

Achievements of Frontier Education Foundation

Frontier Education Foundation was established as body corporate under Act III of 1992 by the Government of NWFP with the mandate to promote and develop education in private sector. The Board of Directors now headed by Chief Minister NWFP, constituted under above mentioned Act; has necessary decision making powers to avoid bureaucratic hurdles to give it real essence of being a corporate body. The Board was also constituted with the due representation of all stake holders i.e., Bureaucracy, Politicians and private sector educationists as well as similar organizations. Under relevant provision of FEF Act III of 1992, the administration and management of Foundation and its affairs shall vest in the Board including utilization and regulation of Foundation.

2. The Foundation started with limited loans and grants facility for the private sector educational institutions in NWFP and arranged short in service training courses. The Foundation also established its own Degree Colleges for women mostly in rural areas of NWFP in 2002-03.

3. The Board of Directors in its 19th meeting held on August 3, 2005 under section 7 of FEF Act III 1982 appointed Ms. Ali Begum DMG-21 as Managing Director being Chief Executive of Foundation for the term of four years. The Managing Director due to her personal engagement has requested to be relieved from the post of Managing Director on her retirement from Government service.

4. During her stay she has worked hard for improvement and promotion of education in the province as well as took various steps for improving the administrative and financial discipline in the Foundation and betterment of the employees. Some of her achievements are reflected hereunder.

a) Strengthening FEF Colleges for Girls.

In order to reduce gender disparity and to ensure access to quality education for girls in NWFP, FEF started establishing its own Colleges for Girls since September 2002. The Foundation is presently operating 15 Degree colleges for Girls in the buildings provided by the Provincial/District Governments except one college in Sarai Nuarang which is working in rented building. Present student strength is 5815 with 295 faculty personnel including Principals. Most of these colleges are located in peripheral rural areas where these colleges alone provide affordable education opportunity to female population who otherwise would have been deprived of access to college level education.

b) Institutionalization of FEF/FEF Rules

FEF came into being in 1992. It has since been operating without having its own rules whereas section 17 of FEF Act required making rules for the purposes of the Act. Rules provide the basis for smooth running of any organization and are basic yardstick for good governance. Therefore, in consultation with various Government departments i.e., Higher Education, Establishment, Finance and Law as well as sister organizations in other provinces and autonomous bodies in NWFP, Foundation has formulated its 'Rules of Business' 'Service and General Rules' and 'Financial Rules' including Rules for financial Assistance to Private Sector Educational Institutions. FEF rules were approved by its Board of Directors in March 2008. It

brought with it better financial and administrative discipline and working within a framework being absolutely necessary for any organization, institutionalization of this corporate body became reality.

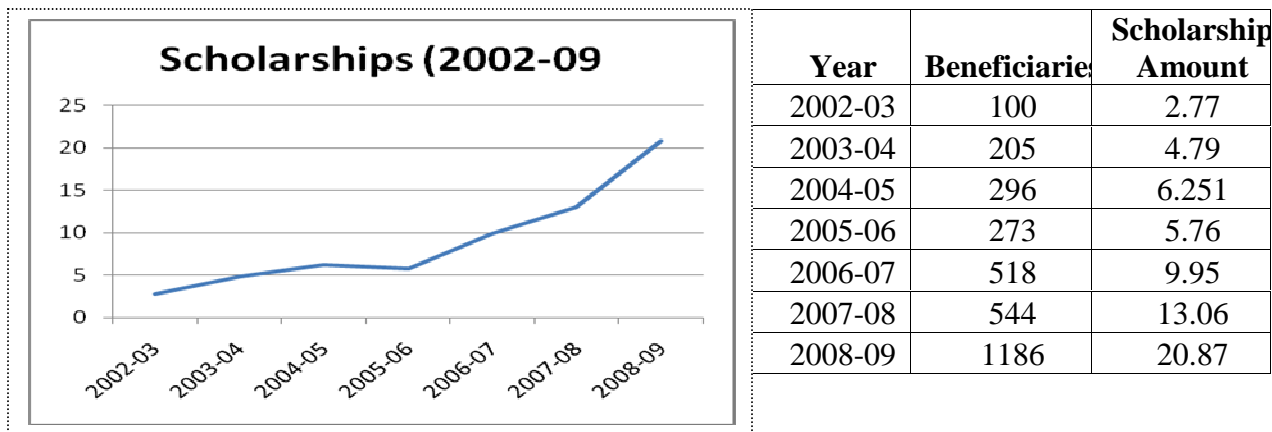
c) FEF Academy for Training of College Faculty

FEF Academy is providing facility of in-service training to the college faculty of NWFP. It is operating in a rented building and arranging different courses. Training and skill development being a continuous process, the Foundation has started construction of its own building in Kohat. It has introduced two types of courses i.e., Professional Course for Staff Development and Executive Management Course.

Quality of training has been consistently improved by engaging Resource Persons of training institutions like NIM (NIPA) Peshawar and subject experts from universities. Work is in progress on developing Training Modules for various courses.

d) Scholarships

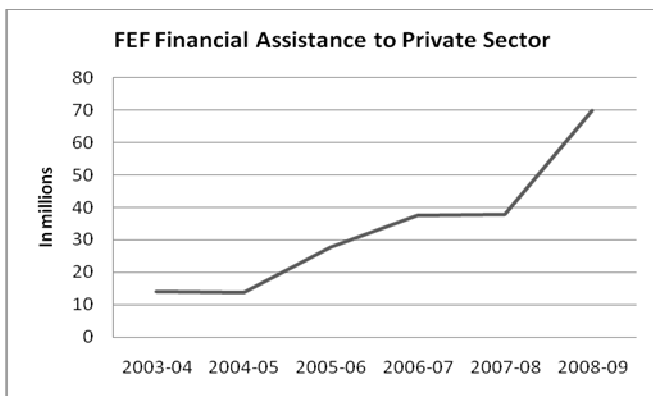
The Foundation is running scholarship scheme for the deserving students of NWFP. The basic criteria is Merit cum Inaffordability. The Foundation disburses scholarships through educational institutions.



e) Financial Assistance to Private Sector Educational Institutions

FEF was established for providing financial assistance to private sector. Loans to private sector are provided on recommendations of District Education Foundation Advisory Committees (DEFACs) headed by District Coordination Officers to ensure transparency and genuineness. The Foundation provides loan facility against mortgage of immovable property and the loan is repayable with 4% markup in monthly installments usually within seven years.

Foundation has waived off mark up on loans in earth quake affected areas to the tune of Rs.1.30 million and also rescheduled the loans repayment in such cases.



Year	In Million
1992-03	52.04
2003-04	14.03
2004-05	13.88
2005-06	28.00
2006-07	37.75
2007-08	37.83
2008-09	70.00

F) Workshops and Seminars

The Foundation held a landmark workshop on “Education System in Pakistan and 21st Century” which received recognition as helpful guidelines for policy formulation at federal level. It was national level workshop with representation of all stakeholders in education sector from various parts of the country including AJK, FATA and Northern Areas with their Educationists and policy makers. The workshop deliberations were properly documented and provided to all concerned to help in policy making process.

g) FEF’s Website

The Foundation has launched its own website. The present website is not only the major advertising and publicity tool for promotion of Foundation’s role in education sector of the province but it also provides access and services to the people. The salient features are:

- i. Provide necessary information online
- ii. Facilitate as advertising and publicity tool
- iii. Online access for admission forms for colleges
- iv. Online access to application forms for scholarship to deserving students
- v. Downloading facility of application forms for financial assistance
- vi. Provide updated information on new initiatives
- vii. Provides information on rules and regulations of Foundation.