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Education Sector Reforms–Action Plan 2001-02 – 2005-06:

Education Sector Reforms (ESR) since its launching in 2002, has emphasized at meeting challenges confronted at all sub-sectors of education. This ESR document reflects our national education agenda and provides a basis for national programme within the devolution framework. The ESR witnessed growing ownership and continuity of reforms and policy directions by the newly elected national and provincial governments. ESR has put systematic attention to different areas of education such as rehabilitation of physical facilities; support to multiple delivery systems; such as formal and non formal; private sector, mainstreaming of madaris, literacy; teacher training at; assessment and examination reform; professional development of field managers; linking education to skills; research and research incentives; effective decentralization of services and institutional strengthening. All thrust areas are supported by vigorous innovative programmes.

Incremental financial resources are being allocated by the Federal and Provincial Government for its implementation by the Provincial/Area Governments. The implementation of Education Sector Reforms has proved to be slower than anticipated especially in the areas of technical education, madaris and literacy. This document not only highlights the innovative approaches and strategies made in the last 3 years for achieving the desired goals but also points to the persisting gaps and problems. Complex decision making processes, multi-level coordination and communication problems are constraints to uninterrupted implementation efforts. However, continuous oversight of implementation and policy processes of ESR Programmes through the National Steering Committee meetings has led to maximizing of opportunities and appropriate adjustments in response to provincial requirements. Moreover, substantial managerial leadership and political skills have accelerated the implementation efforts of ESR Programmes at gross root level. The financial flows and outcomes of ESR /EFA are being vigorously monitored by a team of specialists from federal and provincial areas to ascertain outputs, constraints and possible solutions.

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