



Dated: 27th August, 2011

NOTE FOR SENIOR MINISTER EDUCATION SINDH

Subject: **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held between Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh and Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA)**

Government of Sindh, Education & Literacy Department, is working for the enhancement of quality of teachers and education in Sindh. In this regards, Government of Sindh appreciates the efforts made by Non Government Organizations (NGOs) and private sector for their assistance and collaboration in achieving the goals in education sector in the province.

2. ITA is a national NGO specializing in education as a sector wide program from ECE to university level established in 2000. It is tax exempt and certified by the Pakistan Center for Philanthropy (PCP). It specializes in many programs and advocacy work in education.

3. A meeting between Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh and Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA) held on 11th August, 2011 in committee room of Reform Support Unit to discuss the ways of collaboration and assistance of ITA with ELD, Government of Sindh.

4. The Secretary Education & Literacy Department Sindh discussed and reviewed the draft minutes of the mentioned meeting. (Annexure-A)

5. The reviewed draft is hereby placed for the approval of Senior Minister Education & Literacy Sindh, please.

6. Senior Minister Education & Literacy Sindh is requested to approve the draft minutes attached at Annexure-A.

RAISA ADIL
DPM TED

7- CHIEF PROGRAM MANAGER, RSU

8- SECRETARY EDUCATION SINDH

The minutes may pl be
perused and approval may
be given for implementing
various proposed actions in
minutes

H. S.
27/8/11

Senior Minister Education Approved As

Proposed. However I may be
briefed about it before
implementing it.

J. H. [unclear]
5/19/11

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Minutes of the Meeting Held Between Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi & Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh

Date: 11th August 2011

Venue:RSU, E&LD, GoS

Participants:

Mr. Siddique Memon, Secretary Education, GoS
Ms. Raisa Adil, DPM, RSU
Ms. Ratan Salem, Regional Manager ITA, Sindh
Ms. Furat Ovais, Academic Adviser & Trainer, ITA
Ms. Marya Parveen, Project Coordinator, ITA

Agenda of the Meeting:

- Introduce the Secretary to the scope of work of Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi
- To give an overview of the programs and projects being conducted by ITA all over the Sindh region
- Request for support from Education & Literacy Department, GoS and Responsibilities of ITA
- To update Secretary Education about the PELI alumni 2011 and request to meet the alumni

Points Discussed in the Meeting:

Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA) Public Trust (hereinafter referred to as "ITA") is a certified tax exempted organization under the PCP certification program striving to promote quality education in Pakistan. The current work and partnerships extend across Sindh, Balochistan, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan, FATA and Azad Jammu & Kashmir. ITA has worked at the policy level in national and provincial working groups on education reforms; it has a track record and relevant experience in the field of sector wide approaches to improving the standard and spread of Education through public private partnerships **completely aligned to provincial education sector plans and priorities therein.** ITA's critical partner for action is the public sector at all levels, the education foundations, civil society organizations, at local, national and international levels, district governments, provincial/federal governments, private corporate sector, philanthropists, expatriate Pakistanis and donors alike. ITA works through its partner organizations; the Institute for Professional Learning (IPL) and the South Asia Forum for Education Development (SAFED) in the areas of capacity building, school audits, research advocacy and policy influence. **ITA's Head Office is located at 26-B, Sarwar Road Lahore Cantt and a regional sub-office at St. 38, House No. 11, F-6/1 Islamabad.**

ITA's vision is:

“TO PROMOTE EDUCATION AS COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS FOR HUMAN AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION”

ITA and the (E&LD- GoS) have agreed to achieve all key common initiatives related to promoting the goals of Quality Education For All (with Focus on Gender) in Sindh and Pakistan (Education Surveys/learning assessments(all levels), Teacher Education, ECE, Health Action Schools, ECE etc.). The initiatives will be supported by different development partners, universities, philanthropists and corporate /private sector.

THEREFORE in consideration of the aforementioned premise and of the mutual covenants ITA and the (E&LD- GoS) have agreed to collaborate for joint implementation of the activities, at the provincial, district, taluka , UC and village level , as planned collaboratively by both parties

In pursuance thereof, the ITA and E&LD-GoS resolve to set up a joint consultation mechanism concurrently at the provincial and district levels to further enhance cooperation and collaboration.

Duration of the Agreement: This will commence from August 16, 2011, to August 16, 2016 subject to annual reviews and performance. However the collaboration can be ended by the Department after giving reasonable notice.

Locations: Each district specific locations of implementation (Schools/SITES) of will be attached to these minutes as an addendum with all schools identified with EMIS codes (Various Districts listed etc.)

Core areas of collaboration are:

- a) Service delivery for improvement in access, quality through whole school improvement and equity focused catch up programs through non-formal education addressing girls and other disadvantaged groups – ECE to High School; Teacher Education, school hygiene campaigns; and where possible technical vocational Education; enrichment programs: summer schools/health/reading clubs; remedial programs; IT clubs; ECE/ECD programs education in emergencies etc.
- a) Infrastructure support through public private partnerships as formalized under the PPP strategy of the (E&LD- GoSindh) and/or through the Planning & Development Department.
- b) Capacity Building : Teacher/head teachers, parents teachers SMC (PTSMC) **Training through cluster based, district, provincial, national and international trainings;** District Managers training
- c) Planning & Policy Advocacy: Assessment of learning levels; School development and district education plans; Advocacy on special days and evidence based policy influence.

Principles of Collaboration:

- Where possible, ITA will always engage with the Department of Education for Public Private Partnership legal initiatives under formal arrangements.
- Always seek to mainstream innovations within the Sector Reform Program aligning to common targets, outcomes and budgets
- Align all materials and planning documents to the sector plans, financial systems
- Scale up the program to reach to maximum number of schools for system wide impact
- Use facilities optimally for lifelong learning
- Be transparent and accountable for work undertaken with results based focus
- Share all research findings, tools, learning resources and policy/notifications for easy access to knowledge driven actions and improvements

