



Views of the panelists on ASER Launch

26-1-2012.

Dr. Zeba Sattar Country Director Population Council:

Education is the most important issue that needs to be dealt with for our progress and prosperity. She commended ITA for using volunteers. Participation of the community is the model that should be followed.

She stated the ASER report is very impressive in that it is a very difficult task of conducting assessments of both children and mothers. Had this exercise been done 15 years ago the situation would have been even more pathetic. The biggest silver lining and most challenging problem is that children are not being held back but they lack the money, because the supply side is way behind the demand side. Its a question of affordability for the people in general. We need a basic minimum of quality. There are excellent chunks of information in this report for researchers. This is why Population Council believes that 2012 should be made a year of partnerships, and would love to coordinate with Team ASER.

PROGRAMME

Time	Program
2:30 -2:45	Registration-
2:45-2:50	Opening & Welcome Remarks Baela Raza Jamil; Director Programs, Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA)
2:50-3:10	Highlights of the ASER Pakistan Report - Video/Presentation Documentary on ASER 2011
3:10-3:15	Citizens Speak: The ASER 2011 Journey ASER Volunteers
3:15 - 4: 25	Panel Discussion on Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nadeem-ul-Haque, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission- Lead Panelist • Ahsan Iqbal, Former Minister for Education MNA PML(N) • Dr Zeba Sathar, Country Director, Population Council • Chaudhry Qamar Zaman, Secretary, Ministry of Professional & Technical Training • Ms.Nargis Sultana, Program Officer, FOSI • Mr. Mazhar Siraj, Social Development Advisor, DFID-UKaid • Dr. Nafisa Shah, Chairperson NCHD, MNA PPP
4:25-4:30	ASER Pakistan 2011 Launch by the Chief Guest & All Participants
4:30-4:40	Speech by the Chief Guest Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada; Minister for Professional & Technical Training
4:40	Refreshments