachers and parents participated in District Coordination Meetings (DCMs) held in eight different districts. On behalf of PEF Nadeem Masood, Director PEF presided over the sessions and addressed the queries and concerns of the participants and stakeholders.

Nasir Akram Regional Coordinator (being a representative of the Regional Office Multan) also addressed the audience and applauded the different aspects of the PEF Program. The audience praised the efforts and initiatives taken by the PEF and urged to continue such meaningful interactions with parents and teachers.

Visit PEF

A delegation of Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, USA visited PEF partner schools in Lahore where they took keen interest in the education of students and asked various questions about the working of the schools. Earlier, they were briefed by MD PEF about the role of PEF in the promotion of the education in Punjab through Public Private Partnership.
PEF students get top position in PEC exams

PEF offers Cash Prizes to PEC toppers

As a result of innovative interventions introduced by the PEF, remarkable improvement has been brought in the working of partner schools. According to the results of Elementary Exams 2010, held under the aegis of Punjab Examination Commission (PEC), 45 students of different PEF partner schools secured top positions in 5th and 8th Class exams.

In this regard, a series of ceremonies were held in the districts of Multan, Rawalpindi and Lahore to give away cash prizes to the winning students. The main function was held at PEF head office with Chairman Punjab Education Foundation Raja Muhammad Anwar in the Chair. DMD Operations Tanvir Ahmad Zaffar, DMD Finance Salman Anwar Malik and different program directors, besides students along with their teachers/Principals and PEF Subject Specialists also attended the ceremony.

While addressing the function Raja Anwar congratulated the winning students and urged them to show same zeal and hard work in their future life. He said that PEF is committed to ensure quality education and told that different steps have been taken to encourage child friendly schooling so that children could exhibit their potential in a congenial atmosphere. Similar ceremonies were also held in Multan and Rawalpindi regions. The Punjab Education Foundation gave away Rs. 15,000 each to district-wise top position holders while Rs. 12,500 and Rs. 10,000 were given to second and third position holders in the district. The students and PEF partner schools thanked the Punjab Education Foundation for this encouragement.

Student Information System (SIS)

PEF IT Department has developed innovative software with the name of Student Information System for electronically storing record of all the partner schools students. This electronic data-bank is helpful to efficiently and transparently maintain the students’ record of all the partner schools. It is expected that this will also help for research and keeping a track-record of students.
Visits of International Organizations

Different international donors have visited Punjab Education Foundation to review the ongoing educational activities aimed at promoting education in the economically deprived families. The donors also visited different PEF partner schools and students’ families to understand the impact of education on these families. It is pertinent to mention that education is a useful tool for bringing socio-economic changes at the grassroots and the main objective of PEF is to encourage the poor families to send their children to schools so that they may become useful organ of the society by getting quality education.

A high level delegation of Department for International Development (DFID) headed by its DG Country Program Mark Lowcock visited PEF’s Education Voucher Scheme (EVS) Office in Lahore and held a detailed meeting with Director EVS Ms. Malina Batool. The five-member British delegation enquired about different questions to understand the impact of education on poor families in Pakistan and its possible economic outcome. Later DFID delegation visited PEF-EVS partner schools and also held discussion with students & their mothers. They appreciated PEF model aimed to ensure composite development of children’s personality in a conducive and cosmopolitan environment so that they could emerge as future leaders.

British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) team visited EVS schools in districts Rawalpindi and Lahore for making of news report. Head of Communication & Policy team DFID Ms. Victoria Francis also visited PEF-EVS schools and Rawalpindi regional office. She conducted short interviews of students, teachers and Regional Coordinator Mr. Naveed Abbas.

A two member delegation of Plan Pakistan comprising of Manager MER Ms. Virginia Khan and Advocacy Officer Syed Safdar Raza also visited PEF-EVS schools. On the occasion Managing Director-PEF Ms. Ambreen Raza told the delegation that PEF is committed to education in economically deprived families by promoting facilities for children. Private Partner-proposals were also brought under consideration to bilaterally promote child rights through sustained interventions so that Punjab could emerge as a child friendly province.

A three member delegation of British Council comprising of Consultant English Language Products Mr. Tony Capstick, Ms. Rukhsana Project Manager Connecting Classrooms and Mr. Nasir Nazir Project Manager visited PEF office to discuss mutual corporation for teacher training of PEF partner schools.