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“The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step”



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Honorable Minister for Federal Education & Professional Training Visits NCHD - March 12, 2025

The Honorable Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, made an official visit to the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) Head Office to review the organization's initiatives, achievements, and financial requirements.

This visit underscored the government's commitment to supporting NCHD's mission of promoting literacy, addressing the issue of out-of-school children (OOSC), and enhancing human development initiatives nationwide.

During the visit, esteemed Director General NCHD, Mr. Ali Asghar, presented a comprehensive briefing on the Commission's ongoing projects, notable achievements, and future strategies. He highlighted NCHD's pivotal role in the OOSC campaign, emphasizing its efforts in identifying, enrolling, and retaining children in schools, as well as its adult literacy and skill development programs aimed at empowering communities through education and vocational training.



Federal Minister of Education Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddique and Chairman NCHD Mr. Sadiq Iftikhar being briefed by DG NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar on NCHD interventions, HQ Islamabad

Worthy Chairman of NCHD, Mr. Sadiq Iftikhar, was also present during the briefing, reaffirming the Commission's unwavering commitment to addressing the education crisis in Pakistan and ensuring access to quality education for all children, regardless of their socio-economic background.

Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui expressed high appreciation for NCHD's contributions, particularly in tackling the challenge of out-of-school children, and acknowledged the organization's critical role in complementing government efforts to achieve universal primary education. He assured that in the upcoming phase of the national OOSC campaign, NCHD will be assigned a key role on promoting Human Development in the country.



Minister of State for Education Ms. Wajiha Qamar paid Visit to NCHD Head Office

On May 27, 2025, Minister of State for Education, Ms. Wajiha Qamar, paid an official visit to the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) Head Office in Islamabad. She was warmly welcomed by Mr. Ali Asghar, Director General NCHD, and Mr. Habib Ullah Khan, Director Education, along with other departmental directors.

The Director General delivered a detailed presentation on NCHD's ongoing initiatives, highlighting key programs such as: - Out-of-School Children (OOSC) Initiative, BISP-NCHD Collaborative Programs, "Each One Teach One" Literacy



The DG briefed the Minister on NCHD's strategic direction, upcoming plans, and the significant challenges the organization currently addressing.

Ms. Wajiha Qamar commended NCHD's dedication and impactful contributions towards promoting education and fostering community development. She assured the Ministry's full support for NCHD's programs and reaffirmed the government's commitment to enhancing collaborative efforts for national progress.

Chairman NCHD Mr. Sadiq Iftikhar, pledges new Initiatives for Human Development: January 14, 2025

The National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) welcomed its newly appointed Chairman, Mr. Sadiq Iftikhar, in a significant visit to the NCHD headquarters. During his visit, Mr. Iftikhar received a comprehensive briefing on the organization's ongoing projects and recent achievements, highlighting NCHD's commitment to enhancing human and social development indicators across Pakistan.



DG NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar briefing newly appointed Chairman Mr. Sadiq Iftikhar

The Chairman expressed his appreciation for the team's dedication and impressive performance in executing NCHD's programs, which have positively impacted education, healthcare, and community development. Recognizing the challenges in Pakistan's Human Development Index (HDI), Mr. Iftikhar pledged to pursue additional initiatives aimed at improving the country's HDI, with a particular focus on underserved areas.

The visit reaffirmed the organization's commitment to its mission and the Chairman's vision for advancing human development in Pakistan. With a renewed focus on sustainable and impactful initiatives, NCHD is poised to make a meaningful difference in the lives of communities nationwide.

Empowering Rehabilitation through Literacy: January 9, 2025

NCHD inaugurated a literacy center at the Drugs Rehabilitation Center Swabi, marking a significant step towards empowering residents through education. The ceremony was distinguished by the presence of esteemed guests, including Commissioner Mardan Division, Mr. Nisar Khan, and other dignitaries. This initiative aims to foster a brighter future for residents by promoting literacy and education.





UK Delegates Visit to NCHD Head Quarter 10 Feb 2025.

NCHD) hosted a distinguished visit from Dr. Abdul Jabar, Director at the University of Leicester, UK. During his visit, Dr. Jabar engaged in a comprehensive meeting with Mr. Ali Asghar, Director General of NCHD. The discussions centered around fostering a collaborative partnership between the two organizations, focusing on advancing human development initiatives in Pakistan. The partnership is expected to yield various joint initiatives aimed at promoting education and enhancing human development outcomes in Pakistan.



Strategic Partnership between NCHD and Islamic Research Institute: February 10, 2025.

The National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) and the Paigham-e-Pakistan Centre, Islamic Research Institute have formalized a strategic partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This landmark collaboration seeks to advance education, research, and human development through mutually beneficial initiatives.



NCHD & Virtual University inked MoU to Enhance literacy and Digitalization of the Literacy Content:

Islamabad, January 11, 2025 - Virtual University of Pakistan (VUP) and the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) signed MoU in Islamabad, marking a significant step towards advancing educational, social, and economic development in Pakistan, through collaborative efforts.

Representing NCHD, Director General Mr. Ali Asghar, along with senior officials, expressed optimism about the partnership. He highlighted the NCHD's commitment to improving literacy rates and promoting human development across the nation. "This MoU aligns perfectly with our mission to create opportunities for education and skill development, especially in underserved communities," said Mr. Asghar.



Prof. Dr. Arshad Saleem Bhatti, Rector of Virtual University of Pakistan, led the VUP delegation at the signing ceremony. He emphasized the importance of leveraging technology and innovative learning solutions to address literacy and development challenges in Pakistan.

The ceremony concluded with mutual expressions of optimism and commitment to making a lasting impact on Pakistan's socio-economic development. Both institutions pledged to work closely to transform the vision outlined in the MoU into actionable programs that empower individuals and communities across the country.

A one-day training workshop titled “Be a Volunteer and Serve the Humanity”-January 13, 2025,

A workshop was held to highlight the critical role of volunteerism in serving humanity and driving positive change. Distinguished guest speaker Mr. Gulam Behlol emphasized the importance of volunteer activities and the role of educational institutions in nurturing volunteerism. He discussed the significance of emotional intelligence in volunteerism.



DG NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar underscored the importance of volunteerism in addressing the nation's developmental challenges and shared inspiring success stories of volunteers. DG NCHD provided guidance and shared practical tools for becoming impactful volunteers, particularly in the Each One Teach One (EOTO) program.

At the end of the session appreciation certificates were distributed among volunteers, recognizing their efforts and contributions.

Joint Visit of Chairman PHDF & DG NCHD to Community Schools Islamabad, February 02-2025

In a significant move to promote education among underprivileged communities, Dr. Nasim Ashraf, Chairman of the Pakistan Human Development Foundation (PHDF) along with Director General NCHD, Mr. Ali Asghar, visited Community School at Mohala Chigar, Lala G Sarkar at Bari Imam, Islamabad.

Dr. Nasim Ashraf expressed deep admiration for the dedication and hard work of the teachers at the school, acknowledging their crucial role in delivering quality education to children from disadvantaged backgrounds. He applauded the efforts of NCHD in reaching out to marginalized communities and emphasized that education is the foundation for social and economic development.

During the visit, both dignitaries took the opportunity to interact with students and personally assess the quality of education being provided at the school. Dr. Nasim Ashraf and Mr. Ali Asghar engaged with students in reading exercises, Q/A session, and encouraged them to express their thoughts confidently.



The visit concluded with heartfelt words of appreciation from Dr. Nasim Ashraf, who commended the commitment of the school management committee and teacher and emphasized that every child deserves access to quality education, regardless of their socio-economic background.

As a token of encouragement, he distributed gifts among the children; the gesture symbolized his strong belief in nurturing young minds and supporting their educational journey.

This visit served as a reaffirmation of PHDF and NCHD's commitment to ensuring that education reaches every corner of Pakistan, particularly in underprivileged areas. It highlighted the importance of community-driven educational initiatives and the need for continued support from all stakeholders to achieve long-term educational success.



NCHD Strengthens Partnership to Address Out-of-School Children & Illiteracy in KPK - Peshawar : February 19, 2025

National Commission for Human Development (NCHD), held a meeting with the Minister for Education, Mr. Faisal Khan Tarakai, to discuss collaborative initiatives aimed at addressing the issue of out-of-school children in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The meeting was attended by key stakeholders, including Secretary Education Mr. Masood Ahmad, Special Secretary Education Mr. Qaisar Alam, NCHD Director Operations Mr. Anwar Iqbal, and Director Education Mr. Habib Ullah Khan.



Mr. Ali Asghar highlighted NCHD's recent digital survey in Swabi, which successfully identified out-of-school children in the district. Secretary Education Mr. Masood Ahmad expressed interest in expanding this initiative to other districts through a door-to-door survey, with NCHD's support. He further briefed the participants on NCHD's Each One, Teach One initiative, launched under the Prime Minister's Education Emergency, aimed at increasing literacy across the province. Both departments agreed to work jointly to enroll out-of-school children into schools and ensure their access to quality education.



During the visit NCHD Khyber Pakhtunkhwa team, led by Director General Mr. Ali Asghar, visited the UNICEF office in Peshawar to discuss collaborative efforts aimed at addressing the pressing issue of out-of-school children in the province. Both parties expressed a strong commitment to working together to achieve these goals.



In a significant development, NCHD and the University of Abaseen (Peshawar) inked an MoU on the same day. The MoU, signed by Mr. Ali Asghar (DG NCHD) and Dr. Umar Farooq (Vice Chancellor), aims to implement the "Each One Teach One" initiative. This partnership will leverage the strengths of both organizations to promote education and literacy in the region. In another move a signing ceremony was held at Benazir Women University KPK as well.



Strategic Meetings of DG NCHD With Stake Holders In Punjab.

Strategising Prison Literacy initiative with IG Prisons Punjab

A productive meeting with IG Prisons Punjab to discuss the establishment of Adult ALP and Literacy Centers in Jails across Punjab. He highlighted that NCHD has established Literacy Centers within jails across Pakistan promoting inclusive literacy and lifelong learning to incarcerated individuals. These centers are operated in collaboration with Jail Departments and District Administrations, and are facilitated by trained Literacy Teachers provided or supported by NCHD. In Punjab, 35 literacy centers have been established in 21 districts, benefiting 851 inmates with basic literacy and life skills



Collaboration Meeting on improvement of enrollment with UNICEF Punjab

During the visit Director General NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar, visited the UNICEF office in Lahore, Punjab to discuss collaborative efforts aimed at addressing the issue of out-of-school children and others avenues to increase literacy rate. Ms. Rubina Nadeem, Ms. Seher Qazljbash Education specialist from UNICEF were also present in the meeting.

During the meeting with UNICEF's, Mr. Kamran Loan, & DG NCHD agreed to work jointly to enhance literacy rates and improve school enrollment across the province. The enrollment campaign was launched on 27th Feb in Punjab which will continue till the enrollment of 02 Million OOSC.



Signing of MoU between NCHD & University of Lahore

Director General Mr. Ali Asghar, along with provincial team visited the Punjab University of Lahore and held a meeting with the Vice Chancellor Dr. Muhammad Ali Bukhari and his team to explore collaboration opportunities in EOTO. Following the discussions, DG NCHD and VC of the University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly implement the "Each One Teaches One" campaign. To incentivize the students, it was agreed to incorporate this concept in Civic and Community Engagement practices so that sustainable features of this concept may be ensured.



Orientation on the use of the Out of School Children (OOSC) Module of the e-Taleem portal - March 05, 2025

A one day orientation was conducted at the NCHD Head Office Conference Room. The training session was organized by the JICA and Project Coordination Unit (PCU), Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training.

Participants from Basic Education Community Schools (BECS), National Education Foundation (NEF), NCHD Field Officers (FOs), Monitoring Teams, along with Director Education and Director M&E attended the workshop. The PCU team delivered a comprehensive training session to the participants on the functionality and utilization of the e-Taleem Portal.

The Director General of NCHD graced the event as the Chief Guest. In his opening remarks, he highlighted the significance of digital technology in the education sector. He emphasized that integrating digital tools like the e-Taleem portal would enhance the efficiency of educational services, particularly in tracking and addressing out-of-school children. He proposed that the pilot testing of the e-Taleem portal should be initiated in community schools and ALP Centers.

In conclusion, Mr. Tahir Wyne, Deputy Director Education NCHD, expressed his gratitude to all participants for their active participation in the training.



Visit of UNICEF Delegation to NCHD Headquarters for collaboration: 23 April 2025

A delegation from UNICEF visited the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) Headquarters in Islamabad to explore collaborative opportunities aimed at enhancing educational outcomes through Social Behavioral Change (SBC) initiatives.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome extended by the DG NCHD to the UNICEF delegation. Discussion was made with a shared commitment to addressing educational challenges in Pakistan, particularly in Sindh. The agenda focused on leveraging NCHD's extensive experience and achievements in educational interventions, specifically the enrollment of Out-of-School Children (OOSC) and the implementation of the Social Mobilization (SMP).



The Director Education, NCHD, delivered a comprehensive presentation highlighting NCHD's successful initiatives and ongoing efforts. Key topics included:

- **Enrollment of Out-of-School Children:** The Strategies employed by NCHD to identify and enroll OOSC, ensuring inclusive access to education.
- **School Meal Program (SMP):** Details of SMP initiatives aimed at improving Student health and attendance rates in schools.
- **Community Engagemnt:** NCHD's approach to fostering community involvement and support for educational initiatives.



The Director General NCHD extended appreciation to the UNICEF delegation for their interest in collaborating with NCHD. The DG emphasized the importance of partnerships in achieving sustainable educational development goals. UNICEF reaffirmed its commitment to working closely with NCHD to develop tailored SBC interventions that align with local contexts and priorities in Sindh.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with a shared vision of leveraging collaborative efforts to enhance educational access, quality, and community engagement in Sindh. The commitment of both NCHD and UNICEF to working together reflects their dedication to improving the educational landscape and fostering sustainable development in Pakistan.

NCHD Operational Review Meeting- April, 2025

In the first week of every month NCHD holds operational review meeting through zoom, with the purpose to review the progress of the program activities, updates, and achievements, and the ratio of tasks successfully completed. For the month of April the meeting was convened by DG NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar and attended by respective provincial heads and HODs/Directors of Programs at head office.



DG NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar presiding over the progress review meeting of NCHD Programs at Head office Islamabad

The key agenda points were NCHD Interventions like expansion of EOTO across the country through Universities, progress of EOTO in provinces through Volunteers, ALP Primary and Middle Tech program, Literacy in Jails through its integrated Basic Literacy Program and skill development, Coordination Meetings held with different organizations and donors for technical backstopping and introducing best practices for (Enrollment, retention and reducing the drop out of the students), provision of Health facilities to the communities, enrollment through Waseel e Taleem Program (WeT) Project and National Socio Economic Registry (NSER BISP) project.



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All the heads share the progress of their respective province and program; projects in pipeline were also discussed in detail to gauge the status and its impact in the near future.

Expansion of Each One Teach One (EOTO) Initiative of NCHD Across the Country

After the successful piloting of Each One Teach One (EOTO) initiative in 185 institutes of the Federal Directorate of Education, under the leadership of Director General NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar, it has been expanded nationwide to include universities. The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has issued directives to all universities to incorporate EOTO as a regular feature of their Bachelor's programs, with Master's students required to participate as part of their degree requirements.



NCHD has signed MOUs with 56 universities, including Iqra University, Riphah University, and Rawalpindi Women University, to implement the EOTO initiative. To date, 7 universities in Rawalpindi-Islamabad and 16 universities in Punjab, 16 in Sindh, 6 in Balochistan, 2 in GB 9 universities in KPK had signed MOUs respectively.

Riphah University and Rawalpindi Women University have completed the first phase of the initiative, literacy around 400 adults through BS students. Orientation sessions have been conducted for 163 focal persons and faculty members in Punjab.

Under EOTO Initiative, volunteers are contributing to the noble cause in eradicating illiteracy from the country a total number of 7,789 illiterates are benefiting through inclusion of volunteerism in EOTO Initiative.



UNIVERSITIES Engaged in EOTO Initiative

Balochistan

Bolan University of Medical and Health Science, Quetta
 Mir Chakar Khan Rind University, Sibi
 Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Science (BUIITEMS), Quetta
 Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Science (LUAWMS), Uthal, District Lasbela
 University of Balochistan, Quetta
 University of Turbat, Kech

Gilgit Baltistan

Karakoram International University Gilgit
 University of Baltistan Skardu

Islamabad

Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad
 RIPHAH International University Islamabad
 The Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi
 The Rawalpindi Women University, Rawalpindi
 Virtual University Islamabad
 IQRA University Islamabad
 Kohsar University, Murree

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar
 Sarhad University of Science & Technology, Peshawar
 Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal- Upper Dir
 University of Buner
 Hazara University, Mansehra
 ABASYN University, Peshawar
 University of Peshawar
 Women University Mardan
 University of Chitral

Punjab

RIPHAH International University, Lahore
 The University of the Lahore
 The Islamia University, Bahawalpur
 Govt. Degree College Block 17
 University of Layyah
 The University of Sahiwal
 NFC Institute of Engineering & Technology, Multan
 The Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur
 National Fertilizer Corporation Institute of Engineering and Technology Faisalabad
 Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology, Rahim Yar Khan
 The University of the Punjab, Lahore
 THAL University of Bhakkar
 The Ghazi University, DG Khan
 Superior University, Faisalabad
 The University of Okara
 The University of Sargodha

Sindh

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 MBBS Campus Uni Of Sindh, Dadu
 Begum Nusrat Bhutto Women University, Sukkur
 The Sheikh Ayaz University Shikarpur
 IBA University, Mirpurkhas
 Sindh Agriculture university UK Campus, Khairpur
 Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University of Technology & Skill Development, Khairpur
 Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Shaheed Zulfqar Ali Bhutto (MUET-SZAB) Campus Khairpur
 Quaid-e-Awam University of Engineering, Science & Technology, Nawashah
 University of Larkana
 Green Wich University, Karachi
 Mehran University of Engineering Jamshoro
 Shaheed Banazir Bhutto University, Shaheed Benazir Abad
 Sindh University Laar Campus Badin
 Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur



Launch of NCHD & KS Relief Initiative in AJK for construction of Community Schools.

A meeting was held at Office of Secretary Home -AJ& K on 6th of May, 2025. The worthy DG NCHD briefed him about NCHD interventions in the field of Literacy & Non-formal Basic Education and linkages with different organizations, departments, and donors for coordinate efforts. His special focus was on the construction of 30 community schools in AJK under KS Relief Initiative.

Mr. Tahir Mumtaz Secretary Home appreciated the NCHD program and assure his support in promoting human development index in AJ& K by NCHD



Visit of DG NCHD to Provincial Office AJK & Community School Lone Muhallah, Chikar Hattian Bala



NCHD and King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KS Relief) have launched a landmark initiative to construct 300 with bifurcation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 60, Punjab 60, Balochistan 60, Sindh 60, Azad Jammu & Kashmir 30 and Gilgit Baltistan 30, to facilitate students in remote areas and studying in one room school located in Masjid/teacher house/community place.

This project aims to promote universal access to quality education by providing safe, child-friendly learning environments. Each school will be equipped with essential facilities, including classrooms, clean drinking water, and solar-powered energy solutions, to support enrollment, retention, and academic success of children.

The project execution started from AJK, where 30 school locations were identified, verified by the Director Education Habibullah Khan and his team, are handed over to the contractor by NCHD.

Operational Review Meeting with AJK team:

Honorable Director General NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar paid a visit to the provincial Office- AJ&K, Deputy Director Operations-AJ& K along with team warmly received him. Mr. Imran Ali Bukhari Deputy Director Operation-AJ& K provided a comprehensive overview of the previous accomplishments, current progress, ongoing activities, and future plans for each program i.e. Literacy, UPE, VCD, and ALP Project. The meeting was marked by a high level of interaction, with the honorable DG offering valuable guidance on planning and implementation. DG directed the staff to actively participate in district-level events, emphasizing the importance of their involvement in promoting NCHD's initiatives.

“We are thankful to Minister for Fisheries AJK Mr. Javed Ayub for the provision of 3 shelters to Community Schools, & donation of 100,000 for CS Jaglari Bagh by an influential”

Provision of Health Facilities by NCHD through Joint Ventures across the Country

NCHD in collaboration with Customs Health Care Society (CHCS) organized free medical camps at 3 locations in rural areas of Islamabad. These camps aim to provide basic healthcare services, raise awareness about hygiene, and identify common health concerns among the local population focused on improving health and hygiene standards, particularly through health screenings conducted in community schools.



The camps were administered by a dedicated team of medical professionals and Paramedics including: Dr. Asif Jah (Senior Physician), Dr. Arifa (Eye Specialists), Dr. Atiya, (Dentist), Dr. Nawaz (General Physician) and Dr. Jamil (General Physician).

The camp catered to a large number of individuals, including students, teachers, local women, and elderly citizens. In total over 1500 patients were provided with free medical checkups, consultations and basic treatment.

In AJK, NCHD successfully conducted three free eye camps providing essential eye care services to the local community. 2,000 patients received comprehensive eye examinations, 268 patients underwent successful eye surgeries, 787 eyeglasses and 134 prescription glasses were distributed free of cost to those in need.

In Sindh, NCHD in collaboration with different stakeholders organized 12 medical camps including vaccination and eye camps providing health facilities to 3,100 patients.



Distribution of Mosquito Nets to 70 Families in TMK Sindh

Free Medical Camp organized at Kohistan- KPK

In KPK 16 free medical camps were organized in the districts of Peshawar, Swabi, Kohistan, Chitral, Mardan, Kohat, Haripur, Mansehra, Tank, Lower Dir, and Abbottabad, benefiting 1,812 patients. Medicines worth approximately Rs. 1,128,850 were distributed free of cost to those in need.

These camps reflect NCHD's integrated approach to human development by combining health outreach with social support, targeting marginalized populations, and reducing health disparities across the province.

“A clap for Health Associations for their commendable collaboration in providing essential medical facilities through free medical camps to the underserved segments of our society which depicts their profound commitment to social responsibility.”



Key Highlights

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- 1- Access to Education:** 19,655 students enrolled across ICT (6,263 in 587 schools), AJK (8,765 in 197 schools), and GB (4,627 in 108 schools).
- 2- Transition to Formal Education:** 585 students from community schools enrolled in FDE schools.
- 3- ALP Middle Tech Program:** 1,764 students successfully completed their 1st semester exams in 100 ALP Middle Tech Centers.
- 4- Provided trainings to 970 teachers of NFE to empower them across the country through different capacity building packages.**
- 5- EOTO Initiative of Literacy:** 2,200 individuals acquired literacy skills through the EOTO initiative, in Pilot Phase of EOTO.
- 6- Expansion of EOTO;** across the country through 56 universities and volunteers. 7,789 illiterates enrolled in the EOTO initiative
- 7- Prisoner Literacy Program:** 1,834 inmates enrolled in literacy programs across 48 prisons.
- 8- Healthcare Services:** 5,831 patients benefited from 32 medical camps organized in collaboration with health associations.
- 9- Tree Plantation Campaign:** NCHD planted more than 37,200 trees in this year.



Each One Teach One Initiative - EOTO
Empowering people across Pakistan through Literacy

Each One Teach One Initiative is a community-based literacy program that aims to provide basic literacy skills to illiterate individuals across Pakistan. The program is implemented through a network of volunteers and community centers.

EOTO Initiative - Salient Features

1. Literacy Skills: Basic reading and writing skills.
2. Life Skills: Practical skills for daily life.
3. Digital Skills: Basic computer and mobile phone usage.
4. Financial Literacy: Understanding of money and banking.
5. Health and Family Planning: Awareness of health and family planning.

How it Works:

Each One Teach One Initiative is implemented through a network of volunteers and community centers. The program is designed to be flexible and adaptable to the needs of the community.

Let's join hands to Literate Pakistan

NATIONAL LITERACY DRIVE 2025

EACH ONE TEACHES ONE (EOTO)

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Empowerment of Non formal Education Teachers through extensive Capacity Building Program

The Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFE&PT) launched Capacity Building Program of Trainers and Teachers of Non-Formal Education on July 8, 2025 in the Auditorium of VC Secretariat, Allama Iqbal Open University - AIOU, Islamabad. The event was graced by Mr. Nadeem Mehboob, Secretary MoFE&PT, as the Chief Guest. The ceremony was also attended by the heads of key organizations engaged in non-formal education, including; Mr. Ali Asghar, Director General-NCHD, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mehmood, Vice Chancellor AIOU, Mr. Shahid Saroya, Director General PIE, Mr. Hameed Niazi, Director General- BECS, Ms. Shehnaaz Sheikh, Director General NEF.

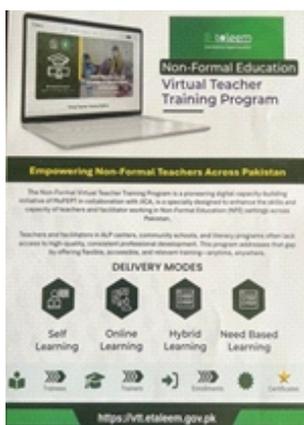
The program aims to enhance the professional competencies of educators, thereby contributing to the goal of inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all, in line with national priorities and global commitments under SDG 4.



In his keynote address, the DG NCHD emphasized the critical role of non-formal education in addressing the educational needs of out-of-school children and advancing the agenda of lifelong learning. He underlined the vital contribution of teachers and trainers in delivering quality education to marginalized segments of society.

Mr. Ali Asghar also highlighted that this initiative marked the first-ever TOT program for non-formal education conducted in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), directly benefiting around 1,600 non-formal education teachers. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to enhancing the professional capacity of educators to ensure inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all.

The ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates among the TOT participants by the Chief Guest. The Certificates Distribution Ceremony was held on July 12, 2025, and was graced by Mr. Ali Asghar, Director General NCHD, as the Chief Guest.



Fostering Educational Partnerships: University of Baltistan Skardu

The Director General of the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD), Mr. Ali Asghar, undertook a pivotal visit to the University of Baltistan, Skardu, on July 15, 2025, underscoring NCHD's commitment to collaborative educational advancement. The visit focused on engaging academic institutions in the Prime Minister's "Each One Teach One" (EOTO) initiative, aimed at enhancing literacy and educational outreach in underserved communities.

During the meeting with university faculty, Mr. Asghar extended an invitation to participate in the EOTO program, highlighting its transformative potential. The proposal was met with enthusiasm, with faculty members expressing commitment to collaborate with NCHD towards shared objectives.

Subsequently, the DG visited the NCHD District Office in Skardu, where he received a detailed briefing on local programs and initiatives from Mr. Iqbal Shigri. Appreciating the district team's dedication to literacy and skill development, Mr. Asghar directed further strengthening of partnerships with Local Support Organizations (LSOs) to amplify community impact.



This visit exemplifies NCHD's strategic approach to forging academic and grassroots alliances in pursuit of inclusive education across Pakistan.

Collaboration meeting between NCHD & Agha Khan University - Gilgit July 16, 2025.

Worthy DG National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) Visited Agha Khan University - Professional development Center North Gilgit, Dr. Moladad Shifa Head AKU-PDCN warmly well come DG NCHD and a comprehensive presentation was delivered, highlighting the various programs run by AKU-PDCN and its future initiatives aimed at improving education and human development in Gilgit-Baltistan.

DG NCHD appreciated the impactful work being carried out by PDCN in the region. He expressed his admiration for the dedication and progress made, particularly in the field of education. The meeting concluded on a highly positive note, with both parties agreeing to explore avenues for mutual partnership to further strengthen efforts in Gilgit-Baltistan.

This collaboration marks a significant step toward empowering communities through education and sustainable development.

Strengthening Literacy Partnerships: NCHD and Karakoram International University Collaboration- Hunza

NCHD has forged a significant partnership with Karakoram International University (KIU) to combat illiteracy in Pakistan. On July 17, 2025, Director General of NCHD, Mr. Ali Asghar, visited the KIU Campus in Hunza, where he was warmly received by Dr. Rehmat Karim, Director of the KIU Campus.



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During the visit, Dr. Karim expressed commitment to collaborate with NCHD on the "Each One Teach One" initiative, aiming to enhance literacy rates through mutual cooperation as outlined in their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Mr. Asghar was invited to address a training session organized by the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) for KIU students, where he delivered a lecture on Pakistan's Human Development Indicators (HDIs).

Highlighting NCHD's past contributions and future strategies to improve HDIs, Mr. Asghar emphasized the importance of inter-organizational collaboration to address literacy challenges. Participants and organizers appreciated his insights, underscoring the value of NCHD's efforts in promoting literacy and human development.

Director General visits to Karakorum Area Development Organization HUNAR KHUN Hunza

Worthy Director General NCHD paid a visit to KADO Hunar Khun. Mr. Abbas Khan CEO KADO gave a detailed briefing on the contribution of KADO for differently Aabled Persons in particular and for entire communities GB in General.

DG NCHD shared the programs of NCHD with special Reference to PM's Roshan Pakistan Literacy Drive EOTO. CEO KADO requested DG NCHD to run a special program on Digital Literacy for Artisans of KADO. The meeting concluded with resolve to work in collaboration on common objectives with ultimate aim to Improve Human Development Indicator.

Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Lauds NCHD's Efforts; Assures Full Support for Education Initiatives -Gilgit:

A productive meeting with the Honorable Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan was held on 19 July, during which he presented a comprehensive briefing on the various ongoing programs and initiatives of NCHD in the region.

The Chief Minister highly appreciated the impactful work being carried out by NCHD, especially acknowledging the significance of the “Each One Teach One” (EOTO) initiative. He assured full cooperation from the government to further strengthen educational development in the province.

Highlighting the disparities in education, the Chief Minister pointed out that Tangir remains one of the most underdeveloped areas in terms of education in Gilgit-Baltistan. He emphasized the urgent need for focused efforts in that region. In response,



DG NCHD directed the Provincial Office to collaborate with the Education Department and submit a detailed proposal aimed at addressing the educational challenges of Tangir.

DG NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for his continued support and commitment to improving education in the region.

NCHD Lead Agency for Literacy embarked International Literacy Day 2025 across the country

NCHD celebrated International Literacy Day 2025 on 8th September at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) in collaboration with JICA and AIU, under the theme “Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era.” The event was graced by Minister of State Ms. Wajeeha Qamar as the Chief Guest, alongside Secretary Education Mr. Nadeem Mehboob, DG NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar, DG PIE Dr. Shahid Soroya, VC AIU Dr. Nasir Mehmood, representatives from UNESCO and MoFE&PT, as well as teachers, experts, and participants from various walks of life.

The VC AIU lauded NCHD's efforts in promoting literacy and urged that the organization be further strengthened and financially supported to augment its initiatives.



During the event, Secretary Education Mr. Nadeem Mehboob announced the establishment of a Non-Formal Education Coordination Cell to further strengthen national efforts in promoting literacy.

In concluding remarks, the Chief Guest Ms. Wajeeha Qamar reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting NFE, highlighting the importance of both institutional strengthening and the EOTO initiative to accelerate literacy growth.



NCHD being the Lead Agency in Literacy in the country embarked the day across the country. Seminars, rallies and events were held at provincial, district and local level by NCHD staff, students and teachers with a commitment to eradicate literacy in Pakistan.

The occasion also featured the launch of the Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) mechanism for Non-Formal Education (NFE). In his address, DG NCHD shared major interventions and achievements including Community Schools, Accelerated Learning Programs, and the Each One Teach One (EOTO) initiative.

Under the leadership of DG NCHD coordination is in progress with all the universities across the country, letters has been issued to 150 Universities for expansion of EOTO.



NCHD Organizes Seminar on Ashra Rehmat-ul-Lil Alameen (PBUH) 12 September; Islamabad

NCHD in collaboration with the Ministry of Health Sciences, Pakistan Alternate Energy Association, and Dopasi Foundation, organized a seminar in connection with Ashra Rehmat-ul-Lil Alameen (PBUH) at Margalla Marquee, Tarnol.

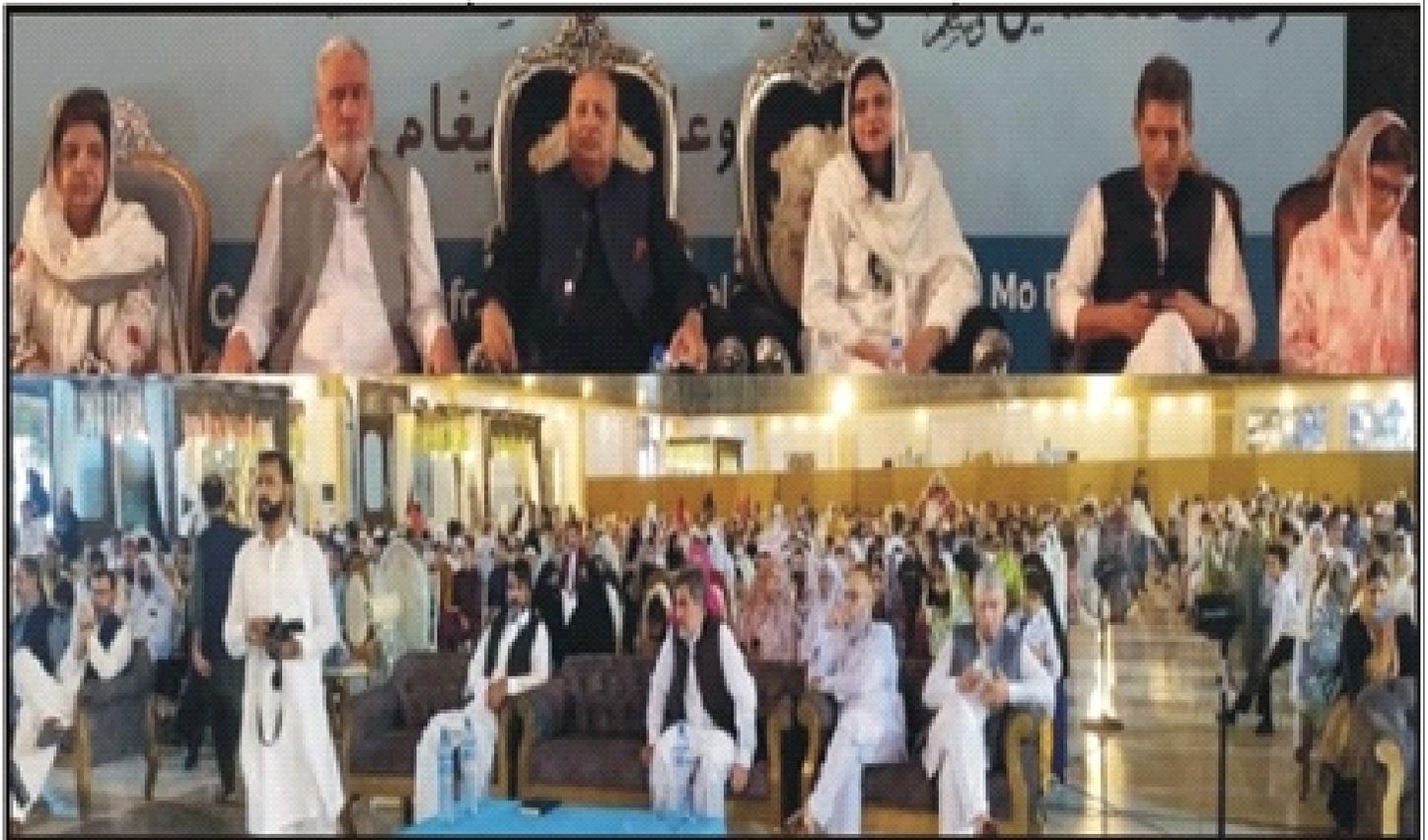
The event was graced by Mr. Sadiq Iftikhar Chairman NCHD, as Chief Guest. Distinguished participants included Mr. Ali Asghar, Director General NCHD, Mr. Nasiruddin Mashhood, former DG NCHD, Mr. Muhammad Farooq Khan, Senior Advisor Pakistan Alternate Energy Association, Dr. Khurram, Technical Director FDI, Dr. Farhaj, Dopasi Foundation, and Dr. Huma Khawar, Strategic Advisor FDI. NCHD Directors, officers, community school teachers, and a large number of students also attended, making the event vibrant and engaging.

In his address, Chairman NCHD, Mr. Sadiq Iftikhar, highlighted that the life and teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) are a guiding light for humanity. He emphasized the need to embody the Prophet's (PBUH) example in daily life to build a just, compassionate, and progressive society. He further underlined the responsibility of individuals in protecting the environment and promoting healthy living, noting that these values are deeply rooted in Islamic teachings.



Director General NCHD, Mr. Ali Asghar, in his keynote speech, shared the organization's vision, objectives, and future roadmap. He highlighted NCHD's initiatives for out-of-school children through the establishment of community schools across the country. Addressing the children, he shared encouraging news that all students in community schools have now been provided uniforms, while the next phase will ensure stationery and essential learning materials. He also announced the nationwide launch of the Each One Teach One (EOTO) program, designed to expand literacy and education opportunities for marginalized communities.

A key highlight of the program was the enthusiastic participation of community school children, who presented Na'ats, speeches, tableaus, and poetry on Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH). The seminar concluded with a reaffirmation of NCHD's commitment to advancing education, human development, and the values of compassion and service embodied in the teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)





Tree Planation Campaign Clean & Green Pakistan

Tree plantation is a regular feature of Volunteerism department of NCHD; the purpose is to promote environmental sustainability, climate awareness, and student engagement building a greener, healthier future for Pakistan. This campaign is launched every year across the country in moon soon season. Trees are planted by the registered volunteers, teachers, parents of students, community mobilizers and NCHD staff in their respective vicinity districts. This year NCHD planted more than 37,200 trees in all the provinces.



Weather-related disasters have become frequent, intense, and unpredictable leading to the destruction of lives, vital infrastructures, homes, and businesses, making climate change threatening and catastrophic. This initiative also supports protection of the environment responding to various Climatic Emergencies.

To steer Pakistan toward inclusive and resilient climate development, this initiative supports in environmental sustainability at the national, provincial, and local levels by moving forward with its one of the main thematic areas.

Collaboration between NCHD & Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology Sindh (SSUET) on Each One Teach One Initiative -29th Sep, 2025

NCHD and Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology (SSUET), Karachi signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the Each One Teach One (EOTO) program to strengthen literacy initiatives.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Asghar Ali, Director General NCHD, and Commodore (R) Syed Sarfraz Ali, Registrar SSUET, in the presence of Dr. Muhammad Afzal Haque, Vice Chancellor SSUET.



During the ceremony, NCHD officials Mr. Hamza Khan Lashari (Director Operations Sindh), Ms. Syeda Alishba Fatima (AD), Mr. Asif Ali (AD Literacy), Ms. Afshan Naz (AD VCD), and Mr. Faizan Khan Daniyal (AD) highlighted the execution plan, literacy methodologies, and the future scope of the program.

Both institutions agreed to mobilize student volunteers, establish a joint coordination committee, and ensure regular monitoring and reporting to achieve the shared goal of promoting literacy and community development.

Meeting of DG NCHD with Secretary School Education & Literacy Department, Sindh 29th Sep, 2025

A significant meeting took place between DG NCHD Mr. Ali Asghar and the Secretary School Education & Literacy Department (SELD) Sindh, Mr. Zahid Abbasi aimed at bolstering educational collaboration and development in the province.

DG NCHD discussed plans for the construction of 60 Community Feeder Schools under the King Salman Foundation were discussed, focusing on expanding access to quality education. Strategies for strengthening coordination between NCHD and SELD were explored to ensure seamless implementation of educational initiatives and Potential strategies for leveraging NCHD's human resources to further uplift education in Sindh were deliberated upon.



This meeting underscores the commitment of both organizations to work collaboratively towards enhancing educational outcomes in Sindh. By synergizing efforts, NCHD and SELD aim to address key challenges and promote sustainable development in the education sector.

Meeting with Secretary Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Human Resource Research and Development Board- BBSHRRDB, Government of Sindh: 29th Sep, 2025

NCHD held a meeting with to the Secretary Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Human Resource Research and Development Board (BBSHRRDB) Mr. Munawar Ali Mithiani to discuss NCHD's proposal across 17 districts of Sindh. Shield and Ajrak was presented to honorable DG NCHD by Secretary BBSHRRDB, Sindh.



The proposal focuses on integrating literacy skills with vocational training centers, with a special emphasis on women's empowerment. Key proposed trades included sewing, stitching, and beautician training. The discussion highlighted the importance of strengthening coordination between NCHD and BBSHRRDB, as well as strategically utilizing NCHD's human resources to ensure effective implementation and maximize impact across the province.



Enhancement of Literacy across the country through EOTO initiative



Special Literacy initiative in KPK



Provision of Free Primary Education by NCHD



Celebration of Independence day across the country in community feeder Schools



Signing of MOUs with Universities for EOTO Initiatives



Orientation of Focal Persons & Students on EOTO Initiative across the country in Colleges & Universities

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NCHD sets up literacy centers at central jail

taught to the prisoners. At the end of course certificates would be distributed to the successful candidates.

Under the Adult Education Program, prisoners aged between 18 and years were benefiting that they could prove to be useful citizens of the society after their release from prison. Along with education, the prisoners would also be made skilled so they could prove to be useful citizens of the social and the country after their release.

The NCHD Sargodha was playing every possible role in providing basic education, improving the literacy rate, eradicating ignorance and achieving the set national development goals. That society could move on the path of development in a positive way, he added.

The NCHD Deputy Director said the program had been launched for a period of five months in District Central Jail Sargodha, in which one mathematics and three Urdu books were being

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