PRIMARY SCHOOL SELECTION CRITERIA

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For establishment of new primary schools, applications are requested from communities across the province. The call for applications was advertised in local newspapers with province-wide circulation. An elaborate school site selection criteria is in place to ensure only the most deserving communities receive the facilities. The criteria are discussed below:



Availability of minimum 20 out of school children (aged 5-9) in a locality/village

A minimum head count of 20 boys and girls is required for acceptance of a school application.



Non-availability of school (public, private, community) in a 1.5-2 kilometers

Balochistan is in great need of rationalization of educational resources to ensure existing schools do not remain redundant. This requirement ensures only the most deserving communities are eligible to apply for new schools.



Availability of 02 rooms by the community for establishment of the school

While new construction takes time, once sites identified, the educational activities can be initiated without further ado. The two rooms will be used as transitional structures



Women teachers with minimum qualifications of F.A/F.Sc & PTC/CT qualification Keeping in mind the local cultural sensitivities people are reluctant to send their daughters to school with male staff. Furthermore, the project aims to introduce gender free schools. Local women with adequate qualifications will be selected through a well-defined selection criteria. This will not only ensure recruitment of local talent but also enhance local capacity through teacher trainings.



Donation of 01 acre land. In case of non-availability minimum 20,000 square feet for rural and 10,000 square feet for urban areas.

To reinvigorate the community's spirit for contributing towards the education of their children this clause plays a vital role. This will also ensure ownership of school property in terms of maintenance of school premises, once established.



UPGRADATION OF MIDDLE TO HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION CRITERIA

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For upgradation of schools from middle to high the criteria is discussed below:



Availability of land for extension

In order to upgrade a school from primary to middle there should be land available for extension.



Availability of primary pass enrolment within a radius of 2 km & EMIS Code

Middle pass enrolment in a radius of 2km is a necessary requirement for a middle school to be upgraded to high. An EMIS code should be allocated to the school as well.



Non-availability of school (public, private, community) in a 1.5-2 kilometers

Balochistan is in great need of rationalization of educational resources to ensure existing schools do not remain redundant. This requirement ensures only the most deserving communities are eligible to apply for new schools.



Minimum of 2 feeder schools in a radius of 3km

In order to cater to the needs of deserving students there should be a minimum of 2 (middle) feeder schools in a radius of 3km for a middle school to be upgraded to high.



Availability of basic facilities

Keeping in mind the basic requirements for a school specially children, it is important to make sure that basic facilities like water, electricity etc. should be available.



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For upgradation of schools from primary to middle the criteria is discussed below:



Availability of land for extension

In order to upgrade a school from primary to middle there should be land available for extension.



Availability of primary pass enrolment within a radius of 2km & EMIS Code

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