

Abstract

Education is a tool without which one cannot succeed in any occupation. Education for all is a global movement led by UNESCO to cater out of school children problem. Pakistan's constitution article 25-A reveals that state shall provide free and compulsory education to all children. *After 18th amendment in the constitution, the provincial assembly of Sindh passed the SLGO-2013 and its article 140 (A) reiterates as each province shall, by law, establish a local government system and devolve political, administrative, and financial responsibility and authority to the elected representatives of the local governments.*

The research is aimed to understand the role of local government in improving the quality of education at district Umerkot.

The research objectives were achieved by utilizing qualitative research methodology interview as instrument used for collection of data from local government representatives and teachers of school. The sample comprises of administration personnel and head teachers of randomly selected schools, detailed questionnaire and interviews were conducted in-depth obtain in depth analysis..

The data interpreted through thematic analysis method. In this study key factors affecting the quality of education in districts Umerkot were found, these factors include poor infrastructure, and financial allocation, technical capacities, and untrained human capital (teachers) are the factors affect the primary education at gross level.

Another important finding is relevant to local government capacity in designing the educational plan for school infrastructure and incentives for the students.

Research also found that the local government does not have specific budget allocation for district council members and local government management for the trainings, monitoring and evolution tool for the education system. However, involvement of local government in improvement of education was observed.

In the last recommendations and suggestions are after conclusion of this research.

This study can be helpful for all stakeholders, if its findings and recommendations are considered in letter and spirit. Although this study will pave a way for future researchers also.