



“Empowering the vulnerable communities especially women through literacy”

Adult Literacy

As the leading organization for imparting literacy in Pakistan, NCHD provides basic learning skills to the people in the age group of 11-45 either never enrolled or dropped out of school before acquiring literacy skills. We are deeply committed to promoting “Education For All” – especially for the most vulnerable women who are the most difficult to reach.

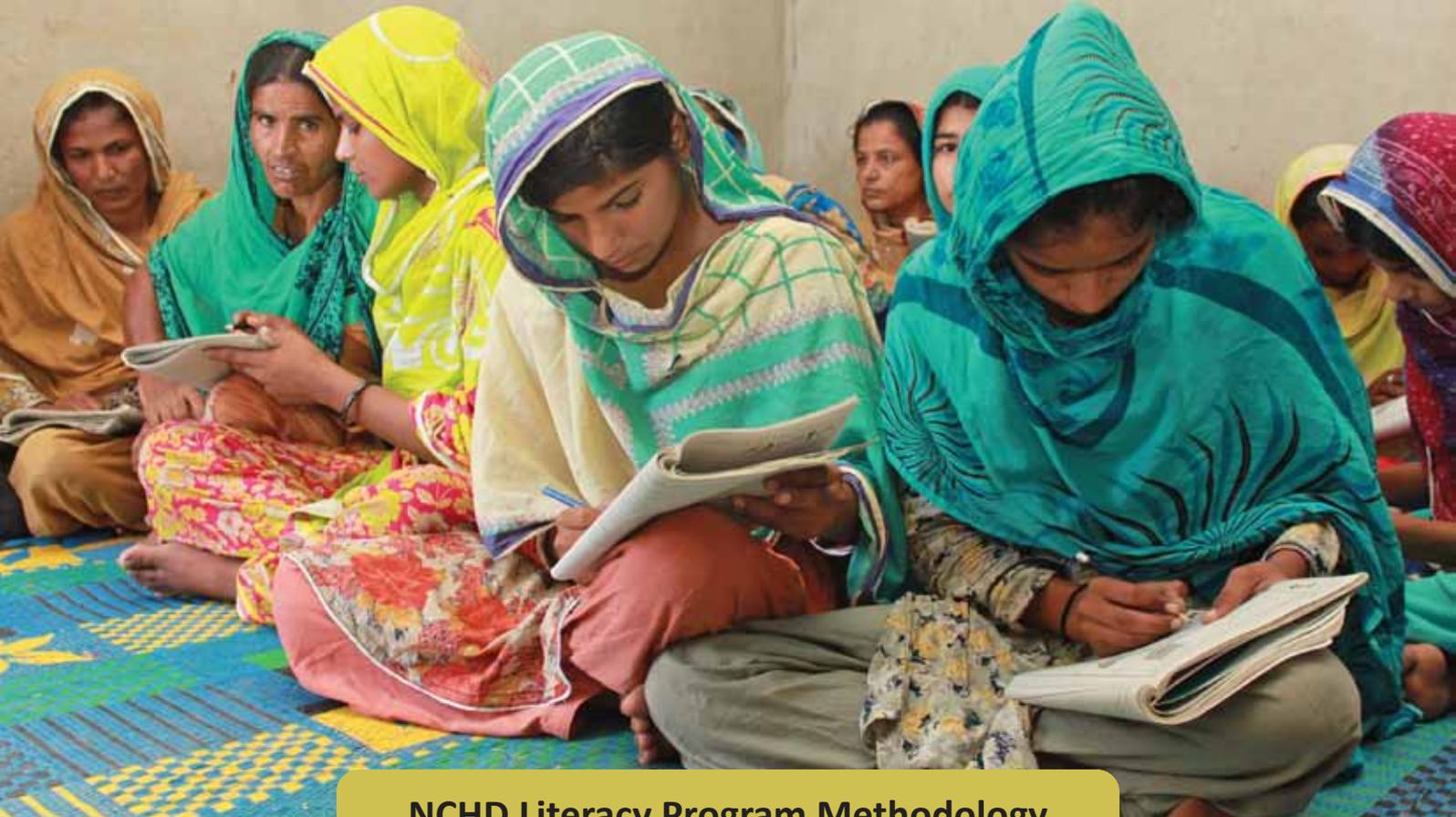
“NCHD believes that every human being has the right to education; hence focus on adult literacy along with basic primary education to fight illiteracy with especial focus on women.”

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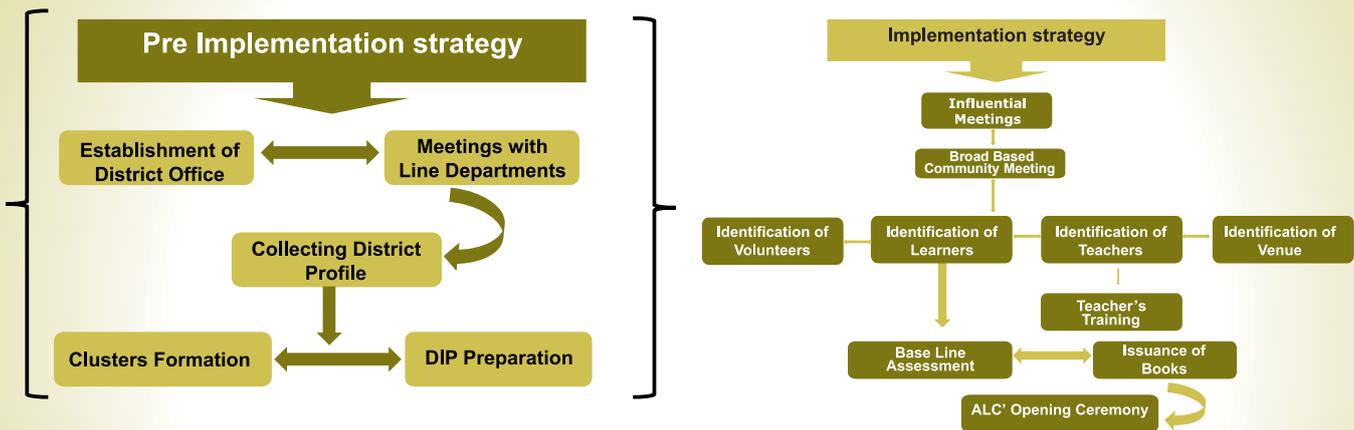
- Literacy is denied to almost one out of every five people, a disproportionate number of whom are women. There are currently 50 million illiterates in Pakistan with 3 million being added every year.
- Recognizing the fact that Adult Literacy is the key to improve standard of living and quality of human resources, NCHD has been implementing the biggest program in the history of Pakistan with the mandate to help Pakistan achieve the Millennium Development Goal target of 86% literacy in minimum possible time.
- The Adult Literacy Program imparts phonetic-based skills for those who have been left out of the mainstream of

education. After the completion of six month course, the learner acquires the ability to read newspapers, write a simple letter and do basic arithmetic.

- In order to ensure retention of acquired skills, NCHD also offers post-literacy program for the neo-literates.
- In this way, NCHD has designed a unique curriculum that is easy, functional and quickly understandable.
- The Program has been carried out in close partnership with the community and Adult Literacy Centers (ALCs) are set up mobilizing the communities to provide space and teachers. NCHD pays the honoraria to the teachers



NCHD Literacy Program Methodology



With the objective to bridge the gap between implementation and strategy, NCHD has established offices in every district known as Human Development Support Units (HDSUs). Acting as incubators, these HDSUs build the capacity and competencies of government line departments and NGOs working at the district level. The district profile is first gathered about the literacy situation in the area. This is achieved through active communication, coordination, monitoring, and knowledge sharing. Then a Detailed Implementation Plan is carried out laying out sequence of future steps, to be taken by whom, when, money/material required, and so on.

Through an organized social mobilization process (comprising of meetings with influential and Broad Based Community Meetings), all the stakeholders of the program are approached identifying the volunteers, learners, teachers, and venue of the literacy center. Before the start of the adult literacy course, NCHD provides teachers with a comprehensive training on teaching skills and management strategies.

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