National ORS Campaign by NCHE **Genesis:**

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n Pakistan a child dies every 5 minutes due to L diarrhoea. This is very unfortunate knowing the fact that the illness is highly preventable. This is what National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) focuses on. NCHD aims at creating awareness amongst masses as to how they can prevent such deaths by taking some simple

Pakistan, the campaign will train another 6.75 Million mothers in the same.

NCHD would always look forward to your volunteer support in providing the homemade ORS preparation training to make this initiative a successful effort for betterment of this country.

It should be noted here that with a ranking of 144 out of a total of 178 countries on the UNDP's Human Development Index, Pakistan faces enormous challenges. Poverty, illiteracy and lack of healthcare facilities have for long hampered the scope of generating improved social sector outcomes for the millions of Pakistanis living at the grassroots.

Attempts made in the past to address these issues have often been marred by the lack of political will, economic & political instability and inadequate capacity of the implementing agencies which further exasperated the already dismal state of human develop-

n September 2000, under the leadership of the President General Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan singed the Millennium Declaration at the United Nations Millennium Summit in New York. This in turn, set the commitment of Pakistan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by the year 2015. This pledge also set the course for initiatives in the country to bring about human development.

In March 2001, a concept note was sent to the President of Pakistan by Dr. Nasim Ashraf from Washington DC which was followed by a presentation in June 2001. Envisioned by the President, a Task Force on Human Development was established in June 2001 and was given official patronage and full support in the Chief Executive's Secretariat. A Young team was assembled from the USA and Pakistan and funds to the amount of \$ 250, 000 were raised from expatriate Pakistanis to cover costs of the Task Force. The President himself attended the launching ceremony of this Task Force.

In January 2002, after thorough analysis of the social sector service delivery all over Pakistan, the Task Force submitted its final report to the President and the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) was established as an by Dr Nasim

National Commission for Human D

000 donors was made the founding director and honored by the resident of Pakistan at a gala function. This fund was stamped with the ternational legitimacy through the mmitment of \$ 2 million by UNDP. US Committee for UNDP allowed funds to be raised in the US and they maintained a tax-exempt status. PHDF and NCHD were further recognized by the President of Pakistan through a special mention in his address to the UN General Assembly in 2003

Management

International network and experience of Chairman and the Board of 1. President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, Directors was instrumental in mobilizing corporate donors as well as individual donors at a global level. 3. Mr. Adbul Sattar Edhi International Private Sector best 4. Mr. Moen Qureshi practice adoption approach was suc- 5. Ms Jemima Khan cessfully followed at NCHD, which created a new paradigm in social Directors of PHDF development in terms of governance Contributing Directors as well as implementation.

The chairman leads this initiative and serves in volunteer capacity. As per policy of the Board of Directors nteer their time and money and not receive any reimbursements their expenses

novative Community outreach undraising strategies have been 9. Mr. Kamal Nasir Khan and since inception such as the 10. Mr. Saquib Khan Intentional Telethon held in 11. Mr. M. Irshad Khokhar and 2004, High-level visits 12, Mr. Muhhamd Irshad

A US\$ 12 million endowed fund played a key role in the success of has been set up from the Government of Pakistan grant for sustainability of this initiative. Furthermore, in recognition of the current performance of NCHD, the Government has approved \$ 35 million per year for 6 years. UNDPs' coverage of the Headquarters' attracting donors that want their con- new initiative. tributions to go directly to the projects and people in the field.

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this initiative. Indeed, strong political will and patronage of the President of Pakistan General Pervez Musharraf who deeply believes in the importance of Human Development for the prosperity of the country has been most significant in the current achievements. Therefore, it is only expenses for the first three years has fair to state this to be the single played a very significant role in biggest factor for the success of this In addition to this, strong, com-

mitted leadership of this initiative with certain specific traits has definitely been the next most vital factor behind this success. An expatriate Pakistani who brought private sector background and experience in grassroots development and fund raising for the project leads this initiative His past experience of 25 years in fund raising and actual development work at grassroots in Pakistan gave significant credibility and legitimacy to the concept right from the begin ning. This was the key source that helped align the \$ 2.5 million of the seed capital from Pakistani philan thropists, mostly overseas but also from within Pakistan. The encouraged the Government of Pakistan to com mit \$ 32 million towards this initia tive. This was complimented by judi cious and innovative use of media and fundraising techniques to create PEHLAKOADAM

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the Chairman of NCHD, which galvanizes the entire team.

NCHD Programs:

Education:

Inadequate provision of education at the grassroots is one of the most significant obstacles in the path of social change acting as a major handicap, and undermining the true potential of the society. To truly address the issues of social change in Pakistan NCHD, right from its very inception, took task of realizing the goals of "Education for All" set by the Government of Pakistan.

Universal Primary Education (UPE): NCHD's Universal Primary Education program (UPE) has been involved in supporting the EFA goals set by the Ministry of Education, with the support of the community and the local District Education Department. It aims to achieve 100% enrollment of children (between the ages of 5-7 years) in schoools together with achieving a reduction in the dropout rate from the current level of 50% to below 20%. To guarantee quality edu-cation teacher's training programs have been initiated to ensure that the meets the imparted education required quality standards

Feeder Schools: Feeder Schools

sufficiency in reading and writin, skills. Non-Formal Basic Education Through this intervention, based of accelerated method of teaching, this program encourages children betwee the ages 8-14 years to join the main stream education system.

EDUCATION

Literacy Intervention

In 53 districts of the Literac intervention, 3874 Literacy center have been completed since the initition of the Literacy program, two ar a half year ago. With the completic of these centers, 83, 549 individua have been made.

Functionally literate

 Presently, 1517 Literacy cente are operational all over Pakistan wi 39, 061 learners enrolled in th Literacy skills imparting exercises

- UPE Intervention: In 17 distriof UPE intervention, 1, 281, 218 (5 years old) out of school children we identified by an extensive data colletion exercise (an inbuilt mechanism the intervention) Out of these out school children, 1, 008, 909 childr have been enrolled in schools, too due to NCHD

- NCHD has provided 9121 Fee teachers to the districts for prim schools. Out of these, over 3000 teaching in NCHD's Feeder scho (community schools), while the are teaching in government prim schools Rehydration Solution (ORS - Nimkol).

NCHD's National Campaign on ORS (Nimkol) is a step towards taking preventive measures to save more innocent lives. This campaign is based on a successful pilot project of training 678,603 mothers in the preparation of home-made ORS in 8 districts.

Being launched on 30th March, 2005 by Begum Sehba Musharraf, the first lady of Now, its about time that we as a nation stand together and put forward a struggle for our own rights and pledge for a more healthier and prosperous Pakistan.

Simple, affordable preventive measures like the use of home-made ORS can make a tremendous difference by saving thousands of lives each year in Pakistan and make us a more happier and prouder nation!

Chairman of CHD with the status of the Minists of States (Federal). Furthermos, twenty five (25) Pakistani explates and from within the countrype mobilized to each donate US\$ 10,000 too hise a total seed capital US\$ 2.5 million. This tremendousidievemen motivated the Preside for this sinitiative. Stringent ris of governance were ensured by ing up and in the private sect the Pakersan Human Developmet fund (PIEDF), to be managed briepender Board of Directors. In July 2 grach of US\$ 100, this.

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ness allover the world, through 15. Mr. Muzzamil H. Malik events like Sojourn - Pakistan 2003. 16, Mr. Arif Massod Nagvi Communication in the major cities 17. Mrs. Nadira Paniwani like Los Angeles, New York City and 18. Mr. Saeedullah Khan Paracha London were targeted through social 19. Dr. Rafique U Rehman events like Galas - 2004 building 20. Mr. Farooque Rehamatulah Moving forward, it is planned to 22. Mr Abudlazaeem M.A. Al-Shamail 21. Begum Zari Sarfarz tap into the 3.5 million overseas 23. Dr. Omar Atiq Pakistanis by making at least 1% of 24. HE Shaikh Nahyan Bin Muabrik them as donor members at \$ 1000 AL Nahyan per year. If successful, this generates 25. Mr. Machael Lagan \$ 35 million per year for poverty alle- 26. Mr. Malcolm Scott viation and social development. The 27. Mr. Shiekh Abu Ghurair Government of Pakistan will match CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS: this. A number of various factors from within Pakistan. The encouraged the Government of Pakistan to commit \$ 32 million towards this initiative. This was complimented by judicious and innovative use of media and fundraising techniques to create awareness of this special initiative and raise funds through strategic events like the International Telethons 2003 & 2004, Sojourn Pakistan 2004 and Gala Events 2004. Enormous amount of volunteer work and support went into the Galas held in Los Angeles, New York City and London by overseas Pakistani in arranging for its arrangements and marketing. Other key factors behind this include operational flexibility, autonomy, active learning, community participation, social mobilization and volunteering both at grassroots and global level. Last but not the least, is he passion and commitment to this cause from President of Pakistan and antervie Steams. an

imparted education meets the required quality standards.

Feeder Schools: Feeder Schools have been established for children of 5 to 7 years. They are a prime example of the determination and commitment of the local communities in actively participating in the process of social transformation. Here, they not only encourage the establishment of these schools in their locality but also voluntarily support the effort by providing space for these schools.

Adult Literacy: NCHD has established centers for adults in the age group 15-39 years with 3 month adult literacy course and providing them with another chance to achieve selfsufficiency in reading and writing skills. Non Formal Basic Education: Through this intervention, based on accelerated method of teaching adult literacy course and providing them with another chance to achieve self(community schools), while the rest are teaching in government primary schools

- 33 % (332, 869 children) of the total enrolled children are receiving education by the Feeder teachers provided by NCHD.

- In the 17 UPE intervention districts, 33, 279 community volunteers are actively involved in UPE activities, assisting in enrollment and dropout prevention activities.

- Health: NCHD's Health programs are designed to improve communities. 'behavior towards' health. This process involves establishing local health needs, restructuring services of local health facilities and then meeting these needs by building and utilizing local resources. This ensures communities role at each step of the way, encouraing them to participate actively in reaching better health solution.