



National Commission for Human Development



AJK
Enrollment Launching
Ceremony
2014-15



Activity Report
Dated:19-04-2013
Venue: Boys Pilot High School No.1, Muzaffarabad AJK

Background

In the wake of the commitment of Pakistan to achieve EFA Goals, the target of achieving 100% enrollment of all school going children is first and foremost in providing sound foundation for achieving EFA goals as under:-

- Expand early childhood care and education
- Provide free and compulsory primary education to all
- Promote learning and life skills for young people and adults
- Increase adult literacy by 50 percent
- Achieve gender parity by 2005 and gender equality by 2015
- Improve the quality of education

NCHD being one of the main stakeholders for accelerating the pace of implementing EFA goals, has always played a major role in extending its fullest support to education department of the provincial governments all over AJ&K.

Objectives

The objectives of celebrating the “Inauguration Ceremony” of Enrollment Campaign is:-

- To spread a loud and clear message to the public as a whole and to all the stakeholders in particular to realize the importance of this activity
- and
- With the purpose to launch a mass campaign across the region, in order to ensure 100% enrollment of all school going age children to the schools

Participants Details

Education	NGO,s	ALC,s learners	Community	Total
65	27	16	230	338

Proceedings of Enrollment Launching Ceremony

The Enrollment Launching Ceremony started with recitation of Holy Quran by **Muhammad Bilal Qureshi** Student of 8th Standard from Boys Pilot High School No.1 Muzaffarabad.

Muhammad Shahzeb Student of 8th Standard from Boys Pilot High School No.1 was called on stage by secretary for presentation of Naat-i-Rasool.

Khawaja Muhammad Asif Senior Teacher Government Boys High Schools No.1 Muzaffarabad performed as Stage Secretary. He started the presentation ceremony with words that it was the prime responsibility of the teachers to educate the new generation who are the future and the builders of nation.

Opening Address by SGM NCHD

Mr. Bilal Bin Habib the Senior General Manager AJK welcomed the Honorable Chief Guest Mr. Mian Abdul Waheed, the Minister for Education (Schools) AJ&K, Education Department Managers and other respected guests. He briefly gave out the background on the purposes and objectives of the Enrollment Campaign. He also briefed the audience on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and that Pakistan was the signatory of the said declaration which was signed in 2002 under the Dakar declaration. The audience was told that NCHD was established to accomplish these assigned goals in Pakistan in 2002, as Pakistan was also among those 100 underdeveloped countries which agreed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. He shared the indicators of UPE Program in Pakistan stating thereby that our basic purpose was to achieve the goal of 100% enrollment of 5 to 7 years children during the enrollment campaign in schools, prevention of drop-out & long absenteeism and to promote the Quality of Education throughout the country but due to some complicated situations we could not achieve the same result which required to be achieved till 2015. He shared the summary of EC-2013-14 again and paid the words of thanks to Mian Abdul Waheed for his keen interest to the promotion of education in AJ&K. He said that due to the efforts of NCHD team now with the grace of Almighty Allah each and every inhabitant of the State of Jammu & Kashmir is aware of the importance and objectives Education for All (EFA) and Universal Primary Education (UPE). He also said that a children attaining the age of 5 years must be enrolled in the school so that their precious learning time could be best utilized so that these children would become a valuable citizen in the future. He drew the attention of the Minister towards the importance of Base Line Survey (BLS) of UPE and importance of allocation of more budget to education sector reforms. He also paid thanks to all those stakeholders who are playing their role for the national cause to educate their children and to convey the same message to others as well.

AsmaAndrabi (Education Officer UNICEF)

She in her speech paid thanks to the Honorable Chief Guest of the ceremony Mr. Mian Abdul Waheed Minister for Education Schools AJ&K, Officers of Education Department and other stakeholders. She admired the struggles of Mian Abdul Waheed for his efforts for the promotion of education especially in the public sector.

Syed Rizwan Ahmed (PCE)

The Enrollment drive Campaign was base on participatory approach and a number of valuable stakeholder's contribution to make it successful to the end. It was the prime responsibility to enroll the out of school children (OSCs)well in time.He said that the major stakeholder like Education Department, Civil Officers,Media,Union Council administrations,PTC Members,Civil society Organization including UNICEF,HDF,School Teachers whose contribution was vital to the success of the activity.

He also said that we could increase our Enrollment through Advocacy meetings, Public awareness,Walks,Broad base community meetings, door to door meetings with community and press briefings with media. He also said that in AJK more than 1 lakh Children are still out of School,

Sheikh Mushtaq (Representative HAMZA Development Foundation)

He in his speech after paying a word of thanks to the Honorable Chief Guest of the ceremony Mr. Mian Abdul Waheed Minister for Education Schools AJ&K, Officers of Education Department and other stakeholders. He highlighted the contributions of Hamza foundation in provision of free books and other assistances to students.

Dr.AbdulMajeedBanday (DEO Muzaffarabad)

He in his speech after paying a word of thanks to the Honorable Chief Guest of the ceremony Mr. Mian Abdul Waheed Minister for Education Schools AJ&K, Officers of Education Department and other stakeholders. He started his speech with the recitation of verse from the Holy Quran highlighting the importance of teacher and education.He said that it was the kick out ceremony of enrollment campaign at District Level and for the purpose to spread the message of "education for all". He said that through education we were able to understand ourselves as well as others. He said that Almighty Allah taught the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to pray that "O Lord increase my knowledge" and being a Muslim it is the biggest massage for us to understand the importance of education. He also recited some other verses from the Holy Quran and said that to learn is the most important duty of a Muslim and it is clear from the Holy Quran that Allah has stressed the man for improvement in the knowledge. He assured that he will make this enrollment campaign a role model throughout the State of Jammu & Kashmir and reporting process will also be done accurately with the technical support of NCHD.

He said that less enrollment in public sector was mainly caused due to the spring vacations. He requested the Honorable Minister of Education that the spring vacations must be ceased in future, because after exams it was the most precious time for education department schools to increase enrollment but due to the vacations parents prefer to enroll their children in private schools.

He requested humbly to spread the message of education through the District as far as possible to make the enrollment campaign a success. As a DEO he committed that he would put-in his hardest efforts for the improvement of education. At the end he thanked all the participants and especially NCHD, UNICEF and HDF for their support and cooperation for thenoble and national cause.

Mrs.Zahoor Naz (DEO Female Muzaffarabad)

She in her speech paid thanks to all the stakeholders and said that she agreed with Dr. Abdul MajeedBanday. With respect to the support of needy students she said that there were so many teachers who provided books to the needy students and above all they also paid fees of the needy students from their salaries.

A national song was also presented by the students of Government Boys High Schools No.1 Muzaffarabad, before the speech of Minister Education.

Enrollment Kick-off activity

Minister Education Mian Abdul Waheedenrolled four OSCs names are as under:-

- SaqibKazmi s/o Qalader Shah
- ZaryabAsif d/o Mohammad Asif
- YasirNazir s/o Nazir Ahmed
- MisbahMaqbool d/o Mohammad Maqbool

Address byMian Abdul Waheed, Minister For Education(Schools)Azad State of Jammu & Kashmir

Mian Abdul Waheedpaid special thanks to all of the executors for arranging such like virtuous ceremony and said that it was an amazing change in the field of education. He said that it's a prime responsibility to aware the community for enrolment of their OSCs. Herequest the entire stakeholders who were sitting there to support NCHD and the ED to achieve MDGs. He said that it was a collective responsibility to enroll 100% OSCs in the State of AJ&K and to support the families who were needy. He added that we must educate our children to create a successful society,he prayed to Almighty Allah to help achieve great task ahead. He said that we should streamline the sustainability in our activities to achieve the required goals in the field of education. He said that our main focus was the child and we should groom him to make him a successful man of the society.

Mian Abdul Waheed reiterated his stance on developing a consensus over law making same as Article 25A of the 18th amendment in the Kashmir Assembly, he assured the audience that he would get the policy on free education approved soon.

He narrated the results of the last year and admired the efforts of private sector in the field of education for producing remarkable students and requested the teachers of public sector to educate the students under their domain because no doubt the teacher was a builder of nation and said that we could produce many more like Dr. Qadeer and Dr. Samar Mubarak in future.

Mr. Saeed Gillani (Headmaster GBHS No.1 Mzd)

He delivered a fanciful speech and said that the teachers from public sector are also hard workers. Although there are some problems in the public sector but we as a teacher also face problems in teaching because the children enrolled in the Government Schools are mostly related from poor families where there the parents are having low literacy or even illiterate. He said that we must admit that children of the wealthy peoples and those cream students who are intelligent prefer private sector and not part of the public sector. He as a teacher of English Language have past 23 years of service in the same school and always produced 100% result and was rewarded the designation of Headmaster for which his devotion to the children of poor people was the basis of his success

Enrollment Walk

The walk started from Pilot High School No.1, Minister Education Mian Abdul Waheed, Dy. Director Mrs. Nasreen Feroz, Dr. Abdul Majeed Banday (DEO), Mrs. Zahoor Naz (DEO), Bilal Bin Habib SGM-AJK, Syed Rizwan Ahmed, Asma Andrabi (UNICEF), Mr. Saeed Gillani (Head Master), Led the Walk from the front. The Walk Passed through the prominent Places & reached the main chowk upper Adda. The participants were carrying multi colored balloons, which were released with a synchronized gesture to commemorate the event. The walk ended at main chowk upper adda and the participants returned to Pilot High School, Muzaffarabad for the refreshment.

At end refreshment was served to all the 338 participants.

Conclusion

The celebration of this event was a foundation stone in generating awareness among all stakeholders about the importance of Out of School Children enrollment with in a desired time frame, in relation with implementation of EFA goals. This event also helped link up all interested parties with each other especially Education Department and the Non-Governmental Organizations of education sector to work jointly for maximizing children's enrollment in the region.

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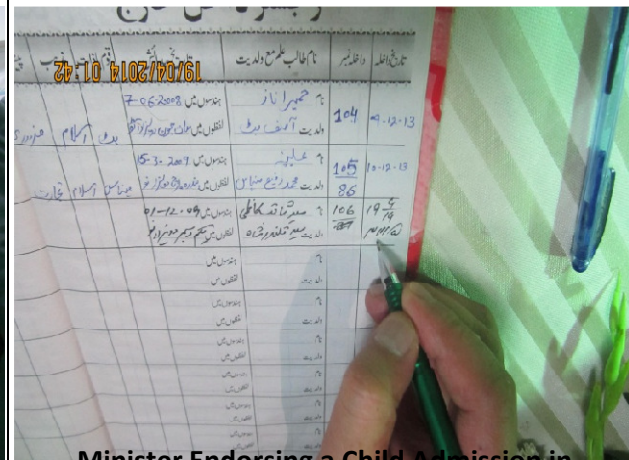
Audience at Inauguration Ceremony



Major Stakeholders



Minister for Education Enrolling a Child



Minister Endorsing a Child Admission in

Enrollment Register



Minister for Education Enrolling another Child



Minister for Education Enrolling Children



Minister for Education AJ&K Addressing the Audience



Audience holding the Balloons



A/SGM AJ&K Addressing the Audience



Miss AsmaAndrabi UNICEF AJ&K Addressing the Audience



Enrollment Walk



Participants of Walk Releasing Balloons in the air

