



# NEWSLETTER

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## Expanding SEF's Portfolio and Reaching out to 'Out-of-School' Children in Sindh



SEF School (PPRS), Umerkot

In alignment with the Government of Sindh's vision to reach out to maximum number of 'Out-of-School' children in Sindh, the Foundation evolved an ambitious strategy during 2015-16 to expand its programs. Under this strategy, the Foundation has by now attained following successes:

- ◆ Under Phase V of the World Bank-supported, Promoting Private Schooling in Rural Sindh (PPRS), **30,000 additional children have been enrolled**
- ◆ Under SEF's Integrated Education Learnign Program (IELP), now titled as SEF Assisted Schools (SAS), contracts have been signed with partner organizations and individuals for **enrolling 60,000 additional children in the academic year 2016-17**
- ◆ Foundation has simultaneously floated EOIs/RFPs for PPRS Phase-VI with a target to reach out to **a minimum of 100,000 children in various districts of Sindh**
- ◆ Furthermore, a dedicated intervention has been begun to enrol children at the post-primary level to strengthen education at this level with a target to reach out to a minimum **25,000 children by August 2016**

## Quality Enhancement Initiatives



SEF Assisted School (RBCS), Jamshoro

Under SEF's new vision for SEF-supported schools, stress is being laid on building the professional capacity of teachers and improving school environment, thereby enhancing the quality of education imparted to the students. Following initiatives have been taken under the new vision of SEF:

### ◆ Smart Learning

SEF is introducing technology-assisted Smart Learning in SEF supported schools for a more effective teaching and learning environment. The SMART learning will offer access to modern and interactive technologies and will serve as a strong supplement to traditional teaching in the classroom.

### ◆ Assessment of Teachers

Assessment of teachers has been made part of the programs features to evaluate teachers' professional and academic competencies in all subjects for Grades I – VIII across all programs in all districts. Through such assessments, SEF aims to improve teacher competencies for effectively delivering the curriculum.

### ◆ Professional Development Centres

SEF is initially establishing Professional Development Centres in 09 districts (Badin, Dadu, Hyderabad, Karachi, Larkana, Mirpurkhas, Mithi, Sehwan, and Sukkur). Professional trainers will provide continuous content-based trainings to the teachers from SEF Assisted Schools.



# SEF: A Vision beyond Primary Education

Under SEF's new vision, the focus of the program remains strictly on improving the quality of the education while gradually improving the school infrastructure. Newly constructed and improved infrastructures of schools in all districts depict an optimistic picture of schools. Child-friendly classrooms with furniture painted in appealing, bright colours have made children more eager to attend school than ever before.

Under the revised contracts governing all programs, emphasis has been given to the provision of different facilities for children as well as school staff, including clean drinking water, toilets, staff common rooms and playgrounds as well as boundary walls to raise the infrastructural worth of the schools and to provide a safe environment for the children.

To ensure that quality is maintained, per-child subsidy for primary schools in PPRS, IELP and RBCS schools has been increased from Rs350 and Rs. 450 to Rs. 500 for primary level in order to catalyse improvements in quality of education.

In addition, SEF's technical units make regular School Support Visits (SSVs) to schools to observe school performance in order to ensure quality is maintained in the schools. This helps in determining areas where improvement is required in terms of school environment, lesson planning and implementation and optimum usage of computer, tablets and LED screens.



SEF Assisted School - IELP , Kot Diji, Khairpur

SEF's current portfolio comprises of 1,299 Primary Schools, 209 Elementary Schools, 04 Middle Schools and 11 Secondary Schools, making it a total of 1,524 schools in total. These schools ensure quality education to 239,484 children including 100,687 girls and 138,797 boys through 5,173 qualified teachers including 3,022 female and 2,151 male teachers.

Moreover, 356 learners are receiving adult literacy in 13 centers under Women Literacy and Empowerment Program (WLEP), and one child development center under Child Labor Education Program (CLEP) extends non-formal education to 342 working and street children through educational, recreational and co-curricular initiatives, counseling services, and health interventions. Furthermore, under the Adopt-a-School Program (AASP), SEF as a facilitating agency provides technical support to 525 government schools which benefits 115,713 students.



SEF School (PPRS), Johi, Dadu



SEF School (PPRS), Phuli Metla, Kingry, Khairpur



# New Programs

## Strengthening SEF Regulatory Mechanisms with Focus on Student Assessment and Teacher Training Capacity



SEF Assisted School - IELP, Landhi, Karachi

Under the ADP Scheme No. 155, titled Strengthening SEF Support and Regulatory Mechanisms with Focus on Student Assessment and Teacher Training Capacity, the Foundation intends to strengthen assessment of teachers and students and build capacity of the teachers to meet standards in light of modern pedagogical practices.

As part of the scheme, SEF will hire qualified trainers for SEF supported schools to improve quality of teacher development programs in all subjects by hiring subject-specialists. The scheme will also improve the quality of subject suited pedagogies of primary, middle and secondary schooling, through content based training programs.

As part of innovation in assessment of students and teachers, SEF plans to introduce and execute Teacher Assessments to ensure provision of good quality teachers in SEF programs, and to enhance the mechanism of continuous and formal assessment of students by developing flexible, context-oriented formal and informal assessment practices in line with the diverse intervention areas of SEF.

## Introducing Smart Teaching and Learning (INSTAL) in SEF Supported Schools



SEF Assisted School - IELP, Sinjhor, Sanghar

INSTAL is a public-private partnership scheme to introduce Information and Communication Technology-based teaching and learning in SEF supported schools. The overall objective of INSTAL is to make teaching and learning more effective by use of technology. Unique, customized software will also be developed as part of the scheme that will have the capacity to be used in schools across Sindh and Pakistan to support teaching-learning processes especially in the rural context.

To make the scheme viable, SEF will provide 'tied grants' for school improvement which will be used to establish Audio-visual Rooms in 400 small, criteria-qualifying schools (having enrolment of around 150 children) and computer labs in large schools having proper infrastructure (with enrolment of around 300 children and more). SEF will make arrangements for the development and deployment of customized e-learning software to aid teaching in schools, coupled with subject-specific trainings of teachers.

Distribution of LED television sets, computers and tablets will be a significant part of the scheme. Teachers will be trained by professional trainers in making use of LED television sets and computers/ tablets in conducting lessons in the classrooms.





Best performing students from SEF supported schools with SEF management on the occasion of World Teachers' Day 2015



Discussion underway with IBA representatives on introducing ICT in SEF Assisted Schools



Ms. Durrani (MD, SEF) in meeting with RBCS school operators



Ms. Durrani speaks paying tribute to teachers from SEF Assisted Schools



IELP contract signing activity under way at SEF Head Office



SEF Managing Director, Ms. Durrani, detailing SEF's vision of an educated Sindh with newly selected school operators





Comprehensive data profiling for IELP Schools in process at SEF Head Office



Students from an RBCS school performing an act during a Sindh Culture Day 2015 event



Participants of a walk organized by SEF in the wake of World Literacy Day 2015 in Khairpur



Mr. Karamat Ali (ED, PILER) relating anecdotes on Prof. Anita Ghulam Ali (S.I.) in a tributary event



MD SEF emphasising on quality measures in school environment and quality of education in IELP schools



Teachers working during a group activity in a Teachers' Training organized by SEF's Learning Support Unit (LSU)



# Consultative Workshop with Private Sector Educationists



The Foundation organized a Consultative Workshop with Private Sector Educationists to seek stakeholders' advice and recommendations for the Foundation supported Middle and Secondary Schools. This was organized on June 11, 2015 in Karachi. Around one hundred individuals including bureaucrats, civil servants, educationists and school operators participated in the workshop.

will be used to establish middle and secondary schools in the morning and second shift. Highly qualified private sector partners – educational organizations or individuals – having demonstrated experience in delivering quality education and strong motivation to work in under-developed regions will be selected to manage schools and ensure quality educational outcomes.

SEF Middle and Secondary Schools (SMSS) program aims to gradually increase the provision of Middle and Secondary schools in Sindh through public-private partnership. Through the envisioned program, existing government or private school infrastructure

The participants worked in groups to discuss and outline recommendations for Academic Model, Community Mobilization Model, Financial Model, Infrastructure Model, and Teachers Model for the middle and secondary school scheme against particular per-child subsidy amount.

## Celebrating World Teachers' Day 2015 with Teachers and Students



Sindh Education Foundation, Govt. of Sindh celebrated World Teachers' Day 2015 as a tribute to one of the great teachers that Sindh has produced, Prof. Anita Ghulam Ali (S.I.), who was also the founding manager of the SEF. The ceremony was held on October 05, 2015 in Karachi.

Nisar Ahmed Khuhro (Sr. Minister, Education & Literacy, Govt. of Sindh), Dr. Fazlullah Pechuho (Secretary, Education & Literacy Department, Govt. of Sindh), Dr. Kaiser Bengali (Prominent Economist and Advisor to CM Balochistan), Mr Aijaz Ali Khan, (Additional Chief Secretary- Development), Ms Naheed S. Durrani (Managing Director, SEF, Govt. of Sindh), and representatives from Reform Support Unit, World Bank, USAID, Education Fund for

Sindh (EFS). Several students, teachers, and school operators also participated in the event from across Sindh.

SEF presented awards to successful teachers, students and schools who secured distinction in among the SEF-assisted schools across Sindh. Three types of awards were given out in this regard:

- ◆ **Chairman SEF (Chief Minister) Award for Best SEF-assisted School**
- ◆ **Vice Chairman (Senior Minister for Education & Literacy) Award for Outstanding Performance by Students in Assessment, and**
- ◆ **Late Professor Anita Ghulam Ali (S.I.) 'Teachers' Excellence Award'**



# Award for Best SEF-supported School 2014

Tahira Public School (Khairpur) outshined other schools in the assessment results for the year 2014 and secured the "Best School Award". The brilliant students of the school secured a cumulative of 88.7% marks in annual assessment conducted by the Sindh Education Foundation, Govt. of Sindh.

In recognition of his performance, Tahira Public School's operator, Sikandar Ali Keerio, was honoured with an award and cash prize on World Teachers' Day 2015.



## Helping Teachers *Get Ahead*

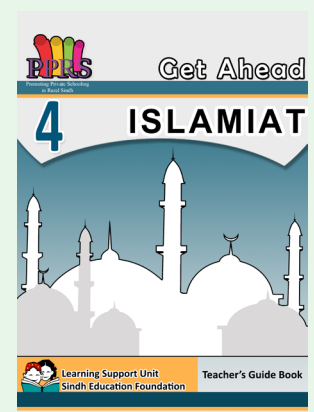
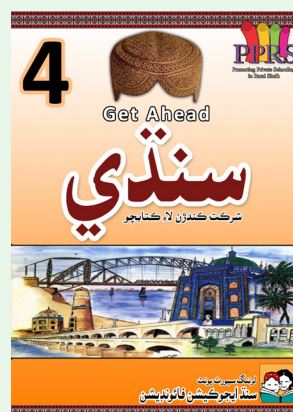
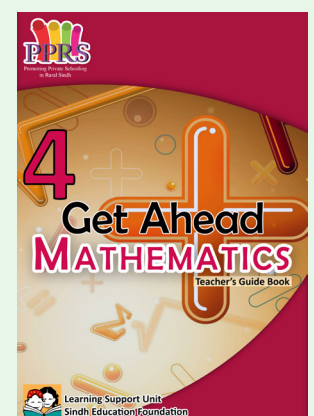
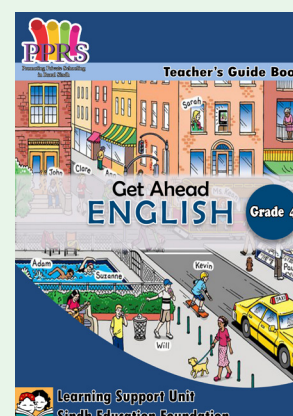
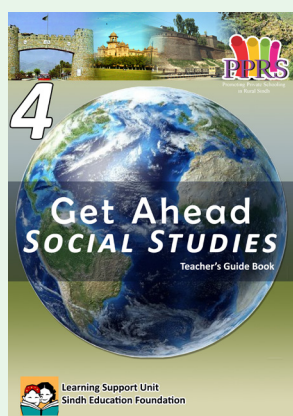
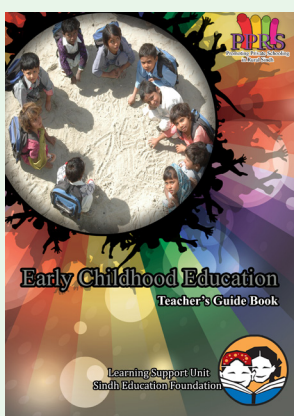
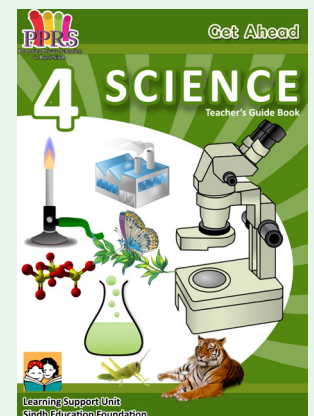
Achievement of yet another milestone: SEF's Learning Support Unit (LSU) has developed a set of 10 teachers' guides to supplement Oxford University Press' Get Ahead Series in practice in PPRS schools.

LSU, an integral unit of SEF, plays a vital role in capacity building of teachers serving in schools supported by the Foundation through different programs. It conducts needs assessment for planning and execution of professional trainings for teachers.

Keeping in line with its function, LSU has successfully completed comprehensive, resource-rich teachers' guides to supplement curriculum adopted in schools supported under the Promoting Private Schooling in Rural Sindh (PPRS). The set of guides include the following titles:

1. English Language Competency
2. Get Ahead: English (Grade I to V)
3. Get Ahead: English (Grade IV)
4. Early Childhood Education
5. Get Ahead: Islamiyat 4
6. Get Ahead: Mathematics (Grade I to V)
7. Get Ahead: Mathematics 4
8. Get Ahead: Science 4
9. Get Ahead: Sindhi 4
10. Get Ahead: Social Studies
11. آسان اردو ۴: کتابچہ برائے اساتذہ

The guides are based on theory and research about how children develop and learn; they contain guidelines aimed at making classrooms child-centred with emphasis on children's learning abilities, acquisition of basic language skills, and participation in meaningful learning experiences.





## Prof. Anita Ghulam Ali (S.I.) (1992-2014)

SEF is a true manifestation of Prof. Anita Ghulam Ali (S.I.)'s dream of making quality education accessible to communities from remote areas of Sindh. She was the founding Managing Director of the Foundation since 1992 till 2013, and responsible for making it an institution of national stature.

Hailing from the educated family of Mirza Qaleech Baig, Prof. Ali began her career in 1961 as a lecturer in Microbiology at the Sindh Muslim Science College, where she taught till 1985. She represented Pakistan at various international forums of education and development.

In 1985, Prof. Ali was appointed as the managing director of the Sindh Teachers' Foundation, a semi-autonomous organisation, to undertake educational initiatives in the disadvantaged areas of the province. Later on in 1992, the Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), Govt. of Sindh emerged as a result of an act passed by the Sindh Assembly and she was selected as its first Managing Director, a position she retained till 2013.

She remained Minister for Education, Govt. of Sindh twice in her life, was a recipient of the Sitara-e-Imtiaz and Benazir Excellence Award as well.



## Ms. Naheed S. Durrani (Since 2015)

Naheed S. Durrani is a senior civil servant of the Government of Pakistan who has remained committed to quality public services throughout her career.

Ms. Durrani has been appointed as Managing Director of the SEF since April 2015. Since then, she has been striving to bring about changes in quality of infrastructure of SEF supported schools as well as in the quality of education by introducing blended learning along the lines of modern standards of education through multiple interventions.

Ms. Durrani received her schooling at St Joseph's Convent School (Karachi) and received a Master's degree in Economics from University of Karachi. She also studied English Literature and History. She successfully passed the competitive examination in 1989 and joined the District Management Group (DMG) of the Civil Services of the Government of Pakistan, now called Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS).

By now, she has put in 28 years of service in multifarious assignments with Federal Government, public sector corporations and mainly with the provincial Government of Sindh. She has served as Secretary Planning, Secretary Education, Secretary Investment in the Government of Sindh.



## Quantitative Data\*

SEF Assisted Schools	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
RBCS	150	346	14,868
ELP	150	450	9,708
IELP	405	2,605	98,913
	705	3,401	123,489

SEF Program	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
PPRS	819	1,824	128,191

SEF Initiatives	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
WLEP	13	13	356
CLEP	1	8	342
	14	21	698

SEF Program	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
AASP	525	3,894	115,713

\* December 2015 updates

## SEF on Social Media



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