# **SCSPEB** Islamabad Chapter Launching Ceremony

The Society for Community Support for Primary Education, Balochistan (SCSPEB) a Balochistan based organization incepted in the year 1992, with the mission to work as a service providing organization, creating partnership between Government and communities in all social sectors for a sustainable development in Balochistan and creating relationship between donors, supporting agencies and the government. It was registered on 22nd March 1993 under Societies Act 1860.

The organization particularly strives for human development and capacity building especially promotion of female education in the rural communities deprived of access to schooling. Thus the beneficiaries of the efforts of SCSPEB range from parents to communities and Local-Government to Provincial Education Department. It endeavors empower and capacitate the local communities identify their problems and to resolve them at local level. The canvas of work of SCSPEB is the entire province of Balochistan and has so far worked in every nook and corner. It has supported the government in its efforts to promote quality education remove disparities and ensure sustenance of interventions through good governance.

The SCSPEB has specific mission & vision and is marching forward for the holistic development of the province through its efforts. In pursuance of its mission the SCSPEB conceived and implemented a number of projects and cherished reputation nationally and internationally. The most important model it introduced for promotion of girls' education in the rural areas was Community Support Process which had been appreciated across the south Asia. The year 2010 marks the 17th anniversary of the SCSPEB establishment and now SCSPEB on this occasion, launched its Islamabad chapter ceremony

on 22nd March, 2010 at Serena Hotel Islamabad.

- The objectives of the ceremony were to:
- Launch SCSPEB Islamabad Chapter and to held 17th anniversary of SCSPEB
- Sharing history of its efforts, models and achievements in promotion of education in Balochistan.
- Sharing information of Balochistan on education and community participation scenario and role of donors, I-NGOs and Civil Society Organizations in the province.

The ceremony was attended by large number of donors and representatives of developmental sector. They visited stalls and observed all the efforts made by the SCSPEB. The president of the organization welcomed the visitors & gave a presentation on the achievements of the SCSPEB. She emphasized that the society had supported the government in promotion of education, efforts particularly female education in the rural areas of the province & thanked their efforts the enrolment of girl's students has enhanced by 200 percent. The introduction of the community support program & involving the committees in the management of their schools has helped in improvement in the enrolment, reduction of dropout & increase in completion at primary level. The president told that UN had acknowledged the services of the organization & presented it the UN award.

### Stalls Presentation of the Projects.

The SCSPEB displayed various models of which demonstrated effectiveness and success. These projects were presented on the stalls through activity photographs, charts, statistical schedules towards educational progress in Balochistan, training modules and broachers, as well as exhibition also included the material Provided in schools for improving the teaching and learning process.



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# SCSPEB Update



# **Contribution of Donors**

SCSPEB organized & applaud the donors and partner organizations, which collaboration & financial support caused accomplishing SCSPEB projects & models during the whole period. SCSPEB always acknowledge the supportive role of precious donors and partner organizations, at the time of 17th Anniversary all the Donor and partner organizations were nominated to reward recognition shields for their supportive role. The shields were presented to the organizational representatives. All the shields were delivered by respected SCSPEB board members. At the 17th anniversary, like:

### USAID 1992-93 and 2003-2014

During 1992/93 facilitated the spade work to evolve Community Participation Process in Education sector, for piloting of ECE model in 100 schools of Balochistan through AKF-P, introduction of concept of PTSMCs, Training of 6000 primary school teachers, Literacy program facilitating 35000 learners, capacity building of 2000 Elementary and Secondary schools Teachers under ED-Links project, improvement of learning environment in 11 districts focusing 284 schools,

### World Bank 1993-1999 and 2006-2011

Contribution towards access by Establishing 720 girls Community Support Schools establishment of 650 schools through BESP across the province, Testing of Fellowship school model and replication, Employment of around 2500 teachers out of which 80% are female teachers, Enrollment contributed in increase of female enrolment by 151%, Formation of 5000 PTSMC in Balochistan.

### Embassy of Kingdom of Netherlands 1996-2011 -

Contributed in enhancing access for female students through establishment of 480 girls Community Support Schools, introduced cluster based Teachers Training program, Employed around 450 female teachers, supported in increasing enrollment by 151%, Support extended for ECE project through AKF-P for opening of 100 ECE classes in Public Schools, Support extended to improve enrollments in 340 schools in 3 districts through SC-UK.

### Australian Agency for International Development 1999-2004

It contributed in the optimum utilization of existing schools by Increasing the Participation of Girls in 528 schools of 4 districts, Strengthening of PTSMCs, Provision of School and Learning Material, provision of Water & sanitation facilities, introduction of 2nd shift schooling in overcrowded schools of rural areas in focused districts, Teachers training of focused school teachers, resulting in enrolment of 19000 girls schools of 4 focused districts.

### Canadian International Development Agency 1996 and 2008-2009

Supported in construction of 10 Fellowship school buildings in rural areas, Rehabilitation of 40 schools, capacity building of 100 Teachers, strengthening of 40 PTSMCs, Training of District Government: Officials on their Roles & Responsibilities, provision of learning material to focused school.

### UNICEF 1993-2010

Contributed towards access by Establishing 200 girls schools under Community Support process, Optimum utilization of 526 schools in 4 districts, Employment of around 500 female teachers, supported in increasing enrollment 151%, Provided WES facilities in focused schools, launching of Focus District Project to Improve District Governance in Kalat District, Establishing of more 40 CGMS by replication of CGMS Model, Expansion of ECE in 300 schools.

### UNESCO 2002-2005 and 2010

Supported in achieving EFA goal of increasing enrollment and strengthening PTSMC in Mastung Tehsil, by focusing 200 existing schools, Development of Provincial and 4 model District EFA Plans, Initiating support to Develop Provincial and District Plans for ECE.

### UNDP 1998-2002

Contributed in Balochistan Trial District Management Project (BTDMP) in Loralai district for improvement of Good Governance at District level by creating linkage between the Village and District; authorities for planning and management of services.

### Trust for Voluntary Organization 1993-1996

Contributed in enhancing access by Establishing 60 girls Community Support Schools in Zhob Division of Balochistan, Employment of around 60 female teachers, Enrollment increase contributed in enhancing enrollment by 151%.

### Developments in Literacy 2003-2010

Supported in testing the Model of Community Girls Middle Schools (CGMS) in 3 districts, Established 10 CGMS in 3 districts, cost effective and efficient Model developed, 3 schools upgraded to high level, 5 cohorts of middle and 3 cohorts of secondary classes completed their education, More than 1500 Girls graduated and 450 are currently enrolled.

Asian Development Bank 1996-1998

Contributed in the establishment of 256 Community Model Schools.

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#### UNHCR 2002-2010

Supporting, Afghan Refugees Education Project (AREP) since 2002, Community Development in Refugee Communities during 2008-09, Under RAHA (Refugee Affected Hosting Areas) during 2009 focused 50 schools in Pishin and Quetta District for rehabilitation and provision of Learning materials.

Academy of Educational Development 1993-2002

Technical Assistance to BPEP during (1993-1999), introduced and supported EQUIP during 1996-2002 and Fellowship schools during 1994 to 1998.

### Aga Khan Foundation Pakistan 2003-2011

Piloting of ECE in Balochistan with initial funding of USAID (2003-2006) and later continue with the funding of EKN (2006-11), ECE testing in 100 Government schools; 90 girls and 10 boys in 7 districts of Balochistan, Support in Adult Literacy through 30 Learning Centers.

American Institute of Research 2007-2012

Lead Partner in Ed-Links funded by USAID. The Ed-Links is an innovative project to build the capacity of Elementary and



secondary School teachers and improve the learning environment in 284 schools of 11 districts with more than 1500 teachers of 3 subjects (English, Science and Maths), Primary Schools teachers training in 5 districts under ESRA program.

#### Tethyan Copper Company 2009-2010

Adult literacy project in Dalbadin District initially started with 4 centers and 100 learners.

### Save the Children - US 2007

Rehabilitation of 832 flood effective schools in Kharan and Bolan districts and provision of Learning material,

### Save the Children - UK 2010-2014

New project under EKN funding in 3 districts focusing 105 ECE classes in primary schools, 200 schools rehabilitation program, 25 primary school upgraded to middle level and 10 middle schools upgraded to high level



The Honorable President SCSPEB Board of directors Dr. Ruqaiya Hashmi addressed the donors and participants of the ceremony. Her address is reproduced as under:

### Ladies and Gentlemen

### Asalam-O-Alaikum,

It is my privilege, this evening, to welcome you to the occasion of launching the Islamabad Chapter of Society for Community Support for Primary Education, Balochistan and its 17th anniversary. Balochistan which constitutes 45% of geographic physique of Pakistan is sparsely

# Address by the Honorable President of SCSPEB

populated a land where distances are measured in hours and days rather than miles and kilometers. Balochistan was a gateway of knowledge for South-East Asia. Arabic, Persian, Medicine and Religious knowledge emerged from Afghanistan and Balochistan and flourished in the rest of the Sub-continent. But when modern secular education dawned Balochistan remained alien to it. This education reached Balochistan only in the second quarter of 20th century and with a very slow pace because education was not considered the need and right of the people but requirement of the Government which needed clerks for its offices. The provincial government made all out efforts for the promotion of education but the system was slow and arrogant, that it banked on myth like, the parents do not want to send their children particularly daughters to schools, the tribal Sardars are blocking the way of education.

In this scenario a small group of educated persons felt it their responsibility to come forth and join hands with the government to break the myth and pave way for education particularly female education in the rural Balochistan. They formed into an organization called "Society for Community Support for Primary Education, Balochistan". This organization came into existence in the year 1992 and was registered under Societies Act 1860 on 22nd March 1993.

Though 17 years are not a very long time in the life of an organization but the journey the SCSPEB has covered was full of stumbling blocks. However it has survived and survived with honor and dignity. Thus we are today celebrating 17th year of success. The SCSPEB has come of age today.

The mission of the SCSPEB is "To create partnerships between government and communities, in all social sectors, for a sustainable development of the province of Balochistan". The SCSPEB has followed its mission and goal regularly. It has very successfully created a trust in the government circle that the communities are open for education and they can manage their schools successfully. The SCSPEB has built capacity of the communities to plan, manage and reap

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Fruits of it. The SCSPEB is treated a standard runner in the development of Parent Teacher School Management Committees established in 5000 schools of Balochistan. These committees minimized the burden of the government. The SCSPEB has helped increase the girl's enrollment by 160% in the rural Balochistan which is a record in the subcontinent. This has happened mainly due to motivation and mobilization of the communities and building a bridge between the government and the communities. The whole process is known as Community Support Process and has been replicated in many countries. The UN has recognized this effort of the SCSPEB through UN Award in 2001. We are proud to say that the SCSPEB is the first organization in Pakistan who has been awarded with such award.

The SCSPEB introduces innovative yet viable and efficient models to demonstrate how cost on education can be minimized. Home School and Fellowship School Models are the best examples.

We have also introduced an economical but outcome oriented community middle school model for rural girls with the financial support of Development in Literacy. This model has been picked up by the UNICEF and is replicating in 40 girls primary schools in 8 districts of Balochistan. I will not miss to inform this august forum that we have introduced Early Childhood Education in 100 government schools of 7 districts in Balochistan with financial support of Royal Netherlands Embassy through Aga Khan Foundation. The UNICEF has also adopted this model and is introducing it in 300 schools of 8 districts. Save the Children UK is initiating similar intervention in 105 schools. The SCSPEB is a partner in this effort. ED-LINKs a USAID sponsored project is helping the government of Balochistan in quality improvement endeavors; SCSPEB is a partner in this consortium. In short the SCSPEB is putting its mind and heart in the promotion of education in Balochistan. It has now a vast experience in this sub sector and thanks God the organization has gained confidence of the donors and the government through its hard work particularly in addressing the educational problems of vulnerable class. We thought we should be physically closer to the supporting hands and organizations in Islamabad. Therefore we are today launching Islamabad Chapter. We hope that we will be welcomed by the partners in development.

On this occasion we have to remember the founder members of this organization Mrs. Hassan Baloch, Dr. Bill Danie, Dr. Qurat-ul-ain Bakhtiari, Ms. Bilqees Jaffri, Ms. Uzma Anzar who worked day and night to lay the foundation of SCSPEB. Later on we had to help of Mr. Kamal Hassan Siddiquie, Sardar Raza Mohammad Bareach, Dr. Fazal Ahmed and how can we forget Mr. Irfan Ahmed Awan. Our present MD, who has been with us for 17 years and has grown along with SCSPEB.

At the end I would like to congratulate my team for their hard work and dedication in organizing this ceremony. I on behalf of SCSPEB Board Members and the organization are grateful to all of you that you have all graced the occasion with your presence.

I pray for my organization to continue with good piece of work and look forward to have support from all you.

Thank you very much.



# Comments by the participants

### Dr. Ruquiya Hashmi (President SCSPEB-Board)

SCSPEB has been registered with the great support of Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain, Mr. Sajjad and Mrs. Hassan Baloch in 1993, at the 17th anniversary, I am really thank full to the staff of SCSPEB and appreciate their dedications towards educational progress of the province. And I also request to donors to support Society to reach on an international level.



#### Ms. Uzma Altaf (MER AKF-P): Balachistan is f

Balochistan is facing the deprived situation of education, and in this critical situation it is a good effort to address their problems and issues, it's a good platform; because education has the key role for development and every one should help to address these problems and issues.





## Dr. Fazal

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### (Vice President SCSPEB-Board)

An organization with the passage of time gets its value and the SCSPEB has a great contribution in education development and I am looking through pictorial presentation that society has created much awareness in the community regarding address the gender disparity, which Government would not.



### Mr. Qadeer Baig (Country Representative WPF)

Society has been working in far flung areas of Balochistan, it is the organization which proved it self and now it opened its Islamabad chapter. Last time when I visited Society I was pleased that they have their own building which is really necessary for any organization to sustain their value.

We will do every thing for the society which we can.



Mr. John Raleigh (COP ED-Links): I appreciate that you have invented such a broad range of projects.



### Mr. Kamal Hassan Siddiqui (Secretary Finance SCSPEB-Board)

This anniversary has been is conducted to share the journey of SCSPEB's achievements since 1993 with the donors and partner organizations and remember their efforts for the change and achievement of SCSPEB goals.

Still there is a lot of efforts required in future, and through this platform we will tell them that what we can do in future for education sector.



### Mr. Younas Khalid (Aurat Foundation):

Society is for the society, it is a happy movement that up to 17th anniversary it has achieved a mile stone for the human development through education. Society has groomed a lot of human resource; it's a nursery of human resource for the other organizations. I wish all the best future





### Mrs. Azmat Hassan Baloch (Member SCSPEB Board)

I am very happy that Society plant has been grown up to tree, the credit goes to all board members and the whole team.



### Sardar Raza Muhammad Barrech (General Secretary SCSPEB-Board)

There is a lot of space to do in an education sector, we have to reassess the education requirements and I think we have to invest more and more in education and I also recommend Pakistan government to invest more in education sector, I also appreciate the efforts of the Society in education development.

### Mr. Rashid Masood (Finance Manager ED-Links)

I didn't know about the society before coming to this event, it is my first impression, all the presentations are very great, society is performing a great job for the community promotion of Balochistan, all the stalls presentations are very great, I appreciate its efforts.







### Mr. Fiaz Shah (Education Specialist-UNICEF)

In my opinion Society is the only organization which works for education, and I hope, in future it will remain focus on education sector.



# Mr. Muhammad Ali (Ex-Employe SCSPEB)

I pray to God that he gives more success to SCSPEB in Islamabad also and gave you more funds to grow.



# Ms. Yvone Bogaarts (Head of Advocacy WPF)

There is a lot of views about the empowerment of children and I think SCSPEB models are a proof that children can grow, read and write in an appropriate way.



### Mr. Juma Khan

Society has done a wonderful job, now every organization prefers to work with Society. It's a specialized agency in Balochistan for educational development.



### Dr. Sahfeeq Ahmed (Registrar Quaid-e-Azam University) First of all I congratulate Society on

First of all I congratulate Society on its 17th anniversary; it has great contributions towards education sector development in Balochistan but the target is still ahead, it has to work hard to achieve the target.



### Mr. Ijlal Hussain (ED-Links, DCOP)

Congratulations SCSPEB team for a well organized launching & recognition ceremony. My best wishes for the SCSPEB's success in Islamabad and across Pakistan.

### Mr. Hamza Abbasi (Program Officer IRR-Concern Worldwide)

I am very impressed with Society's work in remote areas of Balochistan to improve/ increase literacy level. Education is the only way to address poverty trap and I wish "good luck" for Society future.



### Mr. Saqib Aziz

(IT Manager Concern Worldwide)

The program was very well arranged and well organized. The work on primary education is really remarkable & appreciable. If the program could be arranged at day timing, more gentry would be participated

On behalf of the concern, you are more than welcome for any kind of support required in Islamabad.

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