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To	All Members of the National Project Steering Committee		
From	Kanwal Qayyum, Program Manager Institutional Strengthening		
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	Mr. Zoaib Mansoor	Aahung	Manager Projects
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	Ms. Cyma Ashraf	WPF-P	Programme Manager- SRHR Education
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Activity	<p>One of the activities planned under the EU-WPF co-financed project Hamara Kal - “Rights Driven Institutionalization of SRHR of Young people in Pakistan” is to organize biannual meetings of the National Project Steering Committee (NPSC) to review the project progress and also suggest future strategies for project implementation. Taking this project commitment forward. The 3rd biannual NPSC meeting was organized on 14th July 2010, at WPF office from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>The objectives of the meeting were to review the project implementation progress during the last semester, share the work plan for the forthcoming semester, and solicit the Committee Members’ technical input and recommendations on implementation strategy in view of the emerging challenges. (For agenda of the meeting see annexure 1).</p>
	Proceedings/ Discussions
	<p>After formal round of introductions of the participants, Mr. Qadeer Baig, WPF Country Representative, welcomed the participants. Since few of the members were new, therefore a brief introduction of WPF's programs in Pakistan was also given by CR. He also reiterated the objectives of the NPSC meeting and appreciated the participation of the NPSC members in the meeting and quality of input received from the members.</p> <p>Ms. Kanwal Qayyum, Program Manager, presented to the participants the overall and specific objectives of the project, and the intervention strategy.</p>



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Ms. Kanwal presented progress review of the project implementation as per LFA of the project and shared targets Vs achievements in last 18 months. And the challenges faced during implementation. The following is a summary of discussion on the key issues and challenges:

- The NPSC participants suggested quoting "references", while giving information about districts.
- One of the objectives of the project is "Making Health Management System Youth Friendly and client-centered" the NPSC advised to keep due focus on girls as they faced major problems. .
- Baseline on 'Status of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Young People in Pakistan' and its outcomes were shared with the forum. NPSC was informed that the findings of the study with respect to the four most infringed rights, namely right to information and education, right to equality, right to health care and health protection and right to liberty and security, will be translated into curriculum for the students and the teachers guide.
- It was informed that as per project targets Five training manuals for capacity building and sensitization of r media persons, healthcare providers, religious leaders, elected representatives (government officials) and CSOs will be developed. The PM informed that that training manuals for teachers and work book for students has been completed. She suggested for developing two manuals; one for sensitization and other for capacity building. The NPSC members debated the issues and recommended to develop a separate manual of SRHR sensitization for enabling environment for media, religious leaders and elected representatives and develop a capacity building manual for institutionalization of SRHR for Health Professionals and CSOs.
- The Programme Manager informed that through this project WPF will provide SRHR Education to 153,000 students from about 300 schools instead off 450 schools in project districts. The participants discussed the pros and cons vis-à-vis number of schools, student targets, project costs, inflation, and resolved that observed that although implementation of SRHR education in schools could have impacted on school's administration and policies for an enabling environment for youth to exercise their SRH rights. The NPSC participants endorsed the WPF's proposal for lowering the number of target schools to about 300 and resolved that it would be more prudent to emphasize on beneficiaries' i.e. students (153,000) rather than on schools.. .
- NPSC was informed about the challenges faced in engaging the parents at public schools for their children's SHRH education. WPF's idea with regard to 'reverse education': training students to communicate with their parents' was elaborated by Programme Manager SRHR Education. This approach will involve developing specific IEC material and approach in-consultation with partners, teachers and schools. The NPSC suggested using multiple approaches for reaching to the parents in addition to testing Reverse Education.
- The NPSC was apprised of the purpose of the monthly "Professional Development Forum" (PDF) for LSBE Teachers and quarterly "Performance Review Forum"(PRF) with LSBE School Heads. The PM argued that all schools and teachers participate in the programmes on the instructions of the government but purely on voluntary basis. The NPSC discussed the need and effectiveness of the PDF and PRF and unanimously agreed with WPF and Implementing Partners suggestion to hold PDF at the end of the SHRH curriculum completion session in each academic year to seek their input for improving curriculum and training manuals and hold PRF on annual basis to make it more practical and effective.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programme Manager SRHR Education, informed that WPF’s initial strategy was to implement SRHR education in two levels. i.e. Level 1 (LSBE) and Level 2 (SRHR) to create an enabling environment for smooth implementation of such a sensitive but important project. In last project review meeting with project partners and consultation with district government WPF and Aahung worked together to have a standardized SRHR Education curriculum for students and teachers in line with recommendations of 3rd National LSBE Forum 2009. She argued that for behavior change the skill and information needs to be integrated in our teaching manuals. She emphasized that to advocate for realization of SRHR education into Pakistan’s education system the NGOs must have a tested uniform curriculum. It was informed that few sessions i.e. masturbation, wet dreams and menstruation will be packaged strategically to get stakeholders clearance. The NPSC appreciated the efforts for developing a standardized curriculum but emphasized that these sessions appropriately in the teachers manuals and students workbooks. The NPSC agreed with the contents of the draft curriculum (attached). Khawar Mumtaz offered Shirkat Gah Support for review of “Gender session”.• The Program Manager informed the forum that the purpose of the exposure visits is to learn from the experience of countries that have been able to achieve good SRHR indicators through timely and effective interventions with young people. An exposure visit of WPF and partners to ‘India’ is part of 2010 work plan. However due to political divergence between the countries and relevance of the SRHR learning the visit to India is not feasible. As endorsed by the Implementing partners and NPSC, Bangladesh/Indonesia/Iran were proposed for the foreseen exposure visit due to its relevance and technical expertise. The NPSC in principle agreed with the proposal and advised WPF to have this change formally approved by the European Commission.
Decisions for Future / Follow up	
	<p>The NPSC agreed unanimously that WPF shall present the recommendations of the NPSC to the European Union for their review.</p> <p>In the afternoon with EU project review team, NPSC recommendations were presented for addressing the challenges in project’s implementation. These recommendations were acknowledged by the EU delegation and it was agreed that for formal approval of these changes, WPF will share it with Task Manager EU accordingly.</p>



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(Annexure 1)

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Agenda

Objective

- To review the project’s performance 2009-10
- To discuss work plan 2010 and proposed modifications in project strategy/approach

Time	Item	Facilitator
10:45-11:00	Welcome, Introductions and objectives of the meeting	Qadeer Baig
11:00-12:00	Progress Review – Presentation , Discussion & Proposed Work plan (July-Dec 2010) and Feedback from NPSC	Kanwal Qayyum /Project Team and Partners
12:00-12:30	Issues, Challenges and Recommendations – Discussion	Kanwal Qayyum and Project Team/Partner
12:30-13:00	SRHR Curriculum update	Cyma Ashraf
13:00-13:05	Vote of Thanks	Qadeer Baig
13:15-14:00	Lunch	