

Appeal for your support

Build Classrooms, Build Futures: Improving Learning Conditions for Children in Sindh

Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO), established in 1994, is a national development organization committed to promoting a democratic, socially just, and sustainable society. Over the past three decades, SPO has implemented 449 projects, reaching more than 25 million people across 124 districts of Pakistan. With its national centre in Islamabad and a strong field presence, SPO continues to work at the grassroots level to bring meaningful and lasting change.

Education has always been central to SPO's mission. The organization views education not only as a fundamental right but also as a powerful tool for social transformation. Its programmes focus on expanding access to quality learning for underserved communities, particularly in remote and marginalized areas. These efforts include formal and non-formal education, accelerated learning for out-of-school children, teacher training, and improvements in school infrastructure. Working in collaboration with partners such as UNICEF and government institutions, SPO currently manages 133 schools and education centres serving over 13,000 children.

In Sindh, SPO operates 112 schools and education centres with an enrollment of more than 10,700 students. Despite economic hardship and challenging living conditions, families in these communities demonstrate a strong commitment to education. Children attend school regularly with determination, reflecting their desire for a better future.

However, this demand has outgrown existing infrastructure. Many SPO-supported schools are now facing severe space constraints, resulting in overcrowded classrooms and compromised learning environments. A clear example is the SPO English Model Elementary School in Gaheja, District Shikarpur. The school currently accommodates 516 children in only six classrooms. Spaces designed for 30 to 35 students now hold as many as 70 to 90 children, leaving many without adequate room to sit, learn, or participate effectively.

At the same time, approximately 500 additional children most of them girls are waiting to be enrolled. Their families are eager to send them to school, yet the lack of physical space prevents their admission. If this situation continues, the quality of education will decline, opportunities for new students will remain limited, and many children especially girls will be left behind and declined from their basic right to Education.

This is not a lack of willingness to learn. It is simply a lack of space.

To address this urgent need, SPO proposes the expansion of school infrastructure through the construction of additional classrooms at the Gaheja school in District Shikarpur. The project includes the purchase of one *kanal* of land (approximately 5,400 square feet) and the construction of a double-storey building comprising 12 classrooms. This expansion will significantly improve learning conditions for existing students while creating space for new enrollments.

The **estimated cost** of the project is **PKR 9,000,000**, including **PKR 3,000,000 for land** and **PKR 6,000,000 for construction**. These estimates are based on prevailing local market rates and standard construction costs for safe and durable school infrastructure.

The impact of this investment will be immediate and sustainable. The project will improve the **learning environment for 516 currently enrolled children** and enable the admission of approximately **500 additional students, the majority of whom are girls**. It will increase the school's capacity to more than

1,000 students, reduce overcrowding, and enhance the overall quality of education. Beyond numbers, it will create a safe, dignified, and supportive environment where children can learn and thrive.

SPO is seeking support from corporate partners, development organizations, and individual philanthropists in the form of resources to buy land, construction and infrastructure contributions. Such support offers a unique opportunity to create visible and lasting impact. Unlike short-term interventions, investment in school infrastructure builds a foundation that will benefit generations of learners.

Supporting this initiative also provides meaningful recognition. Partners will be acknowledged during key milestones, including construction and inauguration, and will be featured across SPO's communication platforms. More importantly, their contribution will become part of a lasting legacy—one that shapes lives through education.

This appeal is from the families and children in rural Sindh who are not asking for much. They come to school with hope, resilience, and a desire to learn. What they need is the space to do so. And you could be one of the supporters in rewarding their dreams come true.

SPO invites you to partner in this effort to ensure that no child is turned away from education due to lack of infrastructure.

Together, we can build classrooms, expand opportunities, and create a future where every child has the chance to learn and succeed.

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