

#### GOVERNMENT OF BALOCHISTAN SECONDARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

(Policy Planning & Implementation Unit)

Dated: Quetta, the 29th August, 2019

NOTIFICATION

No. PPIU/8-70/(A&F)/2019/ 4545 — 4635

The Secretary, Secondary Education Department, is pleased to approve and notify the "Coordination & Communication Protocols for Policy Planning and Implementation Unit (PPIU) with Donor Agencies / Development Partners".

All the Donor Agencies / Development Partners are required to follow the Protocols in letter 2. and spirit.

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- 19. Chief Executive Officer, BRSP, Quetta.
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- 21. Managing Director, SCSPEB, Quetta.
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## Background

The Policy, Planning & Implementation Unit (PPIU) was established in 2010 to coordinate and facilitate reforms as a specialized unit within Secondary Education Department. The other aim was to inculcate a culture of informed policy decisions and ensure efficient and effective coordination and communication with donor agencies / development partners / implementing partners for the achievement of better educational outcomes.

Only through sound coordination and effective communication, the goal of an integrated implementation approach can be promoted for the achievement of targets of Balochistan Education Sector Plan (BESP). In the absence of sound coordination and effective communication, the implementation can give rise to duplication, wherein the areas of high priority will be neglected undermining the efforts of Secondary Education Department. Therefore, a need for creation of a forum in the shape of PPIU was realized to effectively plan and coordinate the interventions to support the effective implementation of Article 25-A and achievement of SDG-4 as well as other commitments made by the country.

#### Purpose

The purpose of this document is to ensure best practices for a standardized communication and coordination mechanism with all non-government entities (NGOs, INGOs, donor/funding agency and development partners). This document is applied to all type of coordination and communication with Secondary Education Department by non-government entities.

Resultantly, it will help Secondary Education Department to foster, sustain, strengthen Implementing partner (s) / organization(s), thereby ensuring continued partnership and sustainability in initiatives for reforming the Education Sector in the Educational outcomes. and sustainability in initiatives

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## **Definitions**

Non-Government Entities (NGEs): - All Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), International NGOs, Development Partners, Implementing Partners, Donor / Funding Agencies, Organizations, Institutions and Individual Philanthropists.

Focal Person: - An individual who has been designated by the Secondary Education Department to communicate and coordinate with all the current and potential Non-Government Entities. However, Additional Secretary (Dev)/Focal Person - PPIU, by virtue of the post, is the Focal Person who is required to establish relationship and communication channels with all the existing and potential NGEs for improved coordination and communication.

## Statement of Authority

The Authority/oversight for communication and coordination with NGEs belongs to and shall be practiced by the Office of Secretary Secondary Education through Additional Secretary (Dev)/ Focal Person - PPIU.

#### Procedure

Effective communication and sound coordination with and from the Secondary Education Department, PPIU is an essential forum for the required impact of donor funding and its interventions at the school level for sustainable impacts and better learning outcomes.

PPIU is required to ensure the alignment of all sorts of interventions made by the NGEs in education with the Balochistan Education Sector Plan (BESP). The prioritization for the interventions needs to be extracted from the BESP while keeping in view the NGEs objectives and goals.

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## **Coordination Mechanism**

i) Non-Government Entities (NGEs) to engage in partnership with the Secondary Education Department under the Project Approach shall consider the following in different phases of Project life:

#### Conceptualization/Project Design Phase:

- The Initial Meeting of the NGE with Secretary Secondary Education Department
  will be arranged by the Additional Secretary (Dev)/Focal Person-PPIU. The
  concept paper / proposal along with its objectives and finances needs to be shared
  with the Secretary Secondary Education Department for consideration / inputs /
  comments.
- Upon approval of the concept / project proposal, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be drafted jointly by the Secondary Education Department represented by AS (Dev:) / Focal Person-PPIU and the concerned NGE. The MoU will then be submitted to the Competent Forum for approval.
- The MOU will then be signed between the Secretary Secondary Education Department and the concerned NGE.
- That further the No Objection Certificate (NOC) for interventions in specific
  Districts and educational facilities shall be issued by the Additional Secretary
  (Dev:) / Focal Person PPIU after consultation with relevant stakeholders. Such
  NOCs can only be issued after approval and signing of MoU with the concerned
  NGE.

#### Project Implementation & Monitoring Phase:

- The primary responsibility of the implementation of project activities/ interventions lies with the funding agency.
  - For each project, two committees will be formed, namely, Project Steering Committee (PSC) and Project Coordination Committee (PCC) to provide

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strategic guidance and effective implementation of the project activities and subsequent achievement of the targets. The former will be headed by Secretary, Secondary Education Department, with representation from attached departments / organizations of Secondary Education Department, Development Partner and Implementing Partner(s). The latter will be led by Additional Secretary (Dev:) / Focal Person-PPIU with representation from attached departments / organizations of Secondary Education Department, Development Partner and Implementing Partner(s).

The Provincial Head of Project / Program will require to share progress against
the objectives/ indicators and deliverables to Local Education Group (LEG) in
its meeting scheduled to be held on quarterly basis at the Provincial level and to
the District Education Group (DEG) at the District level.

## Implementation & Monitoring Phase

Operational plan with activity and Financial details shall be prepared by the organisation responsible (NGE) and coordinated by PPIU Implementation and Monitoring

Implementation undertaken by NGE/ organisation and concerned Directorate(s) responsible with regular reporting against indicators.

NGE and PPIU reports to LEG and High Level Committee on progress.

Feedback from Committees

#### REVIEW

Project activities revised on the basis of feedback and decision of High Level Committee chaired by AS Dev/FP PPIU or Secretary SED.

The project committee will also discuss the changes if required at any stage.

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#### Project Closing:

- Project / Program completion report shall be the responsibility of the Provincial Head of the project concerned to be submitted to Project Coordination Committee for approval.
- Consequently, upon the approval of PCC, final handing/ taking over shall take
  place as per the recommendation and approval.
- ii) All Non-Government Entities to solicit nominations from Secondary

  Education Department for in-land and out of country training, workshop,

  seminars, courses shall be in accordance to the following:
- If there is any opportunity pertaining to training/ workshop/ conference / seminar
  for the employees of Secondary Education department, the concerned NGE may
  contact the Secretary Secondary Education Department through Additional
  Secretary (Dev:) /Focal Person-PPIU.
- The Secretary may nominate the relevant person according to the criteria and will communicate to the participant and the concerned NGE accordingly.
- iii) All Non-Government Entities to organize joint events/seminars/workshops with the Secondary Education Department shall conform to the following:
- If there is any event/seminar/ workshop / conference to be organized in collaboration with the Secondary Education Department, the concerned organization shall contact the Secretary Secondary Education Department through Additional Secretary (Dev:) /Focal Person-PPIU by submitting a concept note/proposal entailing details of the event. The concept note / proposal may also include the details of the financial resources, criteria of participation, relevance and benefits for the Secondary Education Department.

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• The Secretary through Additional Secretary (Dev:) /Focal Person-PPIU may nominate the relevant person from the department for the coordination with the concerned organization for the event.

# **Envisaged Outcomes**

This mechanism will in turn help Secondary Education Department to achieve several outcomes, which include

- ✓ Strengthening the coordination among Government and donor agencies;
- ✓ Promoting a culture of integrated approach towards solving a plethora of issues faced by the Secondary Education Department;
- ✓ Ensuring that the funding is directed towards area that is prioritized high by Secondary Education Department:
- ✓ Avoiding duplication of activities;
- ✓ Ensuring that the intervention is executed smoothly through inter and intra departmental coordination at the Provincial and District levels;
- ✓ Making it certain that the intervention is aligned with the objective and targets of the BESP;
- ✓ Monitoring the progress and quality at the field level effectively;
- ✓ Helping Secondary Education Department in sustaining the efforts made for the betterment of prevailing scenario; and
- ✓ Incorporating and/ or replicating the lessons learned in future interventions;

## Responsible officer

Additional Secretary(Dev)/ Focal Person-PPIU

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