

Newsletter



Balochistan Education Project



FIRST SCHOOL UNDER GPE-BEP IS INAUGURATED IN GHOT MEHER ALI MARRI

53 STUDENTS ENROLLED ON FIRST DAY OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL

First new primary school (gender-free) has been established in Goth Meher Ali, District Jaffarabad under Balochistan Education Project. Though the school has been established in a temporary shelter provided by the community, the land mutation process has also been completed

and PTSMC formed by Social Mobilization Implementation Partner SMIP (SHAOR). The community also participated in the establishment of temporary shelter through ensuring furniture including table and chair for the teacher and

floor mate for the students. The community lauded efforts of PMU for ensuring merit based criteria for selection of school. The role of DFP also remained vital as the school supplies including books, writing material i.e. pencils, attendance registers, teacher's diary, wooden board, slate and white board were arranged by District Education Office. The Enrolment on the first day of school was 53. Furthermore, four more schools have been established in Naseerabad.

By November 2016, 82 schools have been established, with qualified teachers selected on a merit-based recruitment process through National Testing Service (NTS). Furthermore, identification of 300 sites and two phases of teachers' recruitment tests for 300 schools have been completed

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and third for remaining 350 schools have been initiated. PMU is also pursuing the procurement of teaching and learning material, furniture. Likewise construction phase has been

initiated after land mutation. The schools established under the project will stand out from other schools in various aspects.

GPE-BEP plans to establish 725 new gender-free primary schools under the project. In addition, 120 schools will be upgraded to next levels (95 primary to middle and 25 middle to high school level).

The schools established under the project are having a number of distinguishing features like Early Childhood Education, Whole School Package, teacher training program, provision of Teaching-Learning Material, multipurpose halls, learning resource centers, real time monitoring, WASH facilities, solar panels in High Schools and access for children with special needs. The most remarkable amongst them is provision of two female trained teachers. .

Aziz Ahmed Jamali (Additional Secretary Edu) and Deputy Commissioner Jaffarabad inaugurating the first school of the project in Got Mehar Ali Marri with Community Notables





“Those who are crazy enough to think they can change the world usually do.” Steve Jobs

ROQIZA’S STORY OF CHANGE

Roqiza’s Story on Facebook:

“I am the only girl to have a Matriculation certificate in a village so vast that it is 170Km away from the district Headquarters. I used to attend school, travelling on foot with my brother, that was 2.5Km away from our village because it was the nearest one we had. After Matric, I decided to teach the children of my village so that they would not have to walk so far daily in scorching heat. I collected a few logs and erected a small structure with shade and established my own school, though it was not a formal notified school. I started teaching children of my village and locality.

Later, I heard about Balochistan Education Project and I through my father applied for school. My school met criteria and the school was formally notified. I had to take exams to become a teacher. I failed at my first attempt but passed the second attempt with flying colors. My dream has finally come true and my students will now have proper classrooms and desks to study in. It has guaranteed a new direction for my own enthusiasm for education.”

The merit based selection criteria for opening of school got overwhelming support from the communities. The selection of Roqiza’s site for school establishment is a testimony to such contention. Her story was recently featured on [Humans of Pakistan](#) that has more than half a million followers on their page. Most of its followers hail from Pakistani development workers and social media activists.

Mr. Roqiza received overwhelming support from public with thousands of Likes, Comments and Shares. The post was widely shared by media activists, local celebrities, an Ex-Senator, member of National Assembly and renowned intellectual Mr. Sana Baloch also shared her story on his page. The post was also shared in thousands and liked by more than 4,400 people on the main post on HOP.

Ms. Roqiza’s Hut in the Middle of Mountains



Innovative Use of Technology

Transformational use of communication tools for increased transparency & accountability

Highlights...

1. Relay and HD Video recording of bidding process
2. Ensuring accountability and transparency
3. On-camera vendors' cheques disbursement
4. Teleconferencing and tele-monitoring
5. Instant multiparty video conferencing
6. Increased operational efficiency



Technology offers promising solutions for our day-to-day issues in management. Employing smart solutions can save costs, ensure transparency, increase operational efficiency, and provide tele-monitoring facility with a lot many other innovative features.

Balochistan Education Project is among the few organizations in Balochistan having acquired an advanced and feature-rich system to facilitate its work. It helps ensure transparency in the bidding process, real-time remote monitoring, video recording and teleconferencing with multiple parties at a time.

The system comprises of a central processing device with high definition surveillance cameras, recording mics and flat screen panels. BEP has successfully conducted multiple on-camera procurements through this state-of-the-art system. The system is internet-ready and can easily connect BEP with provincial Secretariat and partners like World Bank and UNICEF.

The system is used innovatively by BEP to record HD videos of meetings, bid openings, staff hiring and project review meetings. This innovative use of telecommunication technology has proved to be a game-changer for various organizations working to collaborate from remote distances, recording events and tele-monitoring.

BEP also employs the system to record on-camera cheques disbursement to vendors after email intimation keeping all the relevant managers in loop. The system is also utilized to record all project related meetings for accountability and future reference.



BEP: Making Use of WhatsApp

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Good Governance in Education through Communication and Networking Tools

WhatsApp in Pakistan

Pakistan is among the world's top countries with more than 70% tele-density and the country has witnessed exponential boom in wireless broadband technology after the launch of 3G and 4G services by various telecom operators in 2015. The country also boasts of having one of the most powerful telecom infrastructure in the world apart from other broadband internet service providers.

BEP & WhatsApp

Given the huge number of people using smartphones and on-the-go internet, Balochistan Education Project ceased the opportunity to take full advantage of this technology by utilizing social media like Facebook and communication tools like WhatsApp to communicate with people, employees and government counterparts in an innovative way. BEP has created more than 10 different WhatsApp groups, ranging from regional teams, staff safety and security related group to a group that comprises of the highest authorities in Education including Secretary Education who is the senior-most official of the department. These groups also comprise of regional groups of the project teams working in far flung districts of the province that will otherwise take at least two days to travel from one end to the other by road. All of these groups are used for sharing updates, real-time reports, issues and decisions related to ongoing activities in the districts. In short, BEP not only takes to WhatsApp for any quick fixes but also relies on the power of this instant communication technology for policy level issues and discussions.

Why WhatsApp Communication?

The groups on WhatsApp has made it an appealing option for communication between organizations, employees and their target audiences. WhatsApp increases the speed in which messages are communicated and that the app has become indispensable for various development agencies working with community and governments. Some of the key uses of WhatsApp communication are:

- WhatsApp reaches people in all age groups for communicating with individual and groups
- WhatsApp enables versatile use of multimedia messages like text, video, pictures, audio etc.
- WhatsApp is a simple, fast tool of communication, information sharing & coordination
- WhatsApp enables in-chat referencing, chat backup and replies to specific messages
- WhatsApp is cost-effective, easy, quick and promises great mobility

BEP WhatsApp Groups

BEP has created many WhatsApp Groups like:

1. GPE-BEP Main group, Sections' groups, Security group & Regional groups for all 7 Regions
2. Secondary Education Department group
3. Performance Management Cell Group
4. Real Time School Monitoring group

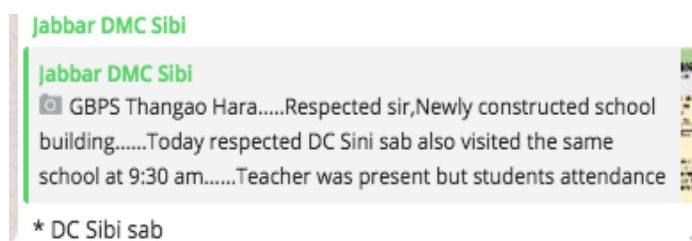
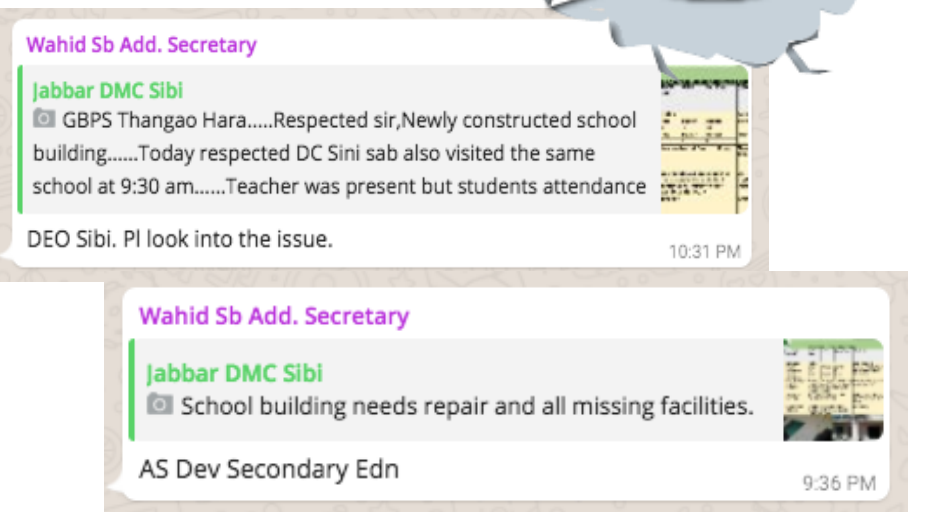
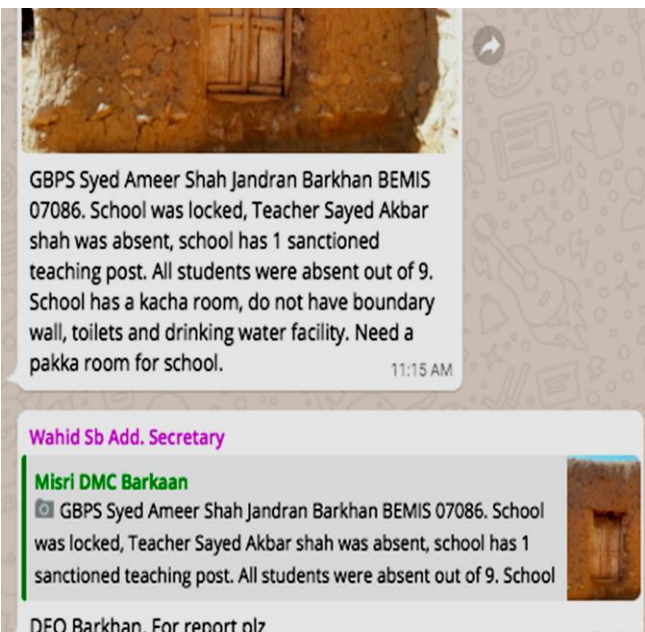
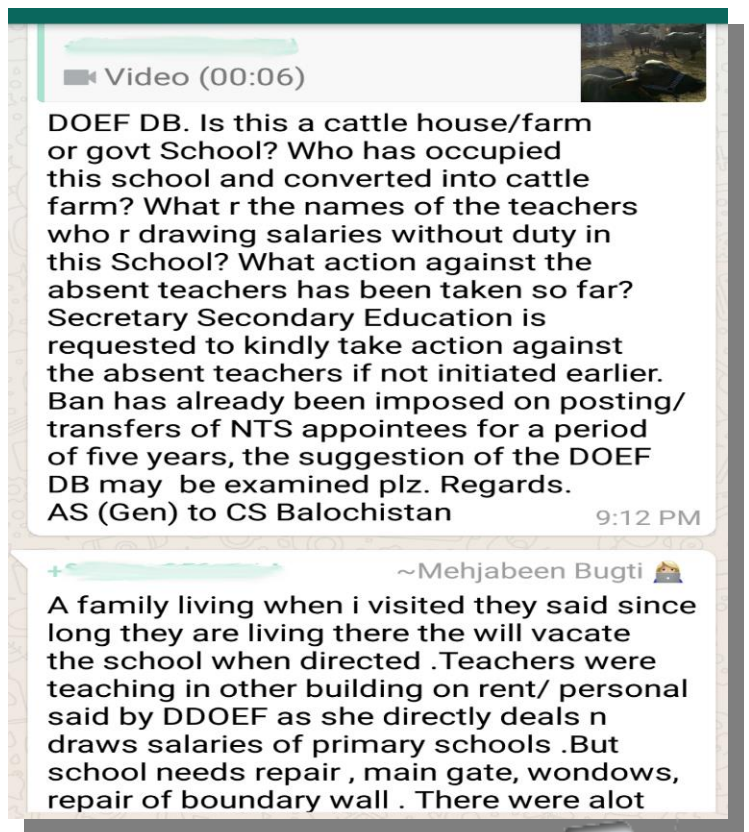
BEP concerned staff are active members of various Civil Society groups where our staff monitor chats for any education related issues and arising needs.

Secondary Edn. Dept. Group: An Example

Secondary Education Department, Government of Balochistan started a WhatsApp Group named as "Secondary Edn. Dept: GoB". All District Education Officers, Deputy Commissioners, NGO partners, activists, department leads etc. are members of the group. The group has turned out to be so effective that there are myriad examples of quick fixes by the group which could be otherwise impossible to accomplish instantly in the old traditional set up. Detailed discussions on the group have resulted in functionalizing various schools, reprimanding absconding teachers, sharing notifications, press releases and providing school supplies when highlighted in the group by any member. Likewise, Real Time School Monitoring data and various activity pictures are regularly shared on the group for updates. The group has also served the purpose of eliminating the gap between education related organizations, community, decision makers and hence resulting in avoiding duplication. The group has also served as an excellent tool of advocating for improved policies for the education. It is as if all the members are constantly sitting in a single room working together for improving education; amazing isn't it? The decisions made through this particular WhatsApp Group are numerous but let's see a few examples and screen shots.

"This innovative use of WhatsApp by BEP is very smart and unprecedented in the history of Balochistan. This form of communication has proved to be a game changer and very effective in terms of real change in Education. It's both fun and easy to be installed on any mobile device. The set up is also used to affect healthy change and communicate project results."

Asfand Yar Khan, Program Director BEP



Today Monitoring Associate, Mr. Himayatullah was not allowed by Head teacher for RTSM. Head Teacher asked today's Permission letter for Visiting this School although RTSM team showed him the official letter Given By DEO to cooperate with RTSM Team but he refused to accept that and was insisting for today's permissions letter to Visit this School.
* therefore School was not Monitored.
NAME of School GBHS Mullahzi Mullah
BMIS Code 02469 **Head Teacher**

Today Monitoring Associate, Mr. Himayatullah was not allowed by Head teacher for RTSM. Head Teacher asked today's

Deputy Commissioner and DEO Kharan requested to take appropriate action.

9:50 PM

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Initiate action against the headmaster

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Sir Secretary
Sir wahid

Its to inform yu that DEO Loralai is absent from the station for the last two weeks and is reportedly running his own private school in district pishin. He didnt even attend the DEG meeting which all gone in vain . He left station with the msg to his subordinate staff that since he is planning to get long leave for four months therefore he wudnt be at station during the time without even informing me.

The situation of schools here in district loralai is pathetic as we all know but the DEO doesnt care at all and take least interest into the affairs .

Plz look into the matter

11:03 PM

I saw him only once on 21st march , after that he left station and never came back . Reportedly, even before i took charge, his interest towards his sector was disappointing

11:04 PM

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Sir Secretary
Sir wahid

Its to inform yu that DEO Loralai is abse...

Secretary Secondary Edn. Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against the absentee please. DC Lri is requested to send a letter officially through fax by tomorrow to be addressed to the Secretary Secondary Edn with a copy to the Commissioner Zhob Division and the CS office please.

11:08 PM

Secretary Secondary Edn. Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against the absentee please. DC Lri is requested

Sure Sir

11:09 PM





Governor Balochistan, Mohammad Khan Achakzai addressing the closing ceremony of ToMT

GPE-BEP Project has valuable contribution in Education:

Eight days Professional Development Program for teachers training was organized by GPE-BEP. The activity was meant to train master trainers on advanced teaching concepts and pedagogy. The week-long extensive training was held in Project Management Unit, Balochistan Education Project.

On the closing ceremony of the Training of Master Trainers (ToMT), Governor Balochistan, Honorable Mohammad Khan

Achakzai attended the ceremony and presented shields and certificates to attendees and trainers on behalf of BEP.

On the occasion, Program Director GPE-BEP, Mr. Asfandiar Khan apprised the participants about the progress of the project and purpose of the development program for teachers. He underlined the need for equipping our teachers with the latest techniques in the field of teaching so that better learning outcomes could be produced. He also gave a detailed

presentation about the progress made by the project. During his address, the honorable governor thanked BEP team for inviting him and appreciated their work in the field of education. He underlined the importance of mother tongue in early grades for better learning outcomes. He also called upon all stakeholder to identify and take to task ghost teachers and schools. He hoped that capacity building training for teachers is very important and the teachers must trickle down the trainings to their pupils.

Teaching in native languages is essential for comprehension and creativity: Governor Mohammad Khan Achakzai



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