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## SUCCESS STORY

# Annual School Days Recognize Achievement and Attendance

**The Sindh Community Mobilization Program launched a new round of its activities by facilitating a series of popular Annual School Days and maximized community support for the Sindh Basic Education Program's investment in the future of education in Sindh Province.**



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**“I got this trophy for coming first in my class and this certificate which says I come to school every day. I also got a cap from the people of America. I really like my school - it's the best!”**

**Asifa, Grade I Student, Government Boys' Primary School, Saleh Indhar Village, Sukkur District.**

To promote its second phase of community mobilization activities, the Community Mobilization Program (CMP) component of the Sindh Basic Education Program (SBEP) has facilitated a series of Annual School Days in 46 SBEP targeted schools.

CMP Community Mobilization Teams closely coordinated with schools and scanned exam results and attendance registers to produce the events which recognize exam achievements and regular school attendance. The first three boy and girl students in grades one to ten received trophies and the top ten attending students in each grade received certificates of appreciation for regular attendance. All students received a USAID baseball cap inscribed with the message: “We are creating a Roshan (enlightened) Pakistan.”

The events provided an opportunity to publicize CMPs' upcoming School Management Committee (SMC) Trainings and School Improvement and Community Mobilization Plan activities. As such they corresponded with CMP's approach of 'digging deeper' with activities which appeal to the wider school community and maximize their involvement in them.

The Annual School Days, which had never been done in any of the schools before, proved an overwhelming success. Approximately 14,000 school students and 2,500 proud parents participated in them alongside the schools' respective District Education Officials. They generated a large number of prospective community candidates for CMP's upcoming SMC training programs as well as community activities like village “enrollment walks” to encourage more parents to send their children to school. CMP is pleased to report that many of the schools signaled their intention to make Annual School Days a regular feature of the school calendar.