Integrated WASH Response for Building Resilience in Drought-Affected Desert Areas of District Umerkot, Sindh

REPORT ON

PROVINCIAL LAUNCH SINDH-SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DRIVE 2019

1st July 2019
Introduction: SAFWCO launched its WASH interventions in remote areas of district Umerkot with support of UNOCHA. SAFWCO is implementing the project entitled as “Integrated WASH Response for Building Resilience in Drought-Affected Desert Areas of District Umerkot, Sindh.” The purpose of the project is to ensure the access of portable drinking water through installation, rehabilitation and restoration of damaged water sources for 45,700 people (including women and children) and provide improved sanitation facilities in 13 schools for 900 primary students (boys and girls). To accomplish this, extensive series of activities will be undertaken to improve the water facilities for people of remote areas of Union Council Sekhro, Kaplore and Faqeer Abdullah.

Today on 1st July 2019 Mr. Sardar Shah Minister of Education and literacy department has launched Enrollment drive throughout Sindh Province for a week, and it is initiated by his (Sardar Shah) native district Umerkot.

This weekly enrollment drive started with the admission of five out of school children who were admitted in Government Muslim School Umerkot by honorable Minister Sardar Shah. On this event along with Sardar shah, the chief of UNICEF Sindh Miss Cristina Burgiolio, Qazi Shahid Pervaiz Secretary Education & Literacy Department, Nadeem-u-Rehman Memon Deputy Commissioner Umerkot, Aijaz Ahmed Shaikh SSP Umerkot, Dr Noor Shah Chairman District Council Umerkot, Khalid Saraj Soomro Chairman Municipal Committee Umerkot, Haji Baqa Palli Vice Chairman District Council Umerkot, the officials of Education and literacy Department, officials of government line department, Teachers and students, Civil Society Organizations including SAFWCO management Muhammad Khan Communication & Reporting Officer, Habibullah Arisar Water Quality Testing officer SAFWCO Umerkot, Media correspondent, notables and large number of people participated in the program.

In this event of Enrollment Drive 2019 a awareness walk was organized from Deputy Commissioner Umerkot office to Press Club Umerkot in which large number of people participated and hold the Banners and Play cards with slogan of “to move forward with education, let us come forward to give bright future to our children and nation and educated Sindh progressive Sindh”

After Awareness walk a seminar was organized by Education department with joint venture of UNICEF in which Deputy Commissioner Umerkot, Director Schools, Miss Cristina (UNICEF, the expert of education/intellectuals, notables and political representatives and community representatives delivered speeches and elaborated the importance of education and ensured to endorse and continue this drive in their native towns, villages to accelerate the enrollment and own the system of education with full of dedication. Miss Cristina (UNICEF) in her speech she emphasized that girls education should be promoted, we believe on equality and equity in Sindh, we have figures of previous years if hundred boys are enrolled the ratio of girls enrollment is 10 to 15% so we all should raise the voice and mobilize the people to enroll their girls too, because if a boy is educated meant a family is educated if a girl educated meant the coming generations are educated.

Mr. Sardar Shah Minister of Education & Literacy Department during his speech emphasized that we all have to contribute individually and collectively to enroll the out of school children. He directed to all
officials of education department as well as various government line department, civil society including SAFWCO and media correspondent that during this enrollment drive week you all should go to your native Ucs, Talukas and district and launch campaign as well as each person has to enroll five out of school children that is the true essence of this seminar, I don’t have believe on these types of seminars while your work is worthy for me and it will be appreciated. He appreciated SAFWCO for its ongoing project “Integrated WASH Response for Building Resilience in Drought-Affected Desert Areas of District Umerkot, Sindh” and intervention in 13 schools of three drought affected union councils. Further, he said I have a daughter and I have enrolled her in government school, I expect same from others too. How it can be possible a teacher is paid salary from government and he enrolls his children in private schools it meant he has not trust on his capacity and capabilities we should start from our own conscience, there is dire need to churn it. He further added that the teachers will be provided time scales and promote on the performance of students, the best teachers are appreciated and will be appreciated.
Photos:

Minister of Education, Mr. Sardar Shah & Miss Cristina Burgiolo UNICEF Sindh while walking towards Government Muslim School, Umerkot.
All participants while walking towards Government Muslim School, Umerkot.
Minister of Education, Mr. Sardar Shah while enrolling the student in Government Muslim School, Umerkot.
Minister of Education, Mr. Sardar Shah while motivating the enrolled student Government Muslim School, Umerkot.