

Build My School Better

Background

The effects of climate change are being felt in many sectors and in and across ecosystems, with adverse impacts on natural resources and the livelihoods that they support. While sustainable use of natural resources like water must adopt considerations for on-going climate change, it increasingly threatens the livelihoods of poor communities as a result of depleting their human and physical capital. In order to mitigate some of the effects of climate change and assisting the poor communities in adaptation, awareness for environmental friendly behaviors is required to be promoted not only in the rural communities, but also in the urban area especially in the urban informal settlements, inhabiting more than half of the absolute poor, with a focus on children who act as actors of behaviour change.

The project aims to provide safe drinking water, adequate separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls and personal hygiene education for the sustainable environmental conditions and reducing the incidence of diarrhoea, malaria, trachoma a, hepatitis A & B and morbidity levels. Not having access to water and sanitation is a courteous expression for a form of deprivation that threatens life, destroys opportunity and undermines human dignity. The overall objective of this Project is to build capacity of schools and communities in order to facilitate behavioral and attitudinal changes among children and communities to promote better understanding of the critical roles that environmental education, water conservation and environmental sanitation, among other things, play in human development and survival. The following are the specific objective:

- To raise awareness and lobbying for environmental friendly behaviors, water conservation and environmental sanitation issues among teachers, school children, their parents and other development partners;
- To promote children's participation as environmental behavioral change agents in targeted schools;
- To inculcate values for better water and environmental sanitation management through practical lessons and by encouraging collaborative activities;
- To decrease the incidences of mortality and mobility connected to water borne diseases;
- To build mass awareness on importance of water and sanitation and how it impacts education with the help of Coca-Cola Pakistan office.



Project Activities

- I. Creating a conducive environment for school water, environmental sanitation and environmental education through formation of Environmental Clubs as part of SLTS;
- II. Incorporating behaviour Change Communication through School Total Sanitation (SLTS) and Human Value Based Hygiene Education Approaches
- III. Physical improvement of separate water and sanitation facilities for girls and boys in the selected schools
- IV. Demonstrating rain water harvesting component at selected schools
- V. Documenting their results and impacts for wider demonstration
- VI. Organizing mass awareness campaigns events at World Water Day and Hand Washing Day in schools with the help of Coca-Cola Pakistan office

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