

BEFARe has been implementing the world's largest sustained refugee education programme for Afghan Refugees in Pakistan. Being one of the members of Inter Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) since inception, it remained instrumental in capacity building of institutions and individuals on Minimum Standards of Education (MSE) in emergencies in Pakistan for the last many years. BEFARe was part of Regional Consultations of INEE 2004, for the development of minimum standards for Emergency Education in Nepal and subsequently Global Consultations at South Africa where the Minimum Standards (MS) were launched.

Subsequently, BEFARe hosted a TOT Workshop on MSE for South Asia held in Lahore in February 2006. The workshop was attended by participants belonging to various South Asian organizations of Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh and Pakistan. This MSE (TOT) workshop was third in a series of several regional TOTs (Anglophone, Francophone Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East and North Africa, North America and Europe) that were scheduled between January – July 2006.

BEFARe organized MSE training for 240 Government teachers and education managers in Rawla Kot and Bagh districts of Azad Kashmir in October 2007. The initiative was organized with support from UNESCO and was expected to enhance capacities of participants in providing education during emergencies.

BEFARe has been awarded RAHA projects under KFW funding through UNHCR. In one of its interventions under the initiative in 2010, BEFARe has provided training on MSE to 45 Government school teachers of the militancy hit area of Peshawar and Malakand. The initiative is to address the educational needs of the children surviving in emergency situation since last two years.

BEFARe in collaboration with UNESCO developed the three days course on MSEE 2010 based on the available material for one day training on MSE 2010 and taking guidance from the draft agendas for Caribbean and Middle East ToT on MSE 2010 as well as by improvising the old material. The 4 three days ToTs consisted of varied methodology i.e power point presentations, role play, drama and group work etc were organized on devised material for Districts Nowshera, Haripur in KP and Chagai, Pishin in Baluchistan in June 2011. BEFARe in collaboration with UNESCO decided to select most of the trainees from the department of Elementary and Secondary Education (E&SE), Provincial Institute of Teachers Education (PITE) and NGOs member of education Emergency Response Working Group (ERWG) at each district. The Government requested through the Department of E&SE that 70% of the trainees should be selected from government education department while 30% from development sector professionals working on education. BEFARe successfully imparted the training to 98 trainees on MSE 2010 material designed for the task.

BEFARe translated the previous version of MSE Training material in Urdu from the English text on behalf of INEE secretariat.

Similarly BEFARe in collaboration with INEE secretariat has translated the MSE 2010 Hand Book into Urdu, the copies are shared with stakeholders in Pakistan.

BEFARe's research and development team in 2011, has translated the MSE reference tool in Urdu with the support of UNESCO.