Promotion of Quality Education Through Public Private Partnership
Board Members Felicitated

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) arranged a function in honor of its former MDs and Board Members to compliment their services during their attachment with the PEF. The function was largely attended by PEF officials and shields were distributed by the PEF-Chairman among the distinguished guests.

PEF Mourns the Departure of Gp Capt (Retd) Cecil Chaudhry

PEF-Chairman, MD and staff members have consoled the sad demise of Gp Capt (Retd) Cecil Chaudhry. Mr. Chaudhry was the longest serving member of PEF Board of Directors. He played an active role in the formulation of various policies and greatly contributed in providing education to the children of economically deprived communities.
UK's Secretary of State for International Development Mr. Andrew John Bower Mitchell's Visit to EVS Partner School

UK's Secretary of State for International Development, Mr. Andrew John Bower Mitchell, along with a high level delegation comprising of DFID’s Special Representative on Education to Pakistan, Sir Michael Barber and others visited PEF-EVS school in Lahore. On the occasion, Chairman and MD-PEF briefed the British delegation about the impact of Voucher Scheme launched with a view to provide quality education to the poor students in schools of their choice. Mr. Mitchell took a round of the school and put up various questions to the parents, students and teachers about the facility of free education and how it is changing lives of marginalized communities. He appreciated the provision of gratis education to the deserving children and hoped that it will bring positive change in the Pakistani society.

Justice (Retd) Mrs. Nasira Javed Iqbal Visits PEF

Renowned social worker, human rights activist and former judge of the Lahore High Court, Justice (Retd) Mrs. Nasira Javed Iqbal visited PEF head office and met with high officials. On the occasion, she was given detailed briefing about the working of the Punjab Education Foundation and its success in reaching out to the targeted children for providing them free educational facilities through partner schools. She appreciated the good efforts of the PEF and hoped that it would prove a great boon for the poor and the needy. PEF Chairman Raja Anwar presented her commemorative shield and lauded the philanthropic spirit in her personality.
Technical Assistance to Sindh Education Foundation (SEF)

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has achieved many milestones of success in the field of school education by implementing several useful interventions for the benefit of students belonging to poor and needy strata. It may be added here that PEF has been termed as the most successful model of Public Private Partnership in the education sector in South Asia by the World Bank. Besides promoting gratis education, PEF is also providing technical assistance and necessary support to education foundations of other provinces for making this program a success there. In this regard, two delegations of Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) visited PEF head office to study efficacy of its programs. During the visits, they especially appreciated Student Information System (SIS) software designed by the PEF-IT Department to keep electronic record of partner school students. SIS has helped to ensure transparency and efficiency in PEF programs.
PEF Promoting Sports in Partner Schools

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) is promoting sports related activities in partner schools to develop the passions of confidence, courage and sportsman-spirit in the students. Boy and girl students of various partner schools enthusiastically took part in various sports activities and winners were awarded prizes by the schools management.

PEF Committed To Fight Dengue

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has asked its partner schools to remain fully alert and vigilant to counter any possible attack of dengue virus. PEF has also distributed information material besides arranging special briefing sessions to sensitize them about this deadly viral attack. Separate briefing sessions for the students were also held in the schools and they were encouraged to proactively play their role in eradicating the menace of dengue by helping in maintaining a neat & clean atmosphere around them.
Foundation Assisted Schools (FAS) Program

The Foundation Assisted Schools program is the flagship initiative of the PEF which has set many innovative benchmarks of success by effectively giving free education to the needy and deserving children who otherwise cannot go to any school for want of money and resources. FAS has now reached to all the 36 districts of the province and besides provision of free books, the students are also given free education in partner schools under this program. It is satisfying to note that the PEF has successfully demonstrated that better quality education can be provided through Public Private Partnership at much lesser costs as compared to others.

Education Voucher Scheme (EVS)

The Education Voucher Scheme has emerged as the major boon for the children of city slums and peri-urban areas who lack necessary resources and therefore do not go to schools. EVS is especially benefiting the girls by giving them an option to choose schools near to their homes. It is also helpful in eradicating child labor by giving child laborers an option to enjoy free education in schools of their choice.
New School Program (NSP)

New School Program has helped to reduce illiteracy at the grassroots by encouraging the people to set up schools in the areas where literacy rate is low and new schools are not set up due to acute poverty. It is helping in promoting school education in remote hinterlands by motivating the parents to send their children to schools. As many as 40 thousand students in all the 36 districts of the province are getting education under this program. Keeping in view the success of this program, NSP has launched phase 4 of its expansion in which 226 new schools were partnered in 22 different districts. Agreement Signing Ceremony was held at Children’s Library Complex in Lahore which was largely attended by school owners.

Continuous Professional Development Program (CPDP)

The poor educational learning outcomes of students have become a matter of great concern for parents, public and private sector managers of education. The deficient human capital in education sector has a major constraining influence on the quest for achievement of excellence in the field of quality education. Teachers of low-cost private educational institutions have been provided opportunities for their Continuous Professional Development through Cluster Based Trainings aimed at improving the pedagogical skills and secure understanding of the subject matter.

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, vision, wisdom, 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.

Four programs are operational under the umbrella of CPDP:
1. Continuous Teachers Development Program (CTDP)
2. School Leadership Development Program (SLDP)
3. Subject Based Support Program (SBSP)
4. Skills Development Program (SDP)
‘The Economist’ Praises PEF

World renowned weekly ‘The Economist’ has published an exclusive story about Voucher Scheme of PEF. It is pertinent to point out that PEF was exclusively selected by ‘The Economist’ keeping in view its remarkable contribution in providing free education to the poor and the needy children.

A taste of Hunny
A small start on the big problem of illiteracy

THE HUNNY SCHOOL, a private institution occupying two cramped buildings in Rawalpindi’s back streets, seems a happy place. The boys and girls packed into its little classrooms look pleased to be there. Some look much older than their classmates. They have a lot of catching up to do. Many were street children whose parents could not afford to send them to school. A future of illiteracy and perhaps crime and drugs beckoned.

Of the school’s 900 students, over 400 are financed by the Punjab Education Foundation (PEF), a statutory body under the provincial government which in turn receives aid from donors such as Britain. It provides vouchers to pay the fees of approved schools such as Hunny, which range from 200 to 350 rupees a month.

It is an attempt to tackle one of Pakistan’s worst problems: the huge number of children who receive no education at all. One-tenth of the world’s primary-age children who are not in school live in Pakistan—7m of them, thanks to a net enrolment rate (after allowing for dropouts) of just 57%. According to UNICEF, the United Nations' children's agency, 30% of Pakistanis have received less than two years' education. More than half of its women have never attended school. Literacy rates are low by any
standards: 57% overall, and just 33% among women in the countryside.

It has not been plain sailing for Hunny. When it joined the PEF scheme two years ago it suffered an exodus of fee-paying pupils whose parents worried about their children mixing with the wrong sort, and about falling standards (justifiably at first, test results showed). And though it seems a nice place, the headmaster concedes that every single one of his teachers would leave if offered a job in a government school. Pay is better there, and teachers do not always turn up.

Optimistic Pakistanis speak of their country’s “demographic dividend” of a youthful population in which over two-thirds are under 30, nearly a third are under 14 and 25m are of school age (6-16). But it is a dividend only if the economy provides opportunities for a workforce growing at 3% a year, and if children are educated enough to take advantage of them.

IT Strengthening Public Private Partnership

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has launched computerized online payment system for its partner schools in 36 districts. This system will facilitate the partners by ensuring prompt provision of students’ monthly fee to them. Similarly, complete computerized record of all the partner school students through Student Information System (SIS) along-with online mechanism of their daily attendance and teachers’ inventory has also been developed and updated regularly. It has helped in eliminating absenteeism and impersonation in Quality Assurance Tests, as well.
PEF Arranges Trainings For Its Staff

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has arranged different training sessions for its staff to augment their professional skills and potential. MD-PPRA delivered a detailed lecture at PEF head office about nitty-gritty of procurement rules and procedures of the Punjab Government. Another training session was held about life saving skills so that the PEF staff could help in saving precious human lives in time of need.

The training session was jointly conducted by Director Pakistan chapter of Disaster Relief Ireland Dr. Farooq Butt and Master Trainers Dr. Shahzad Ahmad & Dr. Imran Shahzad. Asif Mahmood, Senior Instructor Edhi Ambulance Service Pakistan also spoke on the occasion. Microsoft Office Excel training was also arranged for PEF staff to give them better know how about using Excel program. 3-day training was held at Pakistan Institute of Management (PIM) for PEF employees on the topic of Project Management. Similarly, British Council Pakistan held 6-day training session for FAS partner school teachers. This training was arranged by Continuous Professional Development Program (CPDP) for the capacity building of partner school teachers for improving their teaching skills.

The participants thanked the PEF-HR Department for arranging these sessions and said that such activities boost their work passion.

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) is committed to arrange child-friendly schooling for its partner school students. For this purpose, training sessions have been held in collaboration with Plan Pakistan in which partner schools’ management, teachers and other stakeholders participated. The participants held a detailed view of the schools’ educational atmosphere and presented various proposals to provide congenial and child-friendly environment in the schools so that the students could enjoy learning.

MD-PPRA giving lecture about procurement procedures at PEF Head Office

Disaster Relief by Irish and Pakistanis (DRIP) arranged one-day training on Life Saving Skills for PEF employees
Excel Training for PEF Employees

Training on Corporal Punishment

British Council Arranges Training for FAS partners

3-Day Training on Project Management at PIM
PEF Sets Up Stalls for Public Sensitization

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) set up its stalls at the functions arranged by the Punjab Government on the eve of International Women’s Day and Youth Festival at Al-Hamra Cultural Complex, Qaddafi Stadium. Similarly, PEF stalls were also set up at laptop distribution ceremonies held in various educational institutions in the provincial metropolis. PEF-Communication Department staff distributed information material among the visitors and briefed them about educational endeavors of the Foundation.
PEF- Chairman Unveils Performance

PEF-Chairman Raja Anwar held a detailed briefing session with the media men to apprise them about the performance of Punjab Education Foundation during the present Government. He said that significant expansion has been witnessed in various programs adding that PEF has increased its presence from 19 districts to all the 36 districts of the province and the number of beneficiary students has also risen to 13 lakh. He maintained that PEF is the most efficient organization which has developed a sustained and corruption-free mechanism which is helping to achieve the desired goals.

PEF Welcomes New Entrants

Keeping in view the expansion and increase in the PEF programs in recent years, new staff has been hired to cater to the growing needs. Mr. Muhammad Yousaf, Deputy Director (ADU Department), Mr. Haris Haider Assistant Director (Finance Department), Sheikh Ahmad Saleem, Deputy Director (HR Department), Mr. Muhammad Usman, Assistant Director (Administration Department), Mr. Muhammad Saad Cheema, Deputy Director, Mr. Ijaz Ahmad, Executive Officer, Hafiz Muhammad Hashim Khan, Executive Officer (NSP Department), Mr. Mazhar Abbas, Deputy Director, Mr. Usman Rahim, Executive Officer, Mr. Muhammad Umair, Executive Officer (M&E Department), Mr. Umer Saleem, Executive Officer (EVS Department), Mr. Mazhar Iqbal, Deputy Director, Mr. Muhammad Atif Shareef, Deputy Director, Mr. Mobin Ali, Deputy Director, Mr. Rasheed Ahmad Phularwan, Assistant Director, Mr. Naveed Hussain Khan, Assistant Director, Mr. Ali Aslam Khokhar, Assistant Director, Ms. Faiza, Executive Officer, Ms. Amna Zahid, Executive Officer (FAS Department), Mr. Muhammad Nasir Munir, Deputy Director, Mr. Muhammad Saleem, Deputy Director, Ms. Azia Munir, Executive Officer (CPDP Department), Ms. Humaira Shehzadi, Executive Officer (Regional Office Department), Mr. Uneeb Tariq Janjua and Mr. Muhammad Rashid (Research Analyst) have joined Punjab Education Foundation (PEF). PEF management welcomes the new staff and it is hoped that the new staff will enrich the PEF with its expertise and professionalism.

PEF Training for Subject Specialists

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has arranged two-day training for its subject specialists belonging to 24 different districts of the province at Children’s Library Complex. These subject specialists have been provided to the schools under the ‘Subject Based Support Program’ (SBSP) for improving the standard of education of low-cost schools in the private sector.

The 51 subject specialists teaching the subjects of English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics in the partner schools took part in the training. The inaugural session was addressed by PEF Director CPDP, Ms. Bushra Saeed Khan who briefed the participants about the aims and objectives of the workshop.

Besides her, departmental representatives of different program, delivered lectures on various topics including finance, HR, administration, classroom management and project-based learning so that the subject specialists could better serve the partner schools. The concluding session was presided over by PEF-Chairman Raja Anwar who distributed certificates among the participants. The function was also attended by PEF-DMD Aamir Iftikhar and Director (HRM) Kashif Tariq Chak.
Regional Offices in Focus

Group photo of staff of PEF Regional Office Rawalpindi

Sitting from Left to Right:
Muhammad Qasim Muneer-Deputy Director- Finance,
Zahid Mehmood-Deputy Director, Naveed Abbas-Additional
Director, Tauseef Ahmad-Deputy Director, Urneeb Tanq
Jangma- Research Analyst

Standing from Left to Right:
Muhammad Siddique- Driver, Muhammad Haseeb-Office
Boy, Shahid Mehmood-Executive Officer, Rashid Iqbal
Khalas-Assistant Director, Qandeel Hussain
Qazi-Assistant Director, Muhammad Zubair-Assistant
Director, Ms. Humaira Shad-Executive Officer,
Muhammad Atif-Assistant Director, Muhammad
Khursheed-Office Boy

Rawalpindi: Encouragement of Position Holder Students

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has arranged different activities in collaboration with various corporate entities to encourage the shining students. In this regard, PEF regional office Rawalpindi held various activities in collaboration with Engro Corporation, Mobilink Pakistan and Telenor in which PEF’s position-holder students were given different prizes by the PEF-Chairman Raja Anwar. The jubilant students and their parents thanked the Punjab Education Foundation for this encouragement and vowed to work hard in future. The representatives of corporate bodies lauded the passion of PEF for providing gratis education to impecunious strata and termed it a noble cause of public service.

Mobilink Pakistan’s School Bags for PEF Students

Complimentary Mobile Sets by Telenor Pakistan

Laptops by Engro Corporation for Position Holder Students
Multan: Interaction with the Stakeholders

The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) held meetings in Multan to distribute Library Books among the partner schools. PEF also held District Coordinating Meetings (DCMs) in Multan to review the pace of Public Private Partnership in Multan Region. The meetings were largely attended by partner schools. PEF-Chairman Raja Anwar presided over these meetings and asked the partner schools to work more diligently for the common cause of promoting education in the poor and marginalized communities.

Group photo of staff of PEF Regional Office Multan

Sitting from Left to Right:
Shafqat Mehmmood Khan- Assistant Director, Ghulam Mujtaba- Deputy Director, Muhammad Nasir Akram- Additional Director South, Ch.Muhammad Tahir- Assistant Director, Sohail Abbas Ansari- Assistant Director

Standing from Left to Right:
Nadeem ur Rehman- Office Boy, Muhammad Jawad Ashraf- Assistant Director, Justin Walter- Assistant Director, Rana Muhammad Akmal- Internee, Zahir Iqbal- Driver, Muhammad Jameel- Sanitary Worker