

# MARCH-MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER







# PROGRAMME MONITORING & IMPLEMENTATION UNIT (PMIU)









# Taleem Ghar



As the COVID-19 virus continues to spread and impact communities, closing schools and transitioning to online learning has become critical to stymying the spread of the virus. In Pakistan,

#### **UNESO** estimated

The affected student population to be around

46.8 million

Amounting to 22% of our entire population

Punjab Govt aims to take education to

# 11 MILLION CHILDREN

in public schools through Taleemghar

Taking up the responsibility of providing accessible quality education at home, the GoP launched Taleem ghar on April 1st. This project was in collaboration with:





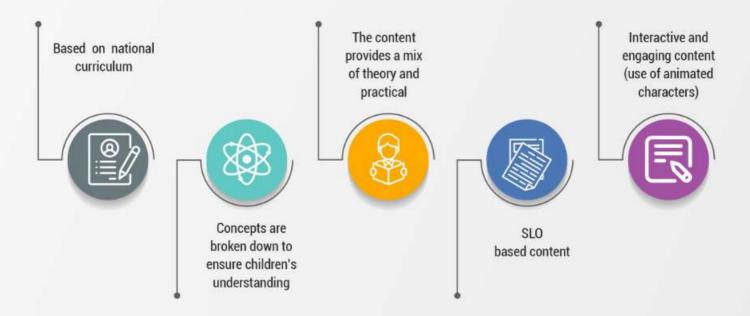






# **EDUCATIONAL CONTENT**

The educational content to be showcased on these platforms has been finalised in collaboration with Punjab Curriculum and Textbook Board (PCTB). It has been the Government's top priority to ensure that all content has the following characteristics:



The Taleem Ghar project, in its inception phase, focuses on engaging multimedia content centered around two main subjects; Science and Mathematics for grade 1 to 8. Weekly schedules were uploaded on the "Taleem Ghar" website to inform the students about the timings of the educational content being aired.







### **Rationale for Cable TVs**

The rationale for using Cable TVs for the primary source of dissemination for this content was based on the following facts

### TV AVAILABILI

91.1% URBAN --

77% RURAL

### **SMARTPHONE AVAILABILITY**

76% URBAN ---- 47% RURAL

#### **COMPUTER AVAILABILITY**

44.5% URBAN - 17.2% RURAL

#### LOW INTERNET PENETRATION

38.5% URBAN--- 18.1% RURAL

#### **Modes of Dissemination**

The major instrument used to deliver this content are:



#### Cable TV

Across Punjab, cable TV operators have dedicated one channel which airs different educational videos throughout the day.



#### Android based application

This application contains all content for primary and secondary grades.



#### WEBSITE

The website includes daily TV schedule, links to the downloadable application and links to download any video content.



#### YouTube Channel

This channel houses all video content that is part of the Taleem Ghar initiative.







#### **IMPACT**

Till data, Taleem Ghar has had tremendous success on Television as well as other channels, and has recieved appreciation from parents and students from across Punjab. The statistics regarding reach of the project are as follows:

# **TaleemGhar Cable TV stats**

Total Cable Operators in Punjab: 891-

Cable Operators airing TaleemGhar in Punjab: 848

# **TaleemGhar Website stats**

# **TaleemGhar Youtube stats**

Number of subscribers

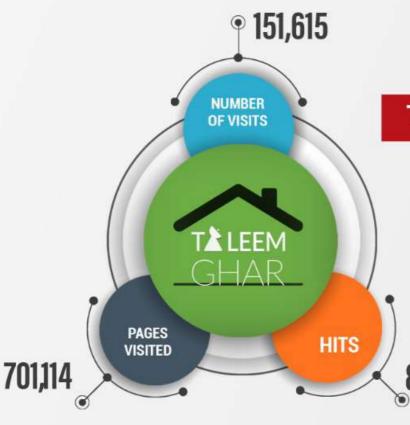
12,600



Number of downloads

32,000+

8,563,402



# INNOVATIVE TEACHER SUPPORT PACKAGE (ITSP)



PESP-III in collaboration with QAED, developed the Innovative Teacher Support Package (ITSP), which is a CPD course presented in a digital format designed to help Primary School Teachers better understand the practices in the Classroom Observation Tool (COT).

The course is accessible by teachers and AEOs on a mobile phone or tablet via Moodle-a popular online learning management system.

The ITSP has been designed as a blended learning resource: the course content will be introduced to the teachers in the face-to-face monthly Teacher Forums facilitated by the AEOs and will also be accessible by teachers for use in self-study mode.



# What makes this approach "Innovative"?

The Package offers a 'course' of professional development rolled out over several months rather than a one-off workshop or other training input. The Package supports conversations about teaching and learning and encourages teachers, headteachers and AEOs to develop desired habits, and it gives teachers more agency over their professional development.

#### The ITSP presents a blend of the following elements



### **CONDUCTING TEACHER TRAININGS ONLINE**

Before a province wide implementation, like all other initiatives, the ITSP also had to be piloted and plans had been developed for a pilot in three districts by a selection of AEOs and teachers in the Teacher Forums. However, as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown, for the first time in the province, 24 Online Teacher Forums were conducted to pilot the package.

The forums were joined by a selection of AEOs and primary school teachers. Teachers were trained on the use and understanding of the new CPD course. This online modality was very well received and appreciated by the teachers, who previously complained of meetings post school hours owing to long distances. Considering that the online meetings were a great success, the government in the future might consider this modality for ease of its teacher

#### **ONLINE TRAINING OF ECE TEACHERS**

In light of the COVID-19 lockdown, QAED and PMIU collaborated to plan and execute Virtual Trainings for Early Childhood Education (ECE) teachers for the very first time since the introduction of the ECE programme and trainings in Punjab.

# THE TRAINING WAS **EXECUTED IN TWO PHASES.**

01

In the first phase , the training was conducted online by QAED Master trainers for 50 teachers.

02

In the second phase, training material was provided via whatsapp to another group of 50 teachers, followed by structured discussions led by QAED Master Trainers.

Nearly 100 teachers participated in these online trainings. The initiative garnered positive response, and the teachers were enthusiastic to learn from their colleagues from different districts, and engage in discussions that helped reinforce their conceptual knowledge.

Given the appreciation for this model, QAED is also developing online trainings and video content for ECE caregivers.





#### INTEGRATED EDUCATION DASHBOARD

The PMIU, with the support of PITB, has developed an Integrated Education Dashboard to facilitate decision-making and data analysis for stakeholders in the education sector.

#### THE INTEGRATED EDUCATION DASHBOARD AGGREGATES DATA FROM



The dashboard is currently accessible at the provincial level by School Education Department and department heads of attached departments, and further at the district level by District Education Authorities.

Reports provided on this dashboard can be useful in understanding key trends across metrics such as:



via Zoom on 14th and 15th May



### School-Based Assessment (SBA)

A type of assessment approved under the Assessment Policy Framework, replaces PEC external exams for **grade 5 and grade 8**. The aim of SBA is to measure student achievement by allowing schools to develop their own assessment papers using standardized test items. This type of assessment places emphases of learning of the student at the school level, whereby facilitating an increased involvement of teachers and school leader-ship in supporting the learning of the child. For students, however, SBAs create opportunities to support learning within the classroom by removing the pressure of intra-school comparability as the underlying premise of an assessment. These assessments will be continuous, low-stake, teacher-led assessments to monitor student performance and maintain needs-responsiveness in their own teaching practices.

SBA has been implemented for Grade 5 across all 36 districts in Punjab. The first cycle of summative assessments was rolled out in March 2020 in collaboration with provincial government departments and 36 District Education Authorities (DEAs) across Punjab. For the execution of SBA activities, a series of activities were held from January – March 2020.

# **KEY ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER SBA**

Development of comprehensive SBA processes and guidelines for provincial and district implementation January 2020

Development of a subject-wise, tested and user-friendly item bank for the construction of tests February 2020

Development of interactive instructional videos on key SBA stages Dec - Feb 2020 Conduct of a digital dissemination strategy with SED across all official education media Feb - March 2020 Conduct of a pilot in district Kasur and training across 36 districts Feb 2020

Development of a monitoring mechanism/control rooms at the provincial and district level for smooth execution of activities and steady flow of information March 2020











