

Case Study

Govt Primary School Dodo Khan Mari Mirpurkhas

Introduction

The Government of Sindh with the assistance of Asian Development Bank has initiated the Sindh Devolved Social Service Program (**SDSSP**), with the overall goal to improve the education of the people and their health, thus helping to reduce poverty and gender imbalance. In the health sector the primary objective is to improve overall health status of the people through efficient and cost effective health services to people.

The Govt. of Sindh and the District Government under MoU, mutually designed to improve the social sector financing, promote and support the program focusing on improving social services in District Mirpurkhas. Moreover, the program also aims to contribute to the formulation of long term strategies to help reduce poverty and gender imbalances. This is being done through improving governance and financing, the rationalization of services, community participation and public accountability.

The parties agree under the MoU to provide support for the Devolved Social Services Program and its activities in order to strengthen, improve and expand effective delivery of social services in education and health sectors.

District Government Mirpurkhas

The District Government Mirpurkhas has received the conditional grant by signing the MoU with Sindh Government and has also prepared Annual Sector Plans for education and health sectors.

Following are the bifurcation of SDSSP grant given to district Mirpurkhas:

SDSSP District Allocation for FY 2004-05

Rs. **49.431** Million

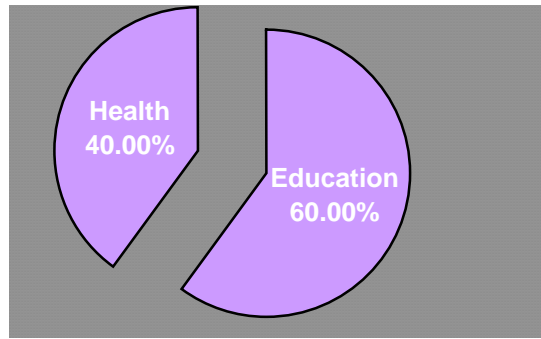
Proposed Allocation for the Education Sector (FY 2004-05)

Rs. **30.000** Million (60 %)

Proposed Allocation for the Health Sector (FY 2004-05)

Rs. **19.431** Million (40 %)

SDSSP Allocation Total	SDSSP Allocation for Health	SDSSP Allocation for Education
49.431 M	19.431 M	30.000 M



Education Sector

It is generally believed that a good quality education plays a key role in the economic and social development of the community. Unfortunately Pakistan's educational indicators do not portray a satisfactory picture. The illiteracy rate is high. The gross and net enrolment rates at all levels of education are low. There are wide gender and regional disparities. Drop out rates from schools are high and the quality of education is poor.

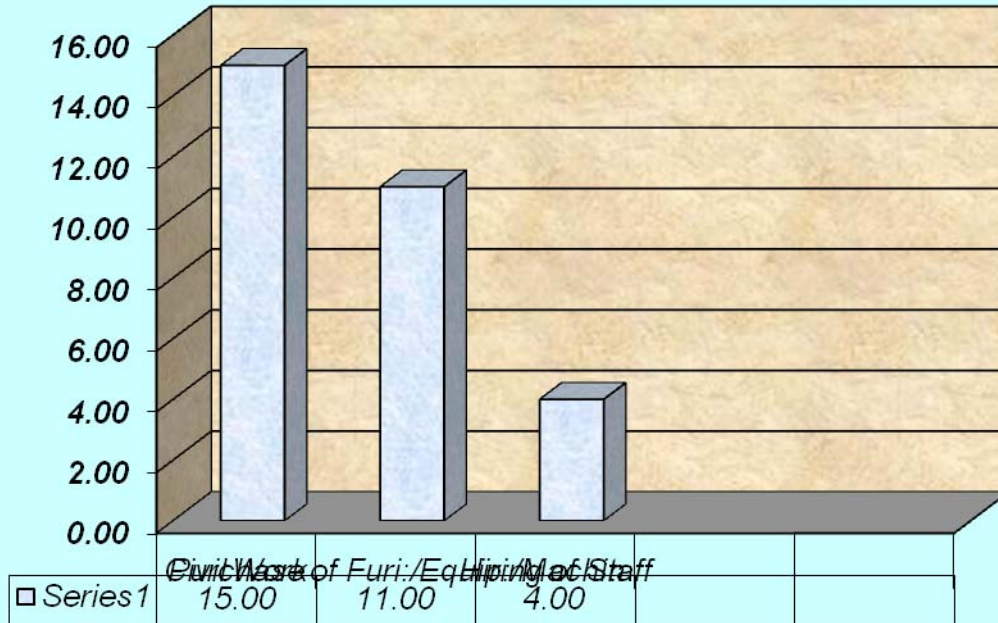
The overall goal of the education department in district Mirpurkhas is to improve people's education thus reducing poverty and gender imbalances. In the education sector the purpose of the program is to increase gross enrolment, rationalization of services, recruitment of staff, and rehabilitation of schools and provision of text books.

The goal of the educational schemes of SDSSP is to cover the rehabilitation of school buildings, providing facilities (Toilet / Compound wall), furniture and equipment's plus hiring of staff. These schemes will improve the overall standard of education in district Mirpurkhas.

Abstract of Education Sector

S #	Name of the Scheme	Sector	Amount
1	Civil Work	Education	15.00 M
2	Purchase of Furniture/Equipments/ Machinery	Education	11.00 M
3	Hiring of Staff	Education	4.00 M
Total			30.00 M

Scheme Allocation



Government Primary School Dodo Khan Mari

The Government Primary School Dodo Khan Mari is located in Deh: 105 UC Tulaka Ali Mari. This school was closed from the year 1997 due to non-availability of teachers. In Sindh Devolved Social Services Program 2004-05, the District Government Mirpurkhas had to take the initiatives of hiring teachers for 200 schools of the district. As per this program, one teacher was hired for Govt. Primary School Dodo Khan Mari on 17-1-2007 and the school was reopened which had an enrolment of about 66 students (48 boys and 18 girls). All the students are studying in class-1.



View of student with teacher



view of students

One room building was constructed in 1990-91, inaugurated by Haji Ghulam Rasool Junejo Chairmen District Council Mirpurkhas but furniture is not received from Education department up to date and building condition is very poor.



View of one room school building



view of School Roof

Due to hiring of staff this school facilitates the children's of 4 villages of the surrounding village Dodo Khan Mari.

Community Participation

It is an acknowledged fact that at present the school is facing dual challenges of low sector financing and its in efficient utilization. Ultimately the efficient utilization of resources always remains the hard task to accomplish.

The Sindh Devolved Social Services Program clearly enshrines the public private partnership and recognizes the role of community in achieving the over all objectives of the program. Mr. Mamtaz Mari Taluka Nazim Hussain Bux Mari, Mr. Wazeer Ali Mari UC Nazim Turak Ali Mari and villagers had received information regarding the programs of SDSSP. They approached Dr. Kanez Sugra Junejo Zila Nazim Mirpurkhas with a request to asses the needs of the school teachers in there villages. The Zila Nazim Mirpurkhas discussed these concerns with EDO Education to asses the genuineness of their demands. After a proper appraisal of the situation and due consultations with concerned officials, it was decided to appoint a primary school teacher in Govt. Primary School Dodo Khan Mari village Dodo Khan Mari.

Conclusion

The strategy for devolution under the local government plan announced in 2000 is based on three basic principles:

- A People-centered Development
- B Rights and Responsibilities
- C Service Oriented Government

In the light of the above devolution principles, the local government has taken an initiative with the participation of all concerned peoples (District Nazim, Taluka Nazims, and UC Nazims) in development the process through the SDSSP. The

district government Mirpurkhas is working in close coordination with SDSSP. They implement and carry out reforms in the area of planning and development of the local governments. The SDSSP is an innovative demand-driven and output-oriented program serving a wide range of people at all levels of local governments.