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Honored Colleagues and Stakeholders in the area of PPPs and Private Sector initiatives in the Education Sector in the province of Sindh

1. I have just received this notification dated October 31, 2013 regarding work to be done for amendments to the Sindh PPP Act 2010 and review of the Adopt A School Policy (SEF Has the copy) with support of coopted members.
2. The short TORs are attached within the notification that allows for members to be coopted to this important task.
3. I shall be honored alongwith the RSU Chief Program Manager (CPM) to have your presence to support this important assignment within the stipulated time frame.(one month).
4. SEF is requested to play a key role in providing support documentation and insights for Adopt A School Program conceived nationally and for Sindh by Professor Anita GhulamAli , M.D SEF in the early '90s; since 1997 this has been under implementation mainly with SEF.
5. You are all very familiar with the background of PPPs but perhaps may/may not have access to the Sindh PPP Act 2010(attached as a separate file) This needs to be reviewed thoroughly as it was designed for 'infrastructure' oriented projects and by implication to services related to infrastructure. Our contention is that this Act should be amended to include Services in the title "Sindh PPP Infrastructure and Services" Act alongwith all necessary amendments to the law to be aligned with services rendered under PPPs. Once done this will help open the sector to several key areas of support that are much needed, both hard and soft areas.
6. The Sindh RTE Act 2013 is also enclosed for alignment as ultimately that is a key driver to this exercise to ensure that children aged 5-16 have access to quality education as an obligation of the state and a fundamental right Article 25 A (enclosed/attached) this cannot be removed from Article 19-A right to information . The Sindh Govt. has yet to notify its rules and we can influence this categorically.
7. To conceptualize this initiative under governance and partnerships is important as for each segment of the upcoming Sindh Education Sector Plan the government has identified a key role of meeting the targets (ECE, primary, middle and secondary) through private partners with provision of public sector finance as well. However, it must have an enabling environment covered by law and the details must be fully covered. The role of SMCs as covered under Article 16 of the RTE Sindh Act 2013 must also be reviewed in tandem with PPPs legal review.

8. I would request CPM RSU to seek support of the law department of GoSindh and also RSU legal expert for all amendments proposed with a 'buy in' on the proposed areas that need to be redrafted .
9. We would also like to have support of the following which can be facilitated by CPM RSU:
 - a. Special Secretary E&LD focal person for SEF/PPPs (required name/cell/email)
 - b. Additional Finance Secretary Govt. of Sindh (required name, cell / email)
 - c. Adopted School Headteacher and adopter when the review of Adopt A school policy is being considered (required names/cell and emails)
10. Logistics, documentation and drafting support of RSU team for the outcomes /process document and logistics of meetings which are held face to face. It is important that we keep this to a minimal and have online consultation with the documents provided.
11. SEF to provide to all members ASAP the Adopt a School policy and any key evidence/document to review the policy and its current challenges.
12. This is an inclusive group and if there is a compelling need to bring in expertise stakeholders then we shall do so in the best interest of the children, youth and adults of Sindh who seek their right to education, quality learning and entitlements.



GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
EDUCATION & LITERACY DEPARTMENT
Karachi, the dated 31 October 2013

NOTIFICATION

NO.SO(G-III)E&L/PPA/2013: With the approval of competent authority Ms. Baila Raza Jamil, Director Program, ITA and Education Expert, Reform Support Unit, Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh is appointed as a Honorary Consultant to review the following Law / Policy, she will also Co-opt any member for assisting her in the assignment:-

1. Public Private Partnership Act 2010.
2. Adopt a School Policy.

TORs

- i. She would propose amendments in the Public Private Partnership Act, 2010 and would also recommend changes in the "Adopt a School Policy" within one month.

--ADDL: CHIEF SECRETARY --
GOVT. OF SINDH

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Karachi, the dated 31 October 2013

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

1. Deputy Secretary Staff to Chief Secretary, Sindh, Karachi.
2. The Chief Program Manager, Reform Support Unit, Education & Literacy Department, Sindh, Karachi.
3. The P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, Education & Literacy Department, Sindh Karachi.
4. P.A to Additional Secretary (G.A), Education & Literacy Department, Sindh, Karachi.
5. The Officer concerned.


SECTION OFFICER (G-III)