



Pakistan Alliance for Girls Education & Federal Directorate of Education Partnership Report 2021 – Promoting Girls' Education in ICT

Introduction:

Pakistan Alliance for Girls Education - PAGE is a not-for profit organization dedicated to empowering every Pakistani girl to dream big and aspire for a secure future. It aims to create a society where girls are free to have access to quality education and play a leading role in social transformation. By forging dynamic partnerships with institutions and community-based organizations, PAGE strives to facilitate girls overcome extreme poverty and cultural barriers so that they could have sustained access to learning opportunities. PAGE works in collaboration with communities, governments, and partner organizations at different levels to explore all dimensions for the provision of education to deprived girls. Having prominent educationists, businessmen, philanthropists, and international affairs experts as its Board Members, PAGE follows a rights-based approach for girl's education and communities' advocacy. Its prime objective is to facilitate quality girls' education so that they could overcome traditional barriers. PAGE ensures that its entire activities and programs are ingenious, resourceful, evidence-based, achievable, and quantifiable.

Summary of Partnership:

We are pleased to share, during 2021 PAGE has directly invested **Rs. 18,33,091** into programs with Federal Directorate of Education. PAGE has been working closely with the Federal Directorate of Education since 2017 to promote Girls education through multiple interventions. Through the partnership, we have created access to education especially for girls, improved the quality of education by training the teachers' through PAGE Training platform, improving girls government schools buildings, supporting teachers' salaries in Girls Government schools.

Some of our key innovative initiatives for 2021 include:



1. **Star Schools - Out of School children program:** Star School program for Out of school children has been running in Federal Directorate of Education schools since 2018. PAGE has been funding and jointly manage **22 Star Schools** since its launch by the Honorable Minister for Education and Professional Training Mr. Shafqat Mahmood Sb. With investment over Rs. 5,00,00,00 (crore) over 3 years. PAGE has been running various additional initiatives in Star Schools to promote girl's education, teachers training, promote literacy through story reading sessions, hygiene through hygiene sessions, & nutrition through food campaigns. All with the aim to improve quality of education and learning outcomes through additional support.

Star School with FDE intervention:

From Jan 2021 to Dec 2021, PAGE has invested in FDE for education in star schools of Rs. 16,664,230. This has included the cost of teachers, school supplies and management.

Progression of Students to mainstream Schools:

Regardless of COVID and challenging learning times for our students who come from the most deprived backgrounds and were most effected by the economic





decline during COVID 19. We are pleased to report students making effort to complete their primary education and progressing to mainstream FDE Schools. 31 students from Sarai Kharbuza, Shah Allah Ditta, H-9 Christian Colony, Umer Farooqi, Isplal Colony and G-7/2 Christian Colony made it to mainstream middle FDE schools due to the intervention.

School Renovations: PAGE has renovated Islamabad Model School for Girls, Athal. The school was transformed through a direct investment of Rs 1,298,896. Apart from creating play areas for girls, improving classrooms, PAGE also built a brand-new library and an ICT room. The school teachers were also provided face to face training to improve teaching in classrooms by PAGE's international teacher trainer from Australia.

Reconstruction of Library: PAGE also reconstructed Library in Islamabad Model School for Boys, Sohan School with a cost of Rs. 326,965. This library was in extremely poor state and was health & safety hazard for children. PAGE reconstructed the whole library and set up a safe, engaging environment for students.

Salary Support: PAGE provides salary support for one Teacher in Islamabad Model School I-V Mal school with a salary Rs. 15000/- per month started from Oct 2021 for one year. The student learning was suffering due to lack of teachers, therefore PAGE stepped forward on request of FDE to provide a teacher in the school.



2. **Monitoring & Evaluation (MEL) Project:** PAGE conducted two days' teacher's training in collaboration with Girl Rising under Explore More-MEL Project. In training, Teachers of ICT STAR schools were trained on effective curriculum delivery. Through the Explore More program, themes of dreams and setting goals in life, self-awareness, rights and gender, and establishing support systems were discussed. Each session of the curriculum is based on inspirational stories of girls from across the world. The program has been

delivered in the Star School and is currently going through assessment process to measure the result of the intervention.

3. **Ration Drives during COVID-19:** PAGE made major contribution during COVID 19 by providing ration to 2000 families of Star School students in Islamabad to support student families during these challenging times.

Some of our key innovative initiatives planned for 2022 include:

1. **Educating and Empowering Street Children in Urban Islamabad:** PAGE has planned an initiative to enrollment street children's in Mainstream urban area of Islamabad.



2. **Enrollment in Government Schools:** PAGE will ensure enrollment in government school of the street children between the age group of 5-7 years & will also enhance the Educational & Social life skills of the enrolled children. The focus is on children especially girls who are normally seen on roads begging. The intervention will include engagement with children in a positive learning activity, warm meals, personal development opportunity and sports.

For this initiative an amount of Rs. 10,500,000 (approx.) has been allocated and planned to start the project from February 2022.

3. **Aim High - Girls Mentoring Program:** Due to COVID-19 this program could not be implemented. However plan and resources are in place for 2022. The Aim High engages with positive women role models working in non traditional careers to run roadshows in FDE Girls Secondary schools and providing career counselling and guidance. This initiative was started in FDE Schools in 2017.
4. **Feed a Paratha:** Feed a Paratha is a nutrition program developed to provide fresh breakfast cooked by a local lady. Through this program not only children will receive healthy breakfast and also an unemployed lady from the community will be economically empowered. Due to COVID- 19 this program could not implement last year, Feed a Paratha will be implemented in selected schools from January 2022.

Picture Gallery



