The State of Education in Balochistan

70% of all children in Balochistan are not in school
There are 2.7 million children in Balochistan between the ages of 5 and 16, of which 1.8 million are out of school.

Too many children in Balochistan are dropping out of school
At the primary school level, 72% of enrolled children drop out before finishing primary education.

There are 528,102 children enrolled in government primary schools. This number drops to 201,932 in middle and secondary schools - a drop of more than 300,000.

The major cause of this alarming dropout rate is an inadequate supply of government schools, especially at the middle and high school levels.

The government supply of schools is inadequate
There is a serious shortage of supply, with 13,279 government schools in Balochistan, of which only 9% (1,233) are middle schools and 7% (836) are high schools.

Majority of out-of-school children are girls
75% of girls between the ages of 5-16 years are out of school compared to 65% of boys within the same age bracket.

Only 25% of women have ever been to school compared to 60% of men.

Girls in particular are not staying in school
Net enrolment rate of girls in primary schools is as low as 35%. This drops to just 10% in middle schools and as little as 4% in high schools.

Most children are in government schools
85% of children between the ages of 5-16 years are enrolled in government schools compared to 9% in private schools.

Balochistan’s children score poorly in reading and mathematics compared to children in the rest of the country.

56% of children in class 5 cannot read a story fluently in Urdu
61% of children in class 5 cannot read a sentence fluently in English
57% of children in class 5 cannot perform simple two-digit division
There are not enough teachers available in Balochistan

54% of the total government primary schools operate with only one teacher. In some areas, this number is much higher. As many as 82% of the government primary schools in Kohlu and 81% in Barkhan are single teacher schools.

Despite this shortage, 24% of sanctioned teaching posts remain vacant.

Facilities at schools are extremely poor

Across Balochistan, 83% of government primary school buildings are in an ‘unsatisfactory’ condition.

- 79% of schools are without electricity
- 68% of schools have no drinking water facility
- 85% of schools are missing the basic facility of a toilet
- 71% of schools are without boundary walls

Scarce resources are being wasted

A rough estimate shows that there are at least 216 ghost and non-functional schools in Balochistan.

Balochistan ranks lowest in education rankings amongst provinces and territories

- None of the districts from Balochistan lie in the highest quintile of district education rankings
- Out of 32 districts in Balochistan, 23 districts have an education score of less than 50.

Many teachers are absent from schools

15% of teachers are absent from government schools in Balochistan on any given day.

26% of government schools in Balochistan function with only one classroom

In some areas this number is much higher. For instance, 41% of the primary schools in Loralai function with one classroom.

Education scores

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