

Initiative of ECE “Learning through Play” by ITA in collaboration with Surf Excel Unilever-Pakistan

IDara-e-Taleem-o-Agahi (ITA) successfully conducted a 2-days training workshop on 10-11 November, 09 in 3 tehsils of district Multan for the teachers who are dealing with early learners in government and non government schools. This training was one of CSR initiatives undertaken by Surf Excel (UNILEVER-PAKISTAN) in collaboration with Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi in which the teachers from both streams government and non government participated with the percentage of 70:30 percent (70% teachers from government schools and 30% teachers from private schools).

This training workshop was designed focusing on the National Curriculum for Early



Childhood Education 2007. This curriculum is an excellent initiative of Ministry of Education (MOE) Government of Pakistan which gives effective guidelines to teach small children, defines key learning areas and its competencies need to be developed among them at this initial stage of their schooling.

This training was an initiative to promote the concept of safe play and experiential learning “**Dirt is Good**” at the level of ECE which was undertaken by ITA in collaboration with Surf Excel UNILEVER under CSR. ITA launched major

initiatives for Early Childhood Education (ECE) in support of the campaign *Dirt is Good* . *and Har bachay ko HAQ hay Khailnay Ka!* from September-October 2008 to November 2009.

These initiatives include

- ◆ Reprinting & dissemination of 2500 copies of the National Curriculum on ECE 2007 with permission of the Ministry of Education (Curriculum Wing) for all government schools in the City District Government Lahore, Multan, Rawalpindi and about 500 private schools of same districts.
- ◆ Guidelines on the National Curriculum ECE 2007 have been developed by ITA in English and Urdu which have been peer reviewed and printed
- ◆ A taleemi basta “**Aao Mil Kar Seakhien**” has been produced for ECE 2007 along with the guidelines for teachers to encourage interactive learning in the classrooms
- ◆ 200 teachers were trained 120 government and 40 private schools to know the details of the ECE National Curriculum 2007, use of guidelines and the ECE Taleemi Kit.
- ◆ ECE learning kit “Aao Mil Kar Seakhien” , National Curriculum of ECE and Training Manual were provided to 150 schools to promote interactive learning



Closing Ceremony of Trainings:

At the end of trainings, participants were awarded by certificates. EDO edu.Multan Mr.Afzal Javed Chaudhry shared his views that “**It is our mutual responsibility to provide the children with better education**” during his address with the participants, he said “we should come together to conduct such type of trainings for teachers so that their performance may be enhanced and they can deliver education in an effective manner and students can get quality education”. Mr. Chaudhry said, that “the Government is striving to improve the educational structure from the foundation years of a child so that positive education experiences are ensured right at the beginning. Emphasis is also being given on

teachers' performance, in cooperation with private institutions like ITA which are working in close partnership with the government. .

By giving more attention to katchi/nursery classes we can get better results.

(District Manager ITA Multan)

On this occasion, the District Manager ITA in Multan Rashid Aziz said, ITA has targeted the same ECE training sessions for the private schools as well so that the performance of the teachers in private schools can be enhanced. This was an important training towards EFA goals. He said, that ITA provided training to 200 teachers from the nursery classes of 150 schools in 3 Tehsils of District Multan & provided primary teaching kit, National Curriculum in Urdu and training manuals, with the help of which teachers will be able to provide appropriate early years education which is completely child centered. The teachers were told that in collaboration with Directorate of Staff development (DSD), follow-up visits will be conducted so that the impact of this training can be seen and teachers can be facilitated for applying the techniques as provided in this training in their classrooms. The participants said that they learnt a lot from this training and they are committed to implement the same approaches in their schools as well with the little children and were confident that the results would be very positive, making them happy as beginning learners.

At the end of the trainings, participants thanked ITA & Unilever-Pakistan for providing this productive opportunity to learn and implement in their schools. All of them were very happy to receive ECE learning kit "Aao Mil Kar Seakhien" for their schools.



List of Materials provided to each school:

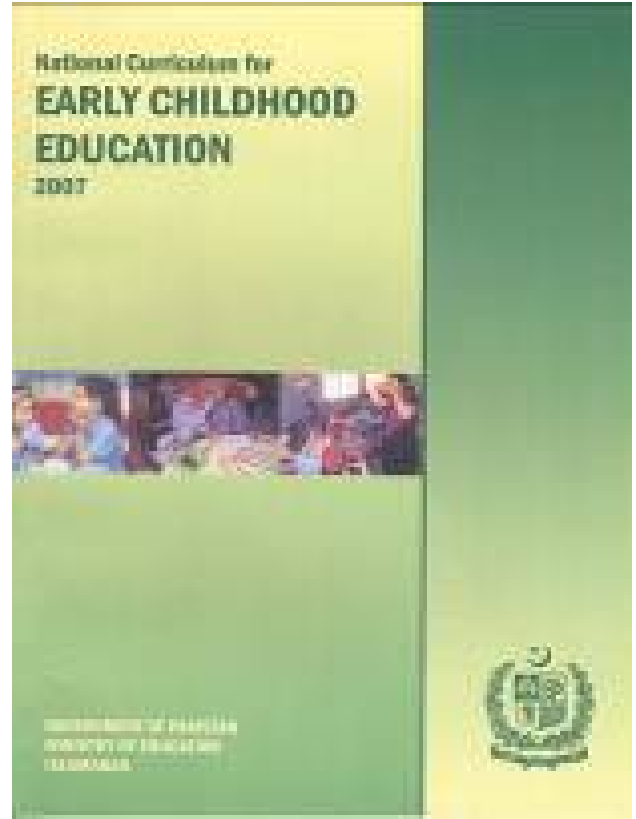
- 1) ECE Learning Kit
“Aao Mil Kar Seakhien”



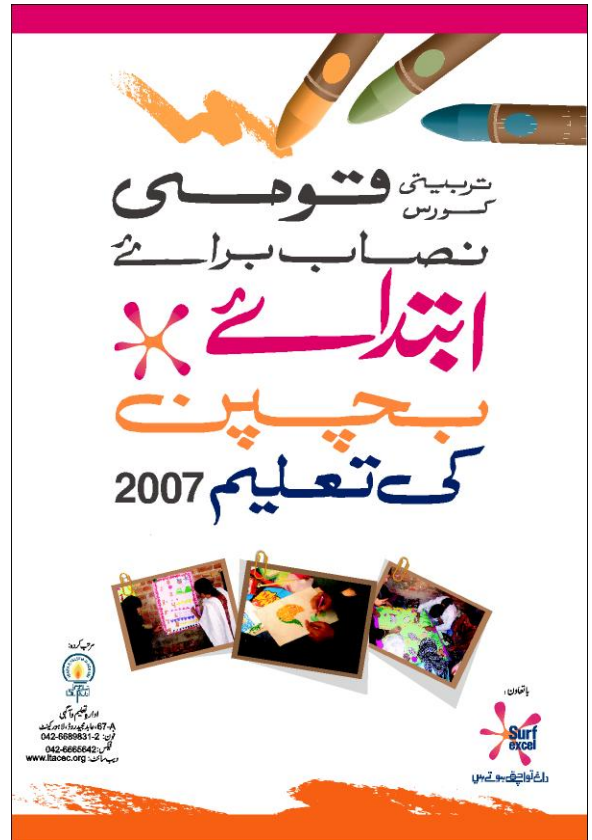
- 2) Guidelines for using ECE learning kit



3) National Curriculum for ECE



4) Training Manual on ECE



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