



Head Teacher's Handbook

Psychosocial Support, Health Hygiene Promotion and Effective Teaching Methods in Challenging Environments.

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INTRODUCTION

In the vast and diverse educational landscape of Balochistan, head teachers play an indispensable role in shaping the future of countless young minds. They are not just administrators but also mentors, leaders, and catalysts for change within their schools and communities. Balochistan, with its rich cultural heritage and unique challenges, requires a distinct educational leadership approach rooted in local context and global best practices.

“Navigating Challenges with Compassion and Skill: A Head Teacher's Handbook to Psychosocial Support, Health Hygiene Promotion, and Effective Teaching Methodology in Challenging Environments” is a comprehensive resource designed to equip head teachers with the knowledge, skills, and strategies needed to excel in their fundamental roles. This handbook has been developed by Noshin Khan, an education consultant, and her team of education experts from the Education Department, Government of Balochistan with technical support from UNICEF and financial support from the European Union.

Balochistan, the largest province of Pakistan, is known for its diverse linguistic, cultural, and geographical disparities. The challenges faced by head teachers here are multifaceted, ranging from resource constraints to limited access to quality teacher training. This guide aims to bridge these gaps by providing practical insights, actionable advice, and a roadmap for success. Through this guide, we delve into the unique needs of head teachers in Balochistan, acknowledging the significance of preserving local identities and values while striving for academic excellence. We explore leadership principles, effective school management techniques, and innovative teaching strategies that align with the province's educational goals and aspirations.

Whether you are a seasoned head teacher seeking new perspectives or a newly appointed leader navigating the intricate educational landscape of Balochistan, this handbook is your companion in the journey towards a brighter, more prosperous future for the youth of this magnificent province.

GLOSSARY

The following glossary provides the reader with guidance about what is meant by the various terms used in this handbook. This list is not intended to be exhaustive; it is designed to help the reader to understand what is intended in the current text.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support	A holistic approach that promotes emotional well-being and addresses psychological needs.
Well-being	The state of ideal physical, mental, and social health and happiness.
Coping	Adaptive strategies used to manage stress and challenges.
Conflict Resolution	Methods to peacefully resolve disagreements and disputes.
Inclusive	Embracing diversity and ensuring equal access and participation for all.
Mindfulness	A practice of being fully present and self-aware in the moment.
Restorative Justice Approach	Focusing on repairing harm and rebuilding relationships rather than punishing measures.
One-Size-Fits-All Approach	A standardized solution that does not account for individual differences.
Literacy	The ability to read, write, and comprehend information.
Adolescence	The transitional stage between childhood and adulthood, typically between ages 10 and 19.
Formal and Non-Formal Learning	Formal is structured education, while non-formal is informal, self-directed learning outside traditional settings.
Mental Stress	Emotional tension and pressure affecting mental well-being.
Resilient System	A system's capacity to adapt and bounce back from difficulty and adversity.
Bullying	Repeated aggressive behavior intended to harm someone physically or emotionally.
Trauma-Informed Teaching	An approach recognizing and addressing the effects of trauma (shock, upset) on learning.
Intervention Strategies	Planned actions to address specific issues or problems.
Therapeutic Methods	Techniques and approaches used for healing or treatment.
Improvement Plan	A structured strategy for enhancing a situation or process.
Health Hygiene Promotion	Activities promoting health and hygiene practices.
Hygiene Awareness	Knowledge and consciousness regarding cleanliness and sanitation.
Challenging Environment	A situation that requires problem-solving and adaptability.
Holistic Approach	Addressing all aspects of a situation comprehensively.
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:	Embracing differences, promoting fairness, and ensuring equal access for all.
Project-Based Instruction	Learning through hands-on project-centered activities.
Flipped Classrooms	Inverting traditional teaching with students learning content outside of class and applying it in class.
Transformative Teaching	An approach that fosters personal growth and societal change.
Critical Thinking	The ability to analyze, evaluate, and solve problems.
Professional Development	Ongoing training and learning for career advancement.
Conducive Environment	A setting that is favorable for learning or productivity.
Individualized Education Plan	Tailored educational strategies for students with special needs.



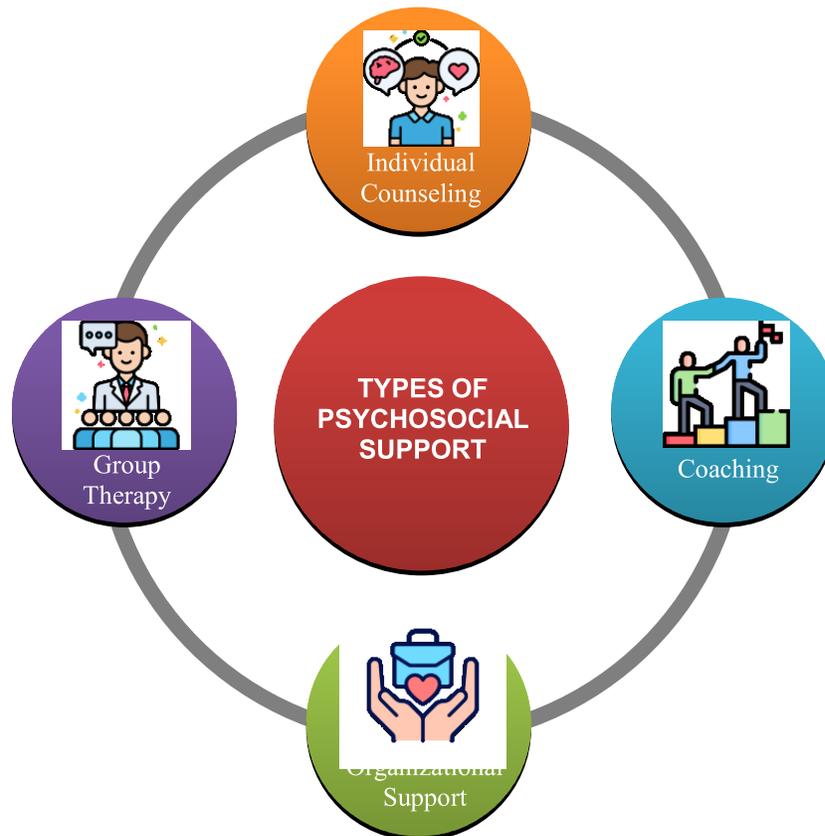
CHAPTER 1



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EDUCATION

Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) refers to the provision of services and resources to help head teachers maintain their mental health and well-being. Head Teachers face many stressors in their work, such as high demands, long hours, and difficult decisions. This can result in burnout, anxiety, and depression. Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) can help head teachers address these stressors, maintain their mental health, and foster a healthy and supportive school culture for both students and teachers. Furthermore, MHPSS assists head teachers in reducing stress, improving decision-making, increasing job satisfaction, boosting relationships, and promoting productivity.

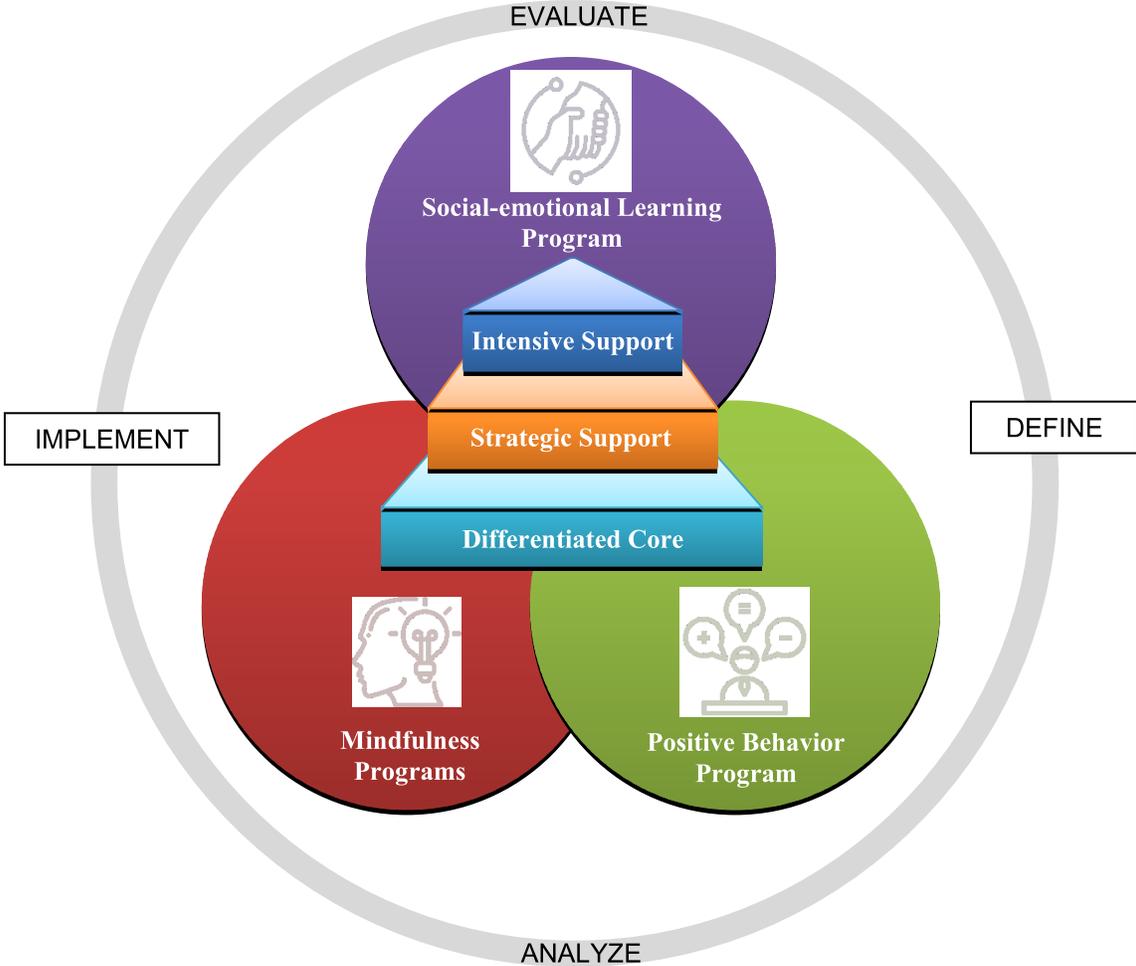
There are many different types of psychosocial support that can be helpful for head teachers. They are individual counseling, group therapy, coaching, and organizational support. Individual counseling provides a safe space for leaders to talk about their challenges and develop coping strategies, such as self-care, delegation, problem-solving, conflict resolution, etc. Group therapy provides support and mutual trust from other leaders who are facing the same challenges. Coaching helps leaders develop their skills and confidence. Organizational support includes things like stress-reduction programs, flexible work arrangements, and clear expectations.



It is vital for head teachers to know how to integrate mental health and psychosocial support into educational leadership because it can promote student success, reduce stress among teachers and staff, and create a healthier and supportive school climate for everyone. It is a fact that when students feel supported, they are more likely to succeed academically and socially.

1.1 PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS IN EDUCATION

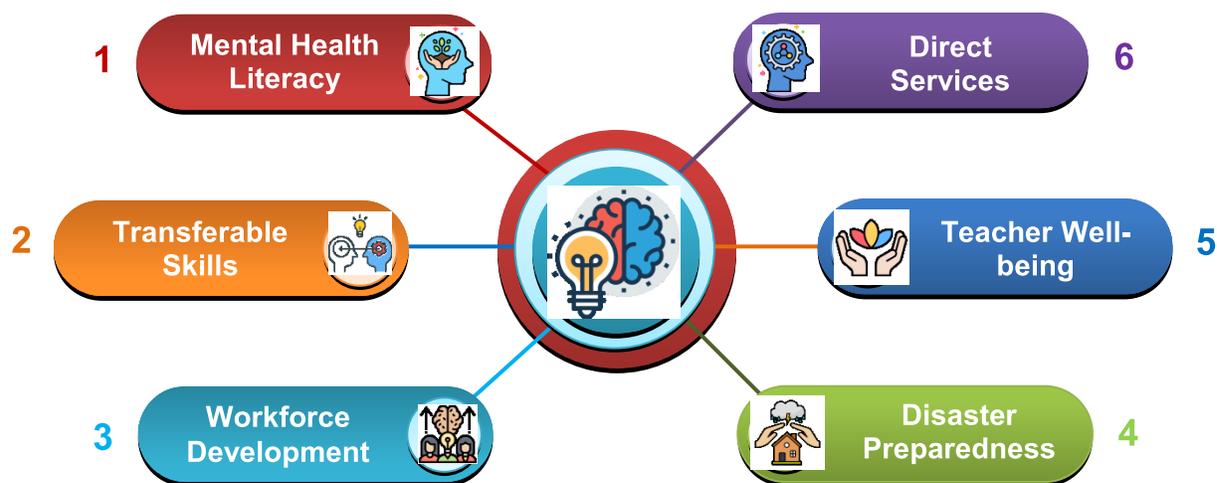
Psychological and social interventions in education are designed to improve the mental health and well-being of students, teachers, and other school staff. These interventions not only improve student achievement, but also create a more positive and supportive school climate. Head teachers play an important role in psychological and social interventions in education by providing leadership, guidance, and vision to set the tone for the school's culture, and ensure that mental health and social-emotional well-being are prioritized alongside academic achievement. Moreover, they collaborate with staff, students, parents, and community stakeholders to implement programs, policies, and practices that promote students' psychological health, emotional development, and social skills. These plans foster an inclusive educational setting where all students have the opportunity to flourish academically and personally. Here are some specific psychological and social intervention programs that head teachers can implement in their schools:



Social-emotional learning programs teach students skills such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Mindfulness programs teach students how to focus their attention on the present moment and to accept their thoughts and feelings without judgment. Additionally, positive behavior intervention and support programs teach students school discipline focusing on preventing problem behaviors and rewarding positive behaviors. However, the restorative justice approach should be followed to repair harm and restore relationships in this context.

1.2 MHPSS IN EDUCATION: KEY PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in education plays a vital role in promoting students' well-being and academic success. Head teachers can contribute significantly to creating a supportive educational environment that develops students' and staff's mental health and psychosocial well-being. It is imperative to note that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to MHPSS in education. The particular programs and interventions that are needed will vary depending on the context and the needs of the students. However, the following programmatic priorities can provide a starting point for developing and implementing effective MHPSS programs in education.



- **Promoting Mental Health Literacy:**

This involves increasing mental health literacy among students by talking openly about mental health in schools. Head teachers should initiate programs that include physical, social-emotional, and psychological aspects of student health, safety, nutrition, and well-being. In addition, they should provide opportunities to strengthen teachers' abilities to promote and protect children's mental health and well-being. These can be possible through school curricula, extracurricular activities, and teacher training.

- **Embedding Transferable Skills:**

This involves inserting transferable skills in the curriculum lessons from early childhood to adolescence. Head teachers should make available these skills to all students regardless of their age, gender, or abilities in formal and non-formal learning environments.

- **Developing Workforce Skills:**

This involves building the capacity of teachers and other school staff to improve their ability to assist all students regardless of age, gender, or abilities in maintaining good mental health and well-being. Head teachers should support school staff in enhancing their skills to address the mental health and well-being of all students, and foster an inclusive environment where students can flourish emotionally and psychologically.

- **Integrating MHPSS in Education Disaster Preparedness:**

This involves integrating MHPSS in education disaster preparedness for effective response to build back better in recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. Head teachers should help affected (war, violence, or natural disasters) children and adolescents who often face disruptions in their education and continue stress. This needs expanding mental health services in schools, providing more support to teachers, building resilient systems, improving coordination, and promoting collaboration between humanitarian and development efforts.

- **Promoting Teacher Well-being:**

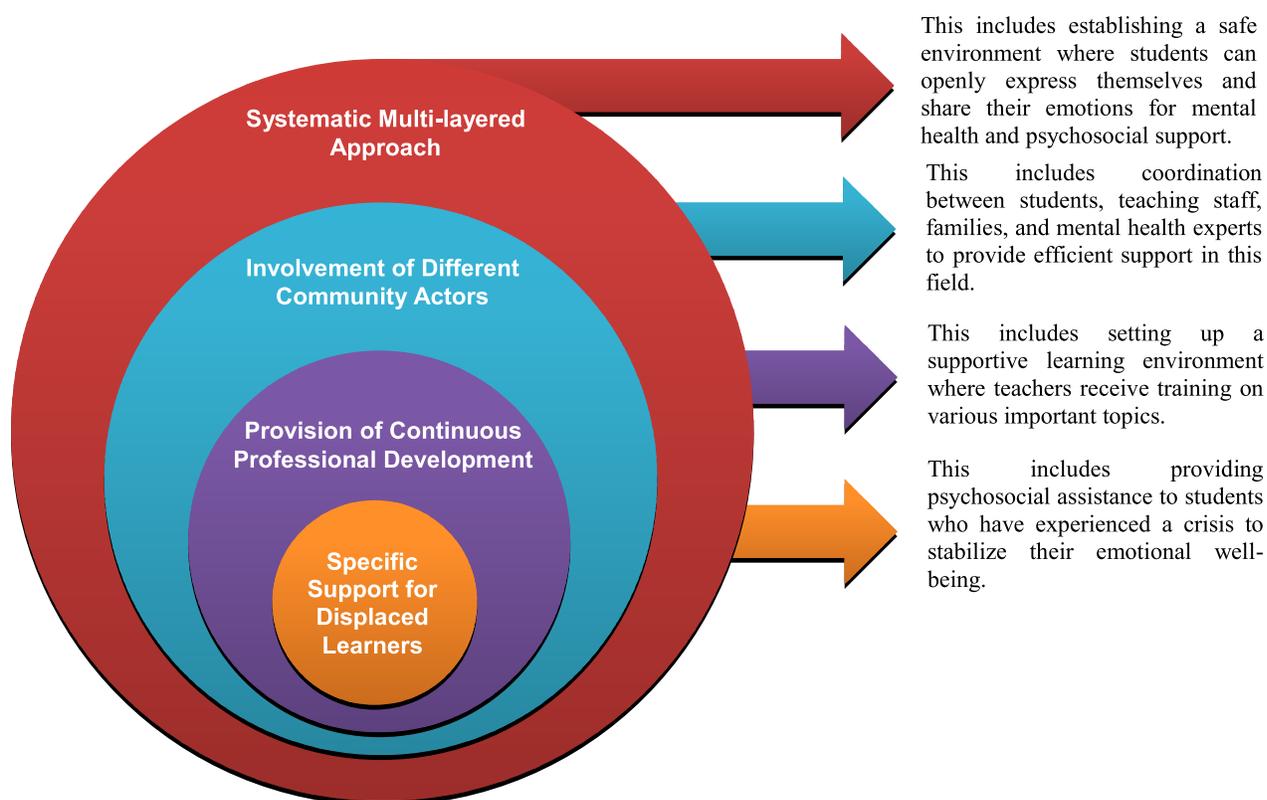
This involves implementing policies, providing tools, and offering support to enhance the mental health and overall well-being of teachers. Head teachers should create guidelines and protocols within the school administration to confirm resources, such as stress management workshops and counseling services. Additionally, they should establish a network of support within the school community towards ensuring that school teachers have the necessary tools and assistance to handle with the challenges of their role while maintaining their well-being.

- **Expanding MHPSS Services in Schools:**

This involves making mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services more accessible within school settings. Head teacher should foster effective collaboration among various sectors to create and execute tools, referral pathways, and practical protocols that facilitate the referral of children and adolescents to specialized services when needed.

1.3 ADDRESSING THE BASICS OF MH&PSS

Many external and school-related factors can distress students. Teachers frequently deal with issues like bullying, discrimination, behavior problems, and students struggling to adapt to new cultural and linguistic environments. Schools are places where these signs of distress can be early detected and punctually addressed with the intervention of the head teachers and teaching staff. To ensure the effectiveness of these interventions and the provision of suitable psychosocial support, schools must operate as protective environments. Head teachers should view the psychosocial well-being of learners as a shared responsibility throughout the entire school community. Moreover, teachers should receive proper training to assist all learners in addressing their academic and behavioral challenges. The following tips are given as advice to school head teachers for designing and delivering psychosocial support.



Tip 1: Designing a Systemic Multi-Layered Approach:

Head teachers should create a safe environment where students can express themselves and share their emotions is the initial step for mental health and psychosocial support. For less severe issues, teachers, parents, and volunteers can provide psychological first aid, social and emotional learning, and therapeutic activities (improving the ability to perform activities of daily living) like art and play-based therapy. For more complex cases, mental health professionals can provide specialized therapeutic interventions using various therapy methods.

Tip 2: Involving Different Community Actors in Providing Support:

Head teachers should establish strong cooperation between students, teachers, families, and mental health experts to work together by quickly identifying signs of distress and providing prompt assistance either within the school or by connecting with external support systems. This approach always ensures effective psychosocial support, especially for students at risk of leaving school early.

Tip 3: Providing Continuous Professional Development on Psychosocial Support:

Head teachers should set up a supportive learning environment where teachers receive training on various important topics, such as trauma-informed teaching, social and emotional learning, recognition of mental health problems, intervention strategies, and most importantly how to take care of their own personal well-being. These training sessions can give them the knowledge about how students may respond to crisis events and how to engage in discussions about such crises with them.

Tip 4: Specific Support for Displaced Learners:

Head teachers should provide psychosocial assistance to students who have experienced a crisis to stabilize their emotional well-being. This involves recognizing that their emotional reactions to abnormal circumstances are normal and supporting them in understanding and managing their emotions. These practices activate self-awareness, self-perception, self-regulation, and self-control processes to facilitate their recovery and resilience.

1.4 MAPPING MH&PSS PRACTICES

A comprehensive review of the literature has examined successful strategies in education and mental health support for migrant and refugee children, including unaccompanied minors. Effective practice is characterized by the presence of strong evidence (quantitative or qualitative) demonstrating the social impact it has achieved within both education and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). However, these practices require a clear and measurable improvement in at least one of the following dimensions related to migrant students: academic success, well-being, or social belonging. This criterion ensures that the practices identified have a positive impact on these critical aspects of the student's experiences.

- Creating a safe space
 - Building capacity among school staff
 - Cognitive behavioral therapy
 - Expressive therapy
- **Creating a Safe Space:**

This includes creating a sense of safety for academic success, well-being, and social belonging among students. Head teachers should foster a secure atmosphere within an educational setting that entails deliberate efforts to ensure the school environment feels safe. This approach encompasses both the physical aspects of the environment and the values and overall operation of the school.

● **Building Capacity among School Staff:**

This involves the capacity of school staff to support students' mental health and psychosocial well-being for long-term sustainability. Head teachers should have programs that are integrated into the mainstream curriculum in terms of long-term student outcomes than activities delivered by outside experts. This approach ensures that the school community plays an active role in nurturing students' well-being and contributes to the overall success of these initiatives.

● **Cognitive Behavioral Therapy:**

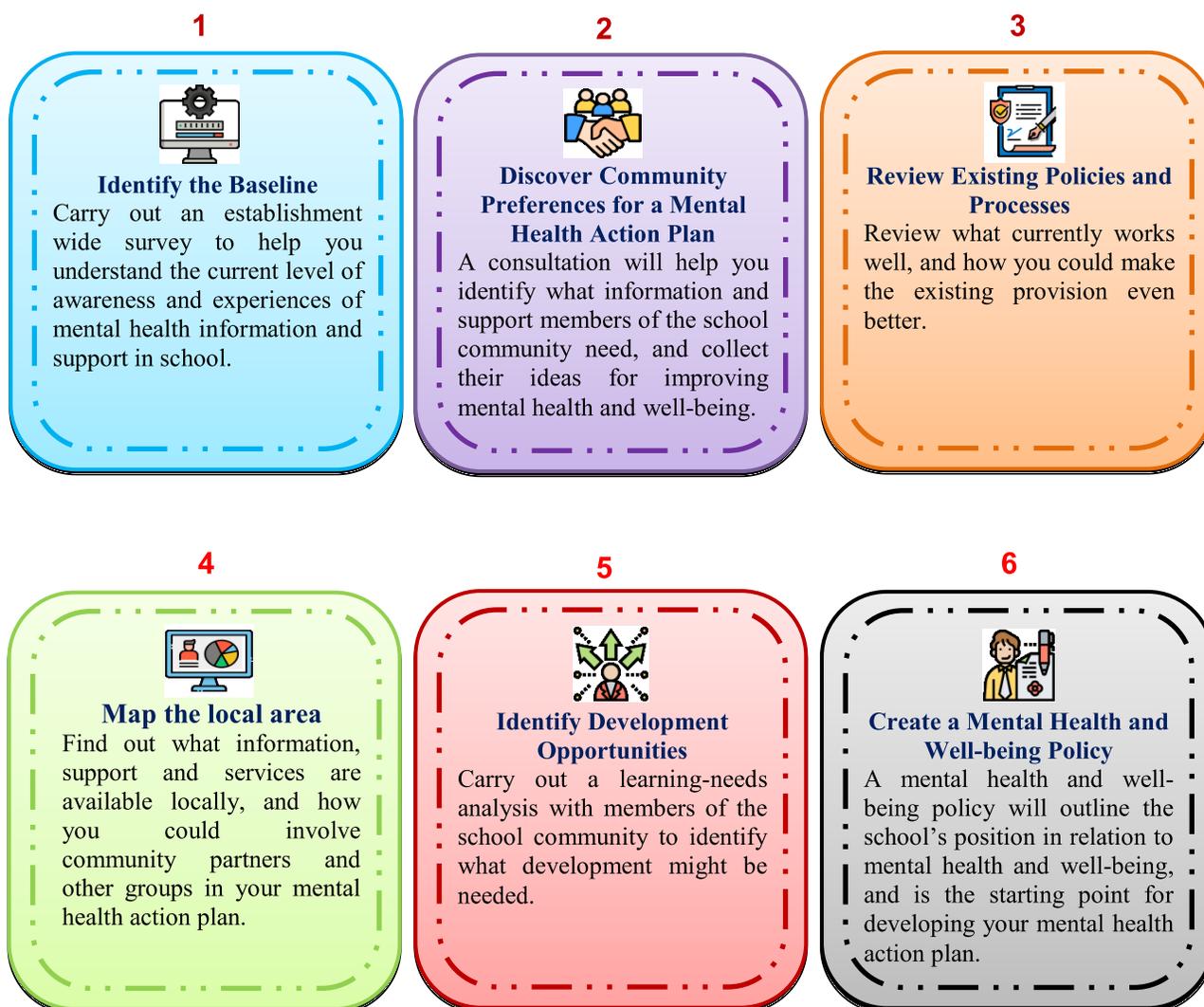
Cognitive behavioral therapy involves modifying thought patterns as a key element of treatment - strategies like applying problem-solving skills to manage challenging situations and building self-confidence. Head teachers should establish an environment where trained school personnel (school teachers with specialized training) or external mental health experts (psychologists or social workers) use therapeutic methods as specified in an intervention protocol to interact with students. These approaches are applied in both one-on-one and group settings to provide the necessary support and assistance to students with their mental health needs.

● **Expressive Therapy:**

This involves creative expression that aids individuals in processing and managing emotional challenges. Head teachers should provide students with enough opportunities to process and cope with emotional issues in a way that reconstructs meaning, works with traumatic experiences, and retell stories. This approach effectively addresses emotional distress that may not be as accessible through traditional talking therapies which often rely on higher-level cognitive functioning.

1.5 A COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN

A comprehensive mental health action plan is a comprehensive school-wide strategy designed to nurture open and supportive conversations around positive mental health for all individuals connected to the educational community. A well-executed mental health action plan integrates essential elements for its success, including (a) facilitating prevention and early intervention of serious mental health problems, (b) embedding it within school culture for unified integration, (c) prioritizing sustainability for lasting impact, (d) empowering young people through involvement and self-advocacy, (e) centering its goals on enhancing mental health and overall well-being, and (f) promoting the adoption of positive self-care and coping strategies. Implementing an effective mental health action plan serves as a crucial factor in meeting the “Ensuring Well-being, Equality, and Inclusion” quality indicator during school inspections. Furthermore, it covers the way for a comprehensive, whole-school approach aimed at enhancing health and well-being. Such an approach does not just address individual well-being, but also positively influences every side of school life benefiting all students and staff in the school community. To create a comprehensive mental health action plan, head teachers should begin with the following key steps:



1.6 KEY COMPONENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN

A comprehensive school mental health action plan is essential for promoting the mental health and well-being of students and all members of the educational community. Here is a detailed explanation of each of the key components:

- **Actions and Behaviors Supporting Mental Health and Well-being:**

A successful mental health action plan is characterized by strong support from senior staff members and integration into the school culture. It is crucial that it remains sustainable, even if the initial team members move on. To achieve this, actions and behaviors promoting mental health and well-being should become an integral part of all school activities, rather than being treated as a separate and isolated concern.

- **Young Person-Centered Support, Focusing on the Individual:**

Mental health action plans should recognize the diversity of experiences and needs within the school community. It is crucial for these plans to offer a variety of support choices that can be adapted to individuals. Flexibility and adaptability are keys - enabling the plans to address specific needs on an individual basis, ensuring that everyone receives the level of support that suits them best.

- **Visible and Accessible Resources and Activities:**

Young people possess an unparalleled understanding of the challenges and experiences of their generation. Therefore, it is imperative to empower them by involving them in prominent roles in the design and development of resources and activities aimed at their peers. By doing so, these resources become more relatable, visible, and accessible to their target audience. In addition, they foster a sense of ownership and authenticity that can have a significant and positive impact on the well-being of young individuals.

- **Designed in Consultation with Young People:**

To ensure that the resources and activities are relevant and effective, it is essential to involve young people in the planning and design process as well. Conducting surveys, focus groups, or involving student councils in decision-making can help clarify that the programs and services meet the actual needs and preferences of the students.

Comprehensive mental health support does not stop with the students. It extends to teachers, support staff, parents, and even external community groups. Teachers and staff should receive training in recognizing and addressing mental health issues as their well-being is also important. Involving parents in the support process helps create a continuous experience for students. External community groups can offer additional resources and expertise in further strengthening the support network. This inclusive approach fosters a sense of collective responsibility and shared ownership in working towards a mentally healthy and supportive community.

1.7 A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN EXAMPLE

The aim of this mental health action plan is to promote positive mental health conversations and support for all members of the school community.

Objectives:

To identify what information members of the school community need about mental health.

To develop knowledge and understanding of mental health support mechanisms.

To provide a support network for all members of the school community.

To enhance the knowledge, skills, and capacity of school staff to effectively identify, support, and respond to the mental health needs of students.

Activity/ Program	Who will this impact?	Expected impact	Strategies	Resources	Responsibility	Deadline	Evaluation/Remarks
Mental health awareness survey	All members of the school community - students, parents, teachers, and staff	Understand the specific mental health needs and concerns of the school community	Survey, focus groups, and individual interviews	Survey tools, interview guides, and facilitators	School mental health committee	Term 1 Week 1-3	Analyze survey data, and summarize findings for the next steps
Develop mental health education workshop	Students and staff	Improved understanding of mental health issues and available support mechanisms	Develop and implement age-appropriate mental health activities and awareness campaigns	Curriculum materials, guest speakers, and educational resources	School mental health committee	Term 2 Week 1-4	Regularly assess the effectiveness of the programs and make necessary adjustments
Establish a support network	All members of the school community	A strong support system for individuals experiencing mental health challenges	Create peer support groups, organize workshops, and promote counseling services	Facilitators, meeting spaces, and mental health professionals	School mental health committee	Ongoing	Monitor attendance, participation in support activities, and gather feedback for improvements
Mental health awareness campaign	All members of the school community	Increased awareness and stigma reduction around mental health	Organize awareness events, distribute informative materials, and promote discussions	Event planning resources, promotional materials, and volunteers	School mental health committee	Ongoing	Measure the campaign's success through engagement metrics, feedback, and attitude surveys
Mental health resources website	All members of the school community	Easy access to mental health information and support services	User-friendly websites with educational content, resources, and crisis helplines	Website hosting, and content	School mental health committee	Term 3 Week 1	Gather user feedback, and make necessary improvements if needed

Ongoing training and professional development	School staff	Enhanced capacity to identify and support students with mental health needs	Offer training sessions and workshops on mental health	Training materials, and trainers	School mental health committee	Ongoing	Evaluate the impact through pre- and post-training assessments and feedback
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This mental health action plan should be a dynamic document that evolves as the needs of the school community change. Regular assessments and feedback from stakeholders are crucial for its success. The mental health committee will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the plan and making necessary changes.



CHAPTER 2



HEALTH HYGIENE PROMOTION IN EDUCATION

Hygien e promotion in schools is the process of teaching and encouraging students to adopt and maintain good hygiene practices. This process gradually introduces healthy habits, raises awareness, and provides the necessary knowledge and skills for students to take care of their both personal hygiene and the hygiene of their environment. Hygiene promotion in schools is important because it helps reduce preventable diseases, improve school attendance, and create a healthier and more conducive learning environment. School children often suffer from diarrheal diseases mainly because of poor hygiene practices and unsafe water. It is estimated that 80 percent of diseases in children are related to water hygiene, personal hygiene, food hygiene, and open defecation. Implementing Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) programs in schools has several significant benefits. It helps reduce diseases related to poor hygiene leading to improved student attendance and academic performance. Furthermore, it promotes dignity, inclusion, and equity among students.

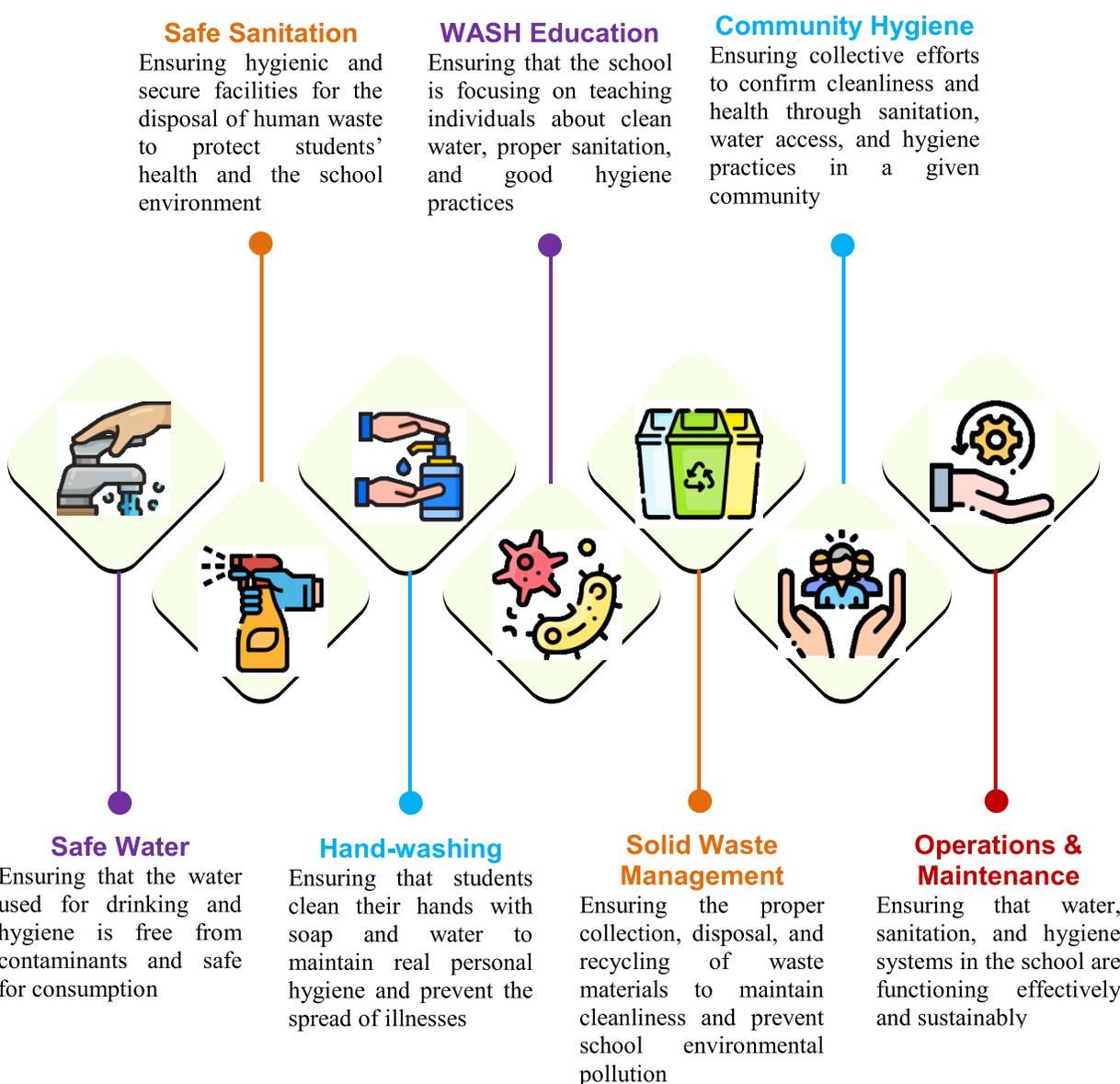
In Balochistan, a significant number of schools face challenges related to insufficient sanitation facilities and a lack of safe water sources. These facilities are often not designed to accommodate children with disabilities, and many students also lack access to safe water at home. This situation contributes to a high occurrence of diarrheal diseases among students resulting in adverse effects on academic performance, attendance, and school enrollment. However, ensuring access to safe drinking water, providing adequate sanitation facilities, implementing proper menstrual hygiene management, and promoting good hygiene practices in schools can improve the health of students significantly. This, in turn, leads to increased school enrollment, better retention rates, and improved overall academic performance.

Head teachers can play a vital role in hygiene promotion within schools by creating a school environment that supports good hygiene practices and ensures that all students have access to the knowledge and resources they need to stay healthy. They should enforce hygiene protocols, such as regular hand washing, sanitation maintenance, and waste disposal. Moreover, the head teacher should monitor the condition of school facilities, arrange for repairs when necessary, and organize health and hygiene awareness programs to contribute to a more conducive learning atmosphere.



2.1 WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) IN SCHOOL

Every student has the right to a good education. This means they should have clean water to drink and proper sanitation and hygiene services at school. WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) in schools also involves teaching students about these topics to help them reach their full potential. A significant portion of schools in Balochistan still do not have access to basic WASH - meaning much work still needs to be done. In this context, WASH in schools involves making simple, inexpensive improvements to water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities to meet its standards. This approach focuses on providing safe water, toilets, and hand-washing facilities to all students. Likewise, it includes creating proper facilities for all students to receive education about water, sanitation, and hygiene. These are the fundamental services that all schools in Balochistan should provide to their students. In addition, head teachers are responsible for creating and maintaining a school environment that is conducive to good health and hygiene practices. The key components of WASH in the schools are:



Besides the above key components of WASH in schools, it is vital for head teachers to ensure that all students in the school have access to suitable WASH services in schools. These services require proper cooperation from various groups, such as government officials, school management team, head teacher, teachers, students, parents, and local communities. Here is an outline of their responsibilities:



Government Support

- The Ministry of Education and Training is responsible for WASH education inclusion in the national curriculum.
- The Ministry of Water is responsible for ensuring safe water access at schools and oversees WASH facility construction.
- The Ministry of Health is responsible for monitoring and enforcing WASH standards in schools.



School Management Team

- Collaborate in the planning and construction of school WASH facilities.
- Approve and oversee the execution of a long-term WASH Improvement Plan.
- Provide support and initiate fundraising efforts, to secure funds for minor WASH facility repairs and upgrades.
- Give approval to the annual budgeted WASH work plan.



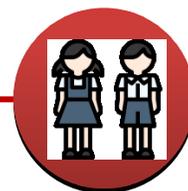
Head Teacher

- Inspire and encourage both staff and students to strive for WASH practices.
- Engage in the planning and construction of school WASH facilities, with a special focus on ensuring they are accessible and inclusive to all students.
- Manage WASH improvement activities according to the Improvement Plan.



Teachers

- Provide WASH education to students by helping them understand and implement proper hygiene practices actively.
- Play a role in the design and construction of WASH facilities and ensure that they are functional and accessible.
- Supervise day-to-day operations and maintenance of WASH facilities to ensure they remain in good working condition.



Students

- Share the responsibility of maintaining the school's WASH facilities as an integral part of their learning environment.
- Share the positive WASH practices and knowledge gained in school with their families and local communities.
- Participate actively in WASH education activities and put what is learned into practice both at school and at home.

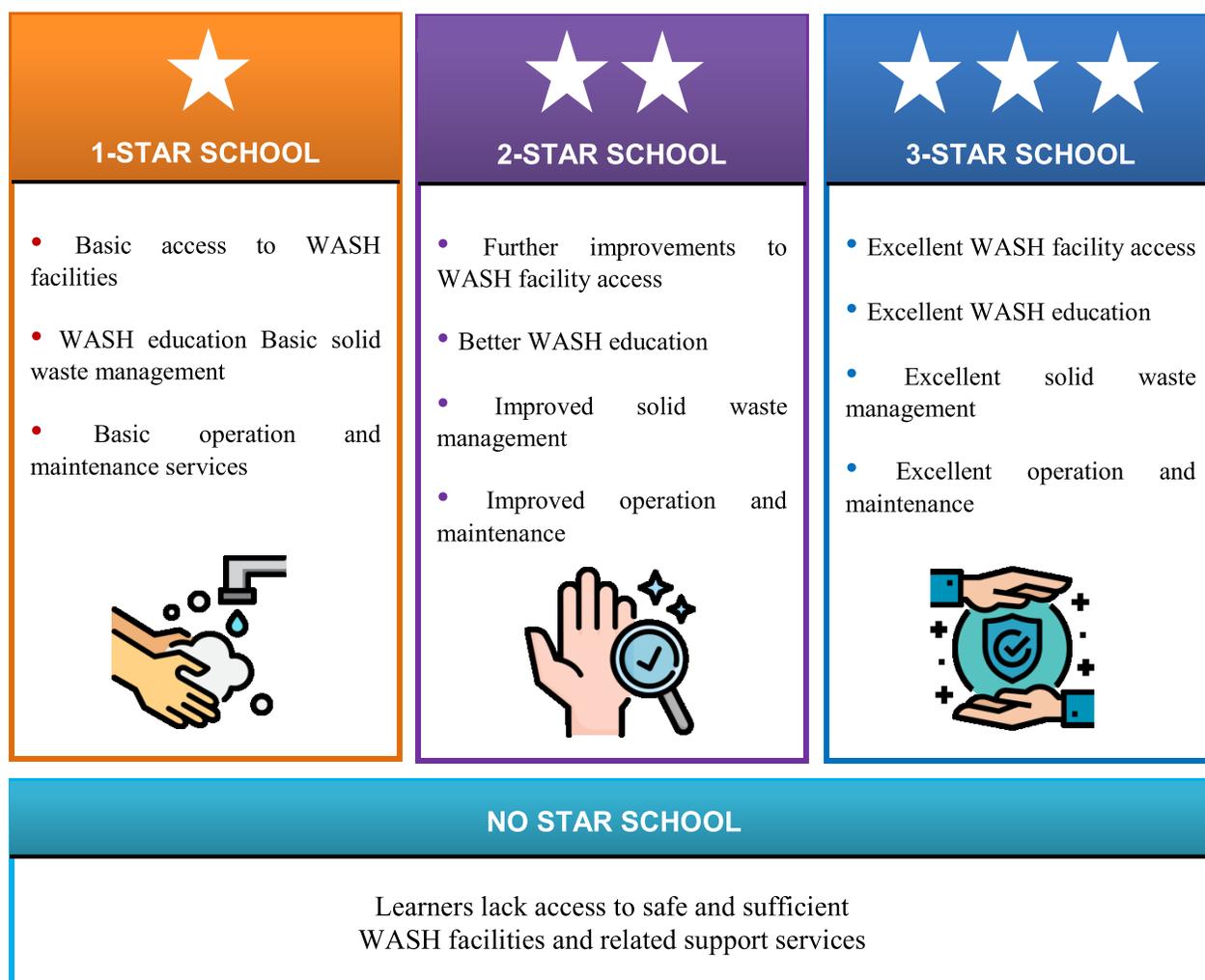


Parents & Community

- Assist the school in resolving any WASH-related problems and take an active role in maintaining and operating school WASH facilities when needed.
- Set a positive example for students at home by maintaining clean water, toilets, and hand-washing facilities to inspire good hygiene habits both within and outside the school.

2.2 THE 3-STAR APPROACH TO HEALTH HYGIENE PROMOTION

The UNICEF's 3-Star approach to health hygiene promotion in education is a simple, expandable, and sustainable framework that can be used by schools in all settings to improve the health and well-being of their students. The approach focuses on three key areas: Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), hygiene education, and healthy behaviors. This approach makes schools, communities, and government officials see WASH in school programs differently. Additionally, it helps schools concentrate on the most important things to meet students' needs and promotes local involvement and community support without relying on costly equipment. Head teachers play a crucial role in certifying the availability of clean water, safe toilets, and hand-washing facilities in schools. They supervise hygiene education programs to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed for proper hygiene practices in order to foster a school culture that encourages healthy behaviors and promotes the overall well-being of students and staff. The 3-Star approach emphasizes the concept that schools have the capacity and responsibility to establish basic conditions for promoting health and hygiene within their local context. The approach is designed to be flexible and adaptable to the needs of each school. Here is 3-star WASH in schools framework.



To implement the 3-Star approach in the school, head teachers should initially conduct a comprehensive assessment of their existing Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities, the quality of hygiene education programs, and the health behaviors of their students. They should formulate a clear improvement plan that outlines specific goals and objectives. Moreover, head teachers should collaborate with various stakeholders, such as students, teachers, and parents to certify that the outlined strategies are executed effectively, and create effective ongoing monitoring and evaluation to measure the plan's success, make any necessary adjustments, and foster a healthier and more conducive learning environment for their students.

2.3 COMPREHENSIVE HYGIENE PROMOTION PRACTICES IN SCHOOL

Promoting hygiene in schools is crucial for maintaining the health and well-being of students and staff. Below is a detailed description of various aspects of hygiene promotion in schools, including safe excreta disposal, personal hygiene, water hygiene, and waste management:



- **Safe Excreta Disposal:**

Schools should have well-maintained, clean, and gender-segregated toilet facilities. These facilities should be equipped with hand-washing stations, soap, and toilet paper. Head teachers should oversee the regular cleaning and maintenance of toilets and sewage systems to clarify their proper functioning. Likewise, they should initiate educational programs designed to educate students about the significance of correct toilet use and the importance of maintaining good sanitation practices in order to foster a culture of hygiene awareness among the student body.

- **Personal Hygiene:**

Schools should teach students about the importance of bathing regularly, brushing their teeth twice a day, washing their hair regularly, keeping their nails trimmed once a week, and wearing clean uniforms with clean handkerchiefs. Head teachers should set clear hygiene policies and standards - overseeing the availability of clean and well-maintained facilities, and promoting hygiene education. They should lead by example and encourage a culture of cleanliness and regular hand-washing among students and staff. In

addition, head teachers should monitor and enforce hygiene practices, address issues promptly, and collaborate with teachers, parents, and the community to create a comprehensive approach to student personal hygiene to foster a safe and healthy learning environment.

- **Water Hygiene:**

Schools should provide students with access to safe drinking water, and teach them about the importance of water purification methods like boiling, filtration, or chlorination before drinking it. Most importantly, schools should use of clean, covered containers for water storage to prevent contamination. Head teachers should ensure that all students have access to safe and clean drinking water. They should supervise the regular testing of water sources, oversee proper storage and handling of water, and maintain facilities in good working condition. Moreover, head teachers should educate students about the importance of water hygiene to create a healthy and safe environment conducive to student well-being and learning.

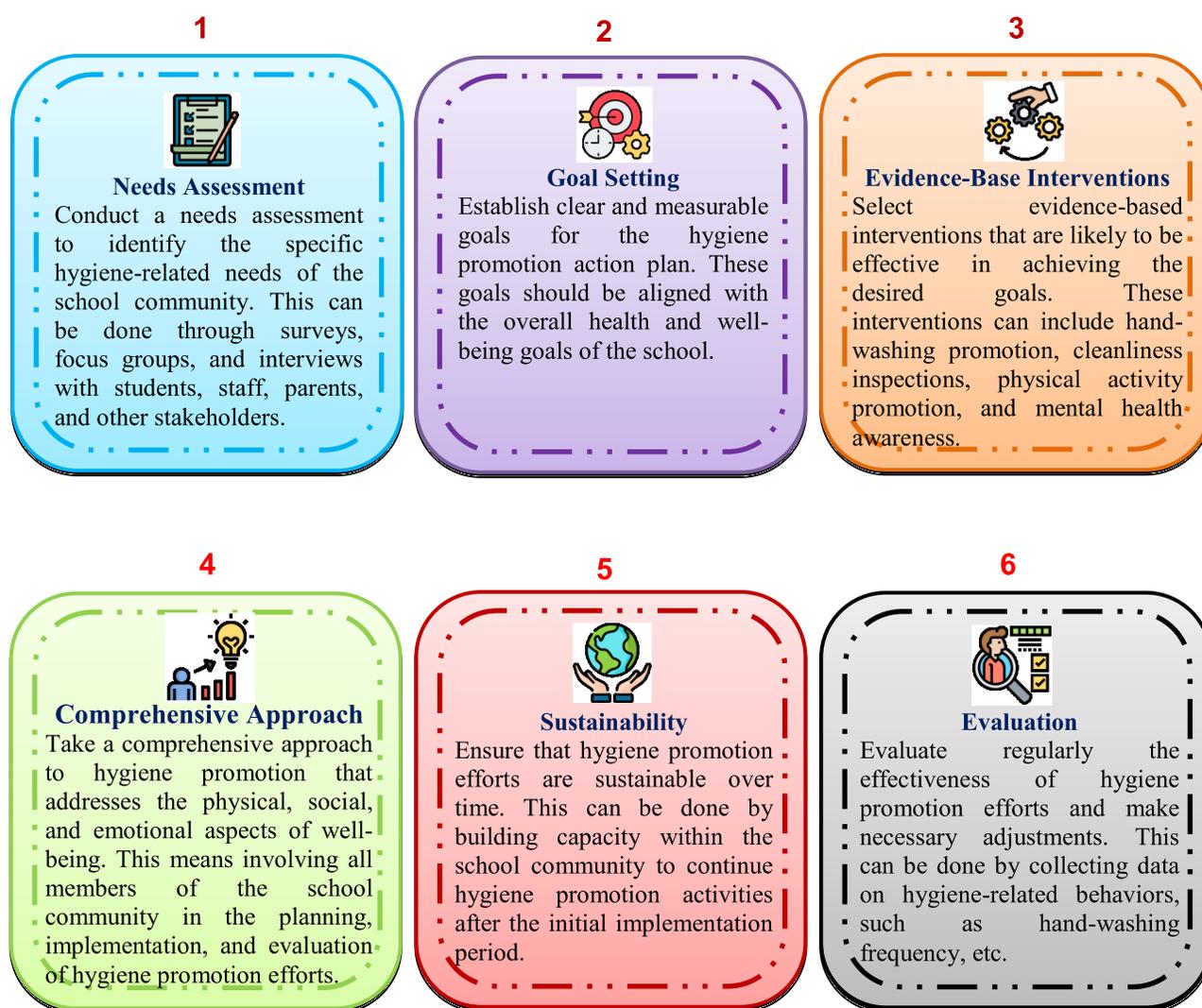
- **Waste Management:**

Schools should provide and maintain adequate waste disposal facilities and mark waste bins for the segregation of different types of waste, such as organic, recyclable, and non-recyclable waste to keep the school environment clean and free of confusion. Head teachers should implement and oversee effective waste management practices within the school, such as proper waste separation, collection, and disposal. Furthermore, they should encourage environmental awareness among students and staff by introducing the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling waste to contribute to a cleaner, more sustainable school environment.

In addition to the above specific aspects of hygiene promotion, schools can also support hygiene through school-based health programs, school health clubs, and partnerships with parents and the community. Besides, head teachers should establish a system for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of hygiene promotion programs in schools by regularly assessing the infrastructure, behavior change, and health outcomes to identify areas for improvement. These result in promoting good hygiene practices and creating a supportive school environment.

2.4 A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HYGIENE PROMOTION ACTION PLAN

A comprehensive school hygiene promotion action plan is essential for creating a healthy and supportive learning environment. By addressing the physical, social, and emotional aspects of well-being, hygiene promotion can help reduce the spread of illness, improve student attendance and academic performance, and create a more positive school climate. In addition, hygiene promotion can help teach students important life skills that they can carry with them into adulthood. By investing in school hygiene promotion, schools and head teachers can make a significant contribution to the overall health and well-being of their students and communities. A comprehensive school hygiene promotion incorporates several essential elements including maintaining sanitation facilities, offering health education, ensuring access to clean water, promoting proper hand-washing, personal hygiene, food safety, a safe school environment, addressing menstrual hygiene needs, providing health services, and fostering behavioral change among the school community. However, head teachers need to consider the following key aspects to implement it successfully.



2.5 A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HYGIENE PROMOTION ACTION PLAN EXAMPLE

The aim of this school hygiene promotion action plan is to promote and maintain a healthy and hygienic school environment.

Objectives:

- To increase hand-washing frequency and proper hand-washing technique among students and staff.
- To identify and address cleanliness concerns in classrooms, restrooms, and common areas.
- To increase students' knowledge of healthy eating habits and encourages them to make healthy food choices.
- To ensure that water dispensers are clean and functioning properly.
- To increase student participation in physical activity.
- To increase parent awareness of and support for school hygiene promotion efforts.

Activity/Program	Who will this impact?	Expected impact	Strategies	Resources	Responsibility	Deadline	Evaluation/Remarks
Hand-washing awareness Campaign	All students and staff	Increased hand-washing frequency and proper hand-washing technique	Posters, infographics, and demonstrations	Hand sanitizers, soap, posters, and educational materials	School health and wellness committee	Ongoing	Monitor the use of hand sanitizers and assess the awareness of proper hand-washing
Cleanliness inspections	All students and staff	Cleaner and more hygienic classrooms, restrooms, and common areas	Regular inspections by designated staff	Cleaning supplies, and checklists	School health and wellness committee	Ongoing	Inspection reports, and cleanliness ratings
Healthy eating education	All students	Increased knowledge of healthy eating habits	Nutrition lessons, and healthy food options	Nutrition materials, and healthy foods	School health and wellness committee	Ongoing	Student surveys, and observation of eating habits
Water Dispenser Maintenance	All students and staff	Access to clean drinking water	A routine cleaning and maintenance schedule for water dispensers	Maintenance staff, and maintenance budget	School health and wellness committee	Monthly maintenance, and immediate repairs as needed	Monitor water dispensers' functioning and promptly address any issues
Physical activity promotion	All students	Increased physical activity levels	Recess activities, physical education classes, and extracurricular sports	Playground equipment, and sports equipment	School health and wellness committee	Ongoing	Student participation in physical activity, and fitness assessments
Parent engagement	Parents and guardians	Increased parental support for student health and well-being	Parent workshops, newsletters, and communication	Parent volunteers	School health and wellness committee	Ongoing	Parent participation in events, and feedback from parents

This school hygiene promotion action plan should be a dynamic document that evolves as the needs of the school community change. Regular assessments and feedback from stakeholders are crucial for its success. The mental health committee will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the plan and making necessary changes.



CHAPTER 3



EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS IN CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS

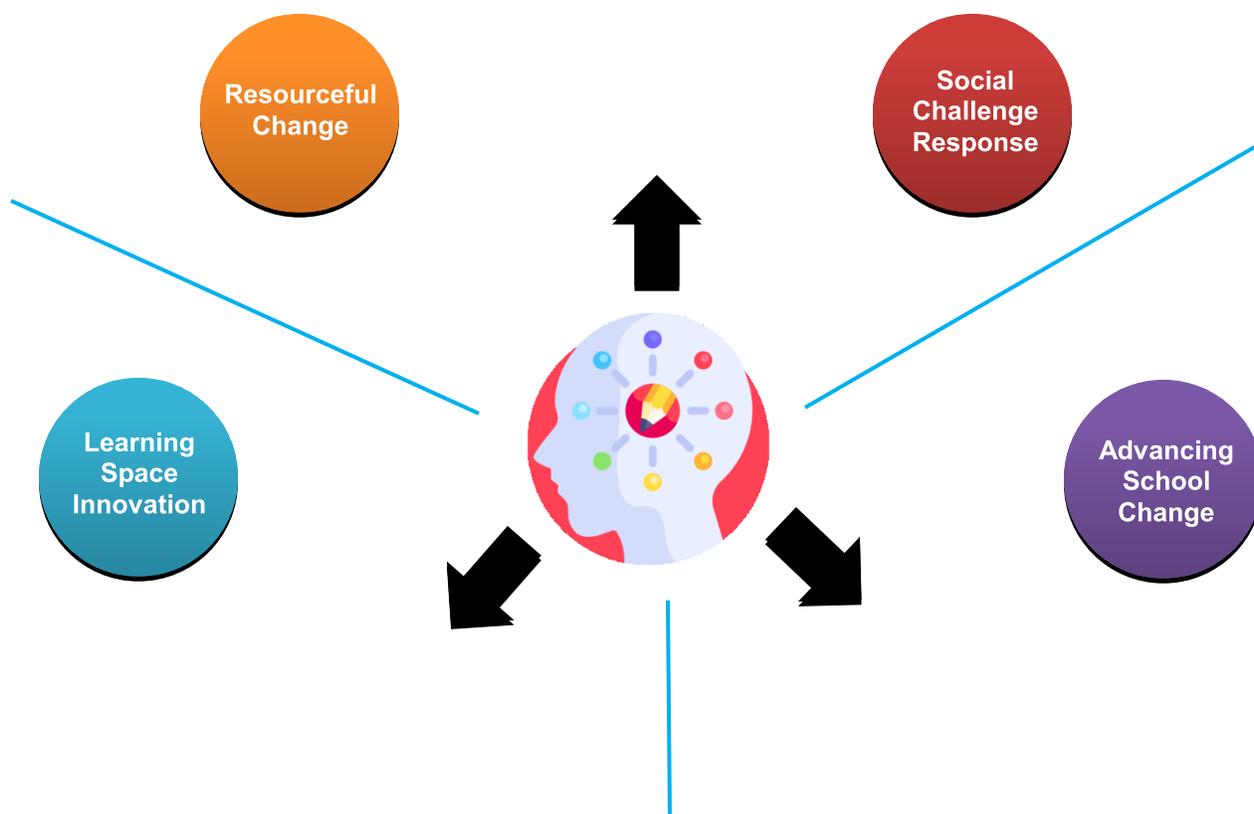
The term Challenging environments refers to different situations, such as schools in poor areas, classrooms with students who have different learning needs, and places dealing with issues like social problems, limited resources, or health crises. In such challenging environments, it is imperative to use effective teaching methods to make sure that every student receives a quality education and has enough opportunities to succeed academically and personally. However, effective teaching methods in challenging school environments are those that are adaptable, engaging, supportive, safe, and inclusive. They should be designed to meet the needs of all students regardless of their background and circumstances. Schools with limited resources, diverse student populations, or disruptive external factors must adapt and employ innovative strategies to engage and empower their students.

In the challenging educational landscape of Balochistan, effective teaching methods should prioritize local relevance, community engagement, and innovative techniques that accommodate resource limitations. It is vital to use local knowledge, encourage interactive learning, and adapt to the specific needs of the region in order to improve quality education in this context. Likewise, effective teaching in Balochistan must be a holistic and adaptable approach that respects the region's cultural diversity and the resilience of its students. Head teachers play a critical role in promoting effective teaching methods in challenging environments by fostering a supportive and conducive school culture that values innovation and adaptation. They can facilitate teacher professional development and encourage the sharing of best practices to not only address the specific challenges of their school, but also empower their staff to overcome such obstacles in even the most challenging educational settings.



3.1 CHANGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Changing learning environments in schools facilitates the evolution of education to meet the needs of today's students. It enables the adoption of innovative teaching methods and flexible classroom designs that promote student engagement and active learning. These dynamic environments empower teachers to adapt to changing educational paradigms and equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary for success in the 21st century. The various aspects of changing learning environments are:



- **Creating Change with Limited Resources:**

Creating change with limited resources can be challenging but rewarding. Teachers and schools are challenged to reimagine traditional teaching methods and leverage technology to enhance the learning experience. This transformation often involves repurposing existing resources, encouraging innovative thinking, and collaborating with stakeholders to find cost-effective solutions. Head teachers should begin with a clear idea of their goals. They should think about what problems they want to solve and how to make the school a great place for students to learn. When the vision is clear, they can make a plan to bring these positive changes to life in the school.

Responding to Challenges in the Social Environment:

Responding to challenges in the social environment includes addressing issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as managing evolving community expectations and needs. Teachers and schools must actively engage with these challenges and foster an inclusive and supportive social environment that builds strong relationships and trust. When students feel safe and supported, they are more likely to be engaged and motivated in their learning. However, when there are challenges in the social environment, such as bullying or discrimination, it can be difficult for students to learn and reach their full potential. Head teachers should create a school culture that respects inclusion, develops empathy and compassion for others, and establishes a school environment where all students feel safe and valued.

Approaches to Changing the Learning Space:

The concept of changing the learning space goes beyond just physical infrastructure including the overall learning experience to create flexible, student-centered environments that facilitate active and collaborative learning. This concept involves physical changes to classrooms, such as the adoption of flexible furniture and pedagogical changes that encourage personalized learning, project-based instruction, and flipped classrooms. Changing the learning space might depend on the specific needs of students and school. However, it is important to remember that even small changes can make a big difference in the learning environment. Head teachers should focus on the physical environment of their schools by rearranging the furniture, creating different learning spaces, or adding new materials and resources.

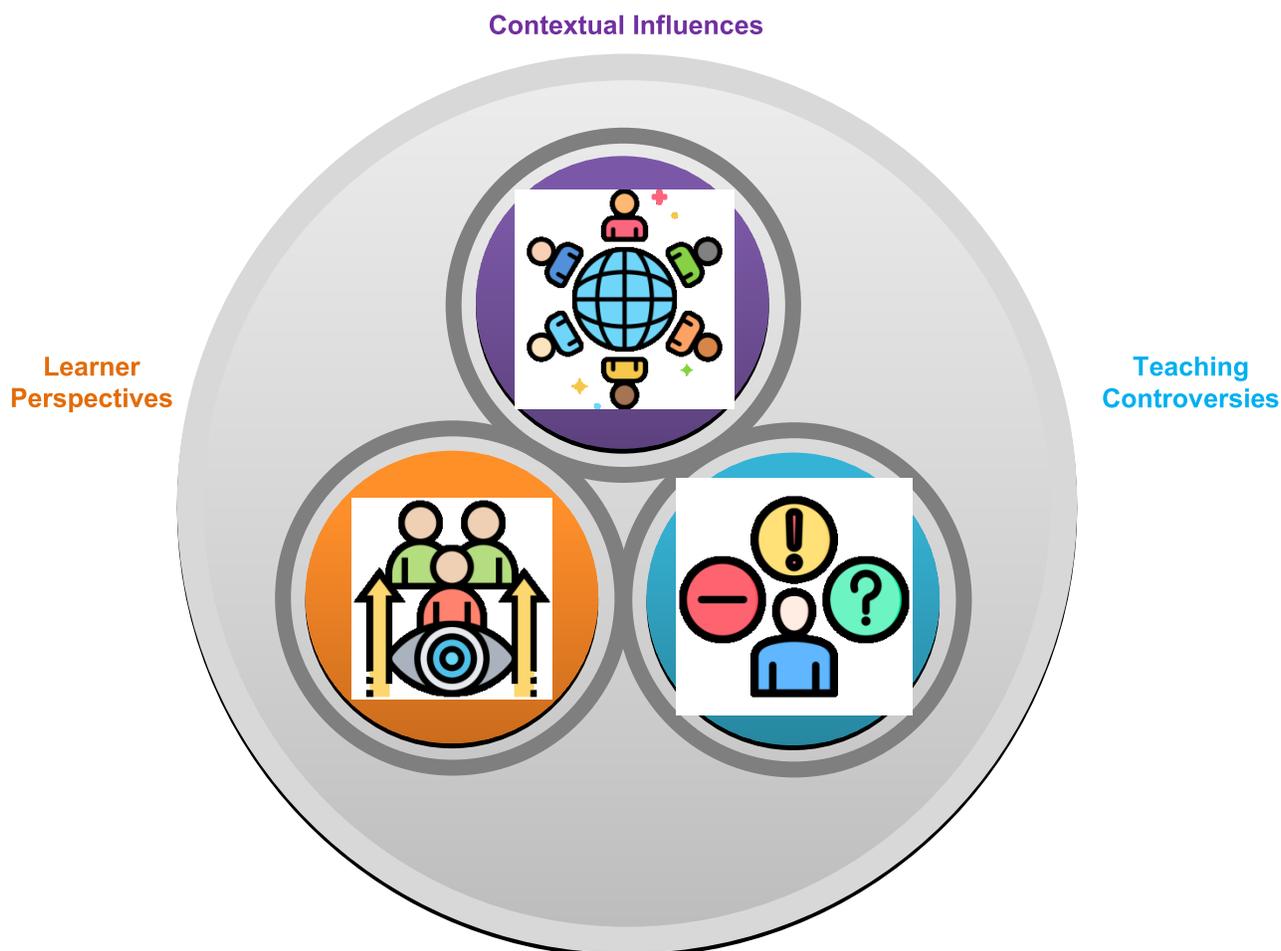
Moving Forward with Ideas for Change in Schools:

Meaningful change in schools involves developing a strategic vision for the future of education in order to align curriculum and teaching methodologies with emerging needs and trends, and empower teachers with the skills and knowledge implement to these changes successfully. It is important to be flexible and adaptable in this process because things may not always go according to plan. However, it is important to be willing to make adjustments as needed. Head teachers should share their vision for change with teachers and parents to ask for their input and suggestions to make it more flexible and adaptable. Likewise, they should develop a plan for implementing change with specific goals, timelines, and resources for evaluating the effectiveness of the changes that they are making.

Remember that meaningful change often takes time and persistence. It is crucial to construct a strong coalition of supporters and engage in ongoing communication with all stakeholders. In addition, measure and evaluate the impact of your changes to make sure that they are effective and beneficial to the students and the overall school community.

3.2 UNDERSTANDING STUDENTS IN THE CONTEXT

Understanding students involves recognizing and appreciating the diversity of students, such as cultural backgrounds, socioeconomic factors, and personal experiences. These broader contexts help schools create a more supportive and inclusive learning environment for all students. The various aspects of understanding learners are:



The Wider Contexts that Influence Teaching and Learning:

It involves recognizing that students are not isolated individuals but are shaped by their cultural, social, and economic backgrounds in which they live and learn to shape their experiences and perspectives. For example, a student from a low-income family may face challenges such as food insecurity, lack of access to healthcare, and unstable housing. These challenges can make it difficult for the student to focus on school and learn effectively. Teachers who understand students in context are better able to create a classroom environment that is supportive and inclusive for all students. Head teachers should consider the impact of cultural, societal, and economic factors on students' educational experiences, and make sure that the school environment is inclusive, equitable, and responsive to these broader influences.

Understanding Learner Perspectives:

It involves recognizing that each student brings their unique set of experiences, interests, and strengths to the classroom. For example, a teacher is planning a lesson on the Customs of Various Regions of Balochistan. The teacher knows that some of his/her students are from families with customs of Baloch, while others are from families with customs of Pashtoon. The teacher also knows that some of his/her students may have strong opinions about customs. Teachers who understand student perspectives are better able to connect with their students and build relationships with them. This creates a more engaging and relevant learning experience and fosters a sense of ownership and empowerment among students. Head teachers should foster a culture of empathy and individualization among educators to acknowledge each student's unique experiences, strengths, and challenges are recognized and accommodated.

Teaching Controversial Issues in Schools:

It involves helping students explore and understand complex issues in order to develop their own opinions about these issues in a respectful and constructive way. It might be challenging, but it is important because it helps students to develop critical thinking skills, learn about different perspectives, and become informed citizens. When teaching controversial issues, teachers should create a safe and supportive classroom environment where learners feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and opinions. They should prepare themselves to facilitate respectful and constructive discussions about these issues. Head teachers should establish a framework that encourages critical thinking and respectful dialogue to help students navigate sensitive topics in a constructive and empathetic manner.

The above aspects can help schools and head teachers create a more effective and equitable learning environment for all students.

3.3 TRANSFORMING LEARNING FOR AN UNKNOWN FUTURE

Transforming learning for an unknowable future means preparing students to flourish in a world that is constantly changing and unpredictable. It means developing their ability to learn new things quickly and easily to adapt to new situations, and think critically and creatively. The various aspects of transforming learning for an unknowable future are:



Responding to Students' Needs and Aspirations:

Responding to students' needs and aspirations means understanding each student's individual strengths, weaknesses, interests, and goals to help them develop the critical thinking skills and social-emotional intelligence they need to thrive in the 21st century. To respond to student's needs and aspirations, schools should get to know their students, provide differentiated instruction, create a supportive learning environment, and set high expectations for all students. Head teachers should set the tone for creating a student-centered environment where individuality and diversity are celebrated. Likewise, they should work with teachers, students, and parents to develop and implement policies and programs that support personalized learning and ensure that every student's unique needs and aspirations are recognized and addressed.

Transformative Teaching and Learning:

Transformative teaching and learning means empowering students to think critically about the world around them and taking action to develop the personal and social qualities necessary to live a meaningful and fulfilling life. To transform teaching and learning, schools should student-centeredness, critical thinking, and social justice. Head teachers should lead by example - championing innovative pedagogical approaches and creating a culture of continuous improvement. They should support and encourage teachers to adopt transformative teaching methods, such as project-based learning, critical thinking, and experiential education. Additionally, head teachers should facilitate professional development opportunities for teachers and allocate resources to enhance the quality of education and prepare students for the challenges of the future.

Collaborating on Transformative Education:

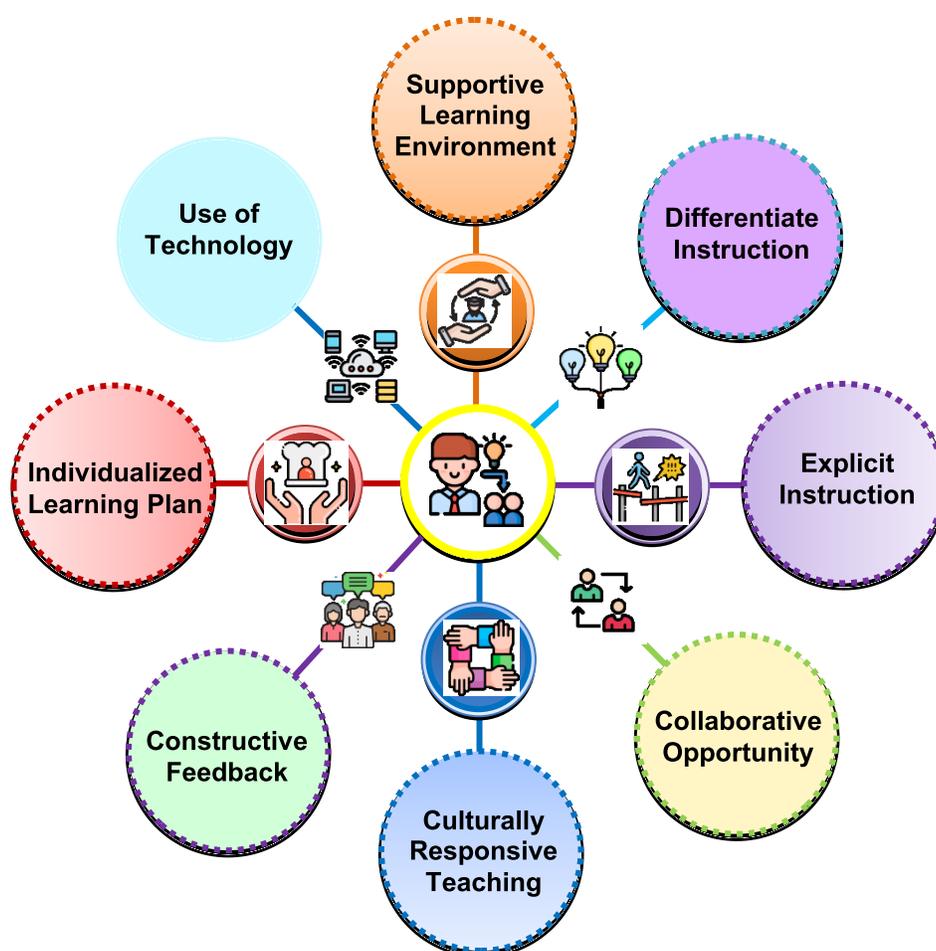
Transformative education requires the collaboration of teachers, administrators, parents, and community members in order to foster a growth mindset, introduce a sense of curiosity, and promote creativity. To collaborate on transformative education, schools should encourage students to apply their knowledge in real-world contexts and equip them with the skills needed to adapt and succeed in an ever-changing world. Head teachers should facilitate interdisciplinary cooperation among teachers by encouraging the exchange of ideas, strategies, and resources to enhance the educational experience. Besides, they should engage with parents, the community, and educational partners to create a cohesive support system that contributes to students' holistic development to empower them to reach their full potential.

Understanding and Working within Limitations in School:

Schools often face constraints related to resources, infrastructure, or policies that require a combination of creativity, adaptability, and a commitment to finding solutions that prioritize the best interests of students and their education. To understand and work within limitations, schools should find ways to build relationships with their students, create a supportive learning environment, and set high expectations for all students. Head teachers should navigate resource constraints, policy restrictions, and other challenges through informed decisions to find creative solutions to overcome such obstacles wisely. Likewise, they should create an environment where teachers can maximize their potential and provide the best possible education to students with the purpose of promoting a resilient and adaptable school community.

3.4 BEST TEACHING PRACTICES IN CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS

Teaching in challenging school environments demands a multifaceted approach that prioritizes adaptability, empathy, and effective communication. Teachers should embrace differentiation by adapting instruction to individual student needs, recognizing that every student is unique. In addition, clear learning objectives, regular feedback, diverse assessment strategies, and a supportive classroom atmosphere are the keys to addressing such unique challenges in flexible and adaptable ways. However, professional development and self-care are essential for sustained effectiveness and necessary changes in creating a more conducive environment for both students and teachers. Head teachers play a vital role in providing leadership, support, and resources for teachers to implement effective teaching methods that address unique difficulties and foster student success. Similarly, they set the tone for a positive school culture and facilitate collaboration to overcome challenges effectively. Here are the best teaching practices to consider:



Creating a Positive and Supportive Learning Environment:

A supportive learning environment means setting clear expectations and consequences for modeling the behavior that is expected from students. This process demands a classroom community where students feel valued, respected, and supported.

Differentiating Instruction to Meet the Needs of All Students:

Differentiated instruction means providing students with different levels of support and challenge depending on their individual needs. This process demands providing students with opportunities to learn in different ways, such as through hands-on activities, group work, and independent learning.

Using Explicit Instruction to Teach New Concepts and Skills:

Explicit instruction means breaking down complex concepts into smaller and manageable steps to provide students with clear and concise explanations. This process demands providing students with opportunities to practice new skills and receive feedback.

Providing Students with Opportunities to Collaborate and Learn from Each Other:

Collaboration means creating opportunities for students to work together on assignments to share their ideas and knowledge with each other. This process demands teaching students how to communicate effectively and work respectfully with others.

Using Culturally Responsive Teaching Practices to Respect the Cultural backgrounds:

Culturally responsive teaching means acknowledging and respecting the cultural backgrounds of all students. This process demands incorporating diverse perspectives and materials in teaching to make sure that all students relate to and feel represented in the classroom.

Providing Regular and Constructive Feedback to Students:

Constructive feedback means helping students to develop and grow academically and personally. This process demands using a mix of formative and summative assessments to measure student progress and adjust teaching accordingly.

Creating Individualized Learning Plans to Fulfill Individual Needs:

Individualized learning means helping all students to succeed regardless of their individual needs or learning challenges. This process demands the creation of individualized education plans to address student specific learning needs and goals.

Using Technology to Enhance Learning:

Using technology means utilizing web tools in a way that is appropriate for the lesson and the needs of the students. This process demands providing students with access to information and resources that are content-appropriate and age-appropriate.

Remember that every challenging environment is unique, thus it is important to be flexible and adaptable in teaching approaches. What works in one situation may not work in another, therefore it is essential to continually assess and adjust methods in order to teach students more attractively.

3.5 A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS ACTION PLAN

A comprehensive school challenging environments action plan is essential for ensuring that all students have the opportunity to succeed. By using the methods that are engaging, relevant, and differentiated, teachers can help students overcome barriers to learning and achieve their full potential. Effective teaching methods can also help create a positive and supportive learning environment which is especially important in challenging schools. However, head teachers need to consider the following key aspects to implement it successfully.



Besides the above, parent and community involvement, inclusive practices, continuous improvement, communication and transparency, and policy and leadership can contribute to a comprehensive and adaptable action plan to flourish in challenging environments and provide the best education possible for its students.

3.6 A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS ACTION PLAN EXAMPLE

The aim of this school challenging environments action plan is to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment that meets the needs of all students.

Objectives:

To increase teacher knowledge and skills in using effective teaching methods that meet the needs of all students, including those with challenging behaviors or learning needs.

To establish a clear and consistent system for managing student behavior that is based on positive reinforcement and restorative practices.

To create a school environment that is sensitive to the impact of trauma on students' learning and behavior.

To provide all students with access to high-quality instruction that is adapted to their individual needs and learning styles.

To increase parent involvement in their child's education and build strong partnerships between parents and the school.

Activity/Program	Who will this impact?	Expected impact	Strategies	Resources	Responsibility	Deadline	Evaluation/Remarks
Professional development on effective teaching methods in challenging environments	All teachers	Increased knowledge and skills in using effective teaching methods in challenging environments	Workshops, and coaching	Professional development funds, guest speakers, and facilitators	School leadership team	Ongoing	Observation of teaching practices, and teacher feedback
Development of a school-wide behavior management plan	All students and staff	Improved school climate and reduced disruptive behavior	Positive behavior interventions and supports, and restorative justice	Behavior management training, behavior and interventionist teachers	School leadership team	Ongoing	Reduction in office referrals, and increase in positive behavior
Implementation of trauma-informed care practices	All students	Increased understanding of the impact of trauma on learning and creation of a safe and supportive learning environment	Trauma-informed care training, and trauma-sensitive interventions	Trauma-informed care training, and trauma specialists	School leadership team, and mental health team	Ongoing	Observation of school climate, student and staff feedback
Differentiation of instruction	All students	Increased engagement and learning for all students	Universal design for learning (UDL), differentiated instruction strategies	Differentiation training, differentiated instructional materials	School leadership team	Ongoing	Observation of teaching practices, and student achievement data

Parent engagement	Parents and guardians	Increased parental support for student health and well-being	Parent workshops, and parent-teacher meetings	Parent engagement materials, and translators	School leadership team	Ongoing	Parent attendance at events, and parent feedback
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This school challenging environments action plan should be a dynamic document that evolves as the needs of the school community change. Regular assessments and feedback from stakeholders are crucial for its success. The school leadership committee will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the plan and making necessary changes.



PARTICIPANTS' HANDOUTS



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Introduction

Head Teachers play a pivotal role in the continuous improvement of education quality. They are catalysts for change - actively engaged in observing, evaluating, planning, and implementing innovative ideas within their educational institutions. They extend strategic planning for school improvement and serve as a crucial link between schools, communities, and educational authorities. In recent times, the role of education managers, particularly Head Teachers, has undergone a significant transformation. They are no longer just effective administrators; they are now recognized as inspirational leaders and instrumental change agents.

In Pakistan, Head Teachers bear the responsibility of overseeing individual schools. Considering the unique context, needs, and interests of schools in the province of Balochistan, we have developed a comprehensive 8-day training program tailored to their specific requirements.

The primary objective of this training initiative is to empower Head Teachers with the attitudes, skills, and knowledge necessary for the effective management of schools. It aspires to revolutionize educational institutions by equipping Head Teachers to excel as efficient education administrators and transformative leaders. Through this program, we aim to enhance the overall quality of education in the region, foster positive change, and ultimately contribute to the betterment of our communities and society as a whole.

Program Modules

The program has 3 modules which are divided into 6-day. The modules are:

- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Education
- Health Hygiene Promotion in Education
- Effective Teaching Methods in Challenging Environments

Goals of the Program

The goals of the program are to

- Promote and protect the mental health and psychosocial well-being of students, teachers, and the school community in order to create safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environments that enhance educational outcomes.
- Improve the health and well-being of students and teachers through the promotion of comprehensive hygiene practices in schools.
- Empower teachers with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to effectively teach in challenging environments in order to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Objectives of the Program

At the end of the program, participants will be able to

- Develop and implement comprehensive mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) programs in school settings that are evidence-based, culturally sensitive, and responsive to the needs of all students and teachers.
- Implement the 3-star approach to health hygiene promotion in the school in order to achieve and sustain high levels of hand-washing and environmental cleanliness.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive professional development program that prepares teachers to understand the unique challenges of teaching in challenging environments, adapt their teaching methods to meet the needs of all learners, create a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment, promote student engagement and motivation, and assess student learning and progress.

Length of the Program

Six (06) working days

MODULE
1

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EDUCATION

DAY
1

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH AND SSP PRACTICES

GOAL

The goal of the module is to

Promote and protect the mental health and psychosocial well-being of students, teachers, and the school community in order to create safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environments that enhance educational outcomes.

OBJECTIVES FOR PARTICIPANTS

At the end of the day 1, participants will be able to

- Understand the fundamental concepts of mental health and psychosocial support in the educational context to recognize the importance of promoting emotional well-being and resilience among students and teachers.
- Implement effective psychological and social interventions that foster positive mental health and support students and school communities in times of crisis or distress.
- Develop, adapt, and implement comprehensive MHPSS programs that align with best practices and meet the specific needs of their educational settings.
- Identify early signs of emotional distress, build a supportive environment, and offer initial assistance when needed.
- Map and evaluate existing mental health and psychosocial support practices in educational settings to raise an awareness of what works well and what areas require improvement to enhance general well-being and resilience among students and teachers.

LENGTH AND AGENDA OF THE DAY 1

The day 1 components are:

DAY 1 COMPONENTS	TIME
Introduction and Warm-up	09:00am - 10:00am
Presentation: Comprehensive School Mental Health and SSP Practices	10:00am - 11:00am
Group Activity: Practicing and Applying Comprehensive School Mental Health and SSP Practices	11:00am - 12:30pm
Hi-Tea Break (30 Minutes)	
Group Discussion: Reflecting on Comprehensive School Mental Health and SSP Practices	01:00pm – 02:00pm
Evaluation	02:00pm – 02:30pm
Total Projected Length of the Day 1:	300 Minutes (5 Hours)

MODULE 1 – MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EDUCATION

DAY 1

Comprehensive School Mental Health and SSP Practices

WARM-UP

What do you think about mental health and psychosocial well-being?

Direction(s): What do you think about mental health and psychosocial well-being? Put yourself on the scale following each statement. Discuss your responses with person(s) sitting next to you.

1. Mental health and psychosocial well-being should be a top priority in schools.

Agree _____ Disagree

2. Schools should offer comprehensive mental health support to students.

Agree _____ Disagree

3. Incorporating mindfulness and stress reduction techniques in schools is beneficial.

Agree _____ Disagree

4. Regular mental health education should be part of the school curriculum.

Agree _____ Disagree

5. Schools should implement anti-bullying programs to promote psychosocial well-being.

Agree _____ Disagree

6. Schools should have mental health professionals on-site to support students.

Agree _____ Disagree

7. Standardized testing negatively impacts students' mental health.

Agree _____ Disagree

8. Parents play a crucial role in supporting their children's mental health at school.

Agree _____ Disagree

9. Schools should take full responsibility for students' mental health, and parents may not always be equipped to provide the necessary support.

Agree _____ Disagree

10. Peer support and mentoring programs can enhance students' mental health and well-being.

Agree _____ Disagree

MODULE 1 – MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EDUCATION

DAY 1

Comprehensive School Mental Health and SSP Practices

GROUP ACTIVITY IDEAS AND SCENARIOS

The following are ideas and scenarios for school mental health and psychosocial support practices.

Psychological and Social Interventions in Education

Role-playing Simulations: Group members can take on different roles to explore various psychological and social interventions in education. For example, they could role-play a teacher implementing a mindfulness-based intervention or a counselor providing support to a student with anxiety.

Case Study Analysis: Group members can analyze real-world case studies of psychological and social interventions in education. This could involve discussing the strengths and weaknesses of different interventions, as well as the challenges and successes of implementing them in school settings.

Debates and Discussions: Group members can debate or discuss controversial topics related to psychological and social interventions in education. For example, they could debate the merits of using medication to treat mental health problems in schools or the role of parents in school-based mental health Programs.

MHPSS in Education: Key Programmatic Priorities

Needs Assessment: Group members can work together to identify the key programmatic priorities for MHPSS in education in their own context. This could involve conducting a survey of students, teachers, and parents to gather data on their needs and priorities (survey the whole group as students, teachers, and parents for this activity).

Program Planning: Group members can develop plans for MHPSS programs that address the key programmatic priorities they have identified. This could involve developing goals, objectives, and activities for the program, as well as a timeline for implementation.

Evaluation planning: Group members can develop plans for evaluating the effectiveness of MHPSS programs. This could involve identifying key indicators of success, as well as methods for collecting data on these indicators.

Addressing the Basics of MH and PSS

Psychoeducation: Group members can learn about the basics of mental health and psychosocial support. This could involve covering topics such as the different types of mental health problems, the signs and symptoms of mental health problems, and the different types of support available.

Stigma reduction: Group members can participate in activities designed to reduce stigma around mental health problems. This could involve sharing personal stories, creating anti-stigma posters, or participating in role-playing exercises.

Self-care: Group members can learn about self-care strategies for maintaining their own mental health and well-being. This could involve covering topics such as stress management, relaxation techniques, and healthy lifestyle habits.

Mapping MH and PSS Practices

Mind mapping: Group members can create mind maps of the different MH and PSS practices that are currently being used in their schools. This could involve brainstorming a list of practices, and then grouping them into related categories.

Interviews and Surveys: Group members can conduct interviews or surveys with school staff to gather information about the MH and PSS practices they are using. This could involve asking questions about the types of practices they use, the challenges they face, and the successes they have experienced.

Focus Groups: Group members can participate in focus groups to discuss their experiences with MH and PSS practices in their schools. This could involve sharing their own experiences, as well as discussing the experiences of others.

MODULE 1 – MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EDUCATION

DAY 1

Comprehensive School Mental Health and SSP Practices

OPEN-ENDED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Here are the open-ended discussion questions for school mental health and psychosocial support practices.

Psychological and Social Interventions in Education:

- How can psychological and social interventions in education be adapted to meet the diverse needs of students in different age groups, cultural backgrounds, and learning environments?
- In what ways can teachers integrate mental health and psychosocial support into their daily classroom practices to create a more inclusive and supportive learning environment?
- What challenges might schools face when implementing psychological and social interventions, and how can these challenges be overcome?
- How can schools effectively collaborate with external mental health professionals and organizations to enhance the psychological and social support available to students?

MHPSS in Education: Key Programmatic Priorities:

- What are the key programmatic priorities for implementing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in education, and how do they contribute to the overall well-being of students?
- How can teachers and school head teachers effectively prioritize MHPSS while also addressing academic performance and curriculum requirements?
- What strategies can be employed to create a whole-school approach to MHPSS by ensuring that it is integrated into all aspects of the educational system?

Addressing the Basics of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support:

- What are the fundamental components of mental health and psychosocial support that should be addressed in educational settings, and why are they important?
- How can schools create a safe and stigma-free environment for students to seek help for mental health challenges and psychosocial support needs?
- What strategies can be used to promote mental health literacy and awareness among students, teachers, and parents?
- How can schools identify and provide support for at-risk students who may be struggling with mental health or psychosocial issues?

Mapping Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MH and PSS) Practices:

- How can schools assess the effectiveness and impact of their MH and PSS initiatives? What metrics and data should be considered?
- What are the best practices for mapping and documenting the strengths and weaknesses of the existing MH and PSS practices within an educational system?
- How can schools share their successful MH and PSS practices with other institutions and contribute to a broader understanding of effective strategies?

MODULE 1 – MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EDUCATION

DAY 1

Comprehensive School Mental Health and SSP Practices

REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY 1

- How have your ideas about school mental health and SSP practices in the context of schools changed?

- What has been reinforced?

- What was the most important thing you learned, and how you plan to use it?

MODULE 1 – MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EDUCATION

DAY 1

Comprehensive School Mental Health and SSP Practices

DAY 1 EVALUATION

Direction (s): Scan the given QR code to fill out the Day 1 Evaluation Form.



MODULE 1

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EDUCATION

DAY 2

A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN

GOAL

The goal of the module is to

Promote and protect the mental health and psychosocial well-being of students, teachers, and the school community in order to create safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environments that enhance educational outcomes.

OBJECTIVES FOR PARTICIPANTS

At the end of the day 2, participants will be able to

Identify and assess the mental health needs of students and staff within their school community including recognizing signs of common mental health issues, understanding the impact of various stressors, and being able to differentiate between normal stress and potential mental health concerns.

Create a comprehensive mental health action plan for their school that addresses prevention, intervention, and support involving setting clear goals, defining specific strategies, allocating resources, and establishing a timeline for implementing the plan.

LENGTH AND AGENDA OF THE DAY 2

The day 2 components are:

DAY 2 COMPONENTS	TIME
Warm-up	09:00am - 09:30am
Demonstration: A Comprehensive School Mental Health Action Plan	09:30am - 10:30am
Practice: Creating A Comprehensive School Mental Health Action Plan	10:30am - 12:00am
Hi-Tea Break (30 Minutes)	
Application: Action Plan Presentations and Critique	12:30pm – 01:30pm
Evaluation	01:30pm – 02:00pm
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MODULE 1 – MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EDUCATION

DAY 2

A Comprehensive School Mental Health Action Plan

WARM-UP

Getting Acquainted: Promoting a Comprehensive School Mental Health Action Plan

Direction(s): Answer the following questions for yourself. Next, find a partner and share your response with each other. Then reflect on the questions below:

Questions	You	Your Partner
What are some of the key challenges and opportunities for promoting a comprehensive school mental health action plan in your school or community?		
What are some of the existing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) initiatives that are already being implemented in your school or community? What are their strengths and weaknesses?		
How can we ensure that all stakeholders in the school community (students, teachers, parents, administrators, etc.) are involved in the development and implementation of a comprehensive school mental health action plan?		
How can we ensure that students who are experiencing mental health problems have access to the support they need?		

Reflection Questions

Did you find similarities and differences in your leadership? Did the exchange bring up any important questions, thoughts, or ideas for you?

MODULE 1 – MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EDUCATION

DAY 2

A Comprehensive School Mental Health Action Plan

SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN EXAMPLE

The aim of this mental health action plan is to promote positive mental health conversations and support for all members of the school community.

Objectives:

- To identify what information members of the school community need about mental health.
- To develop knowledge and understanding of mental health support mechanisms.
- To provide a support network for all members of the school community.
- To enhance the knowledge, skills, and capacity of school staff to effectively identify, support, and respond to the mental health needs of students.

Activity/Program	Who will this impact?	Expected impact	Strategies	Resources	Responsibility	Deadline	Evaluation/Remarks
Mental health awareness survey	All members of the school community - students, parents, teachers, and staff	Understand the specific mental health needs and concerns of the school community	Survey, focus groups, and individual interviews	Survey tools, interview guides, and facilitators	School mental health committee	Term 1 Week 1-3	Analyze survey data, and summarize findings for the next steps
Develop mental health education workshop	Students and staff	Improved understanding of mental health issues and available support mechanisms	Develop and implement age-appropriate mental health activities and awareness campaigns	Curriculum materials, guest speakers, and educational resources	School mental health committee	Term 2 Week 1-4	Regularly assess the effectiveness of the programs and make necessary adjustments
Establish a support network	All members of the school community	A strong support system for individuals experiencing mental health challenges	Create peer support groups, organize workshops, and promote counseling services	Facilitators, meeting spaces, and mental health professionals	School mental health committee	Ongoing	Monitor attendance, participation in support activities, and gather feedback for improvements

Mental health awareness campaign	All members of the school community	Increased awareness and stigma reduction around mental health	Organize awareness events, distribute informative materials, and promote discussions	Event planning resources, promotional materials, and volunteers	School mental health committee	Ongoing	Measure the campaign's success through engagement metrics, feedback, and attitude surveys
Mental health resources website	All members of the school community	Easy access to mental health information and support services	User-friendly websites with educational content, resources, and crisis helplines	Website hosting, and content	School mental health committee	Term 3 Week 1	Gather user feedback, and make necessary improvements if needed
Ongoing training and professional development	School staff	Enhanced capacity to identify and support students with mental health needs	Offer training sessions and workshops on mental health	Training materials, and trainers	School mental health committee	Ongoing	Evaluate the impact through pre- and post-training assessments and feedback

This mental health action plan should be a dynamic document that evolves as the needs of the school community change. Regular assessments and feedback from stakeholders are crucial for its success. The mental health committee will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the plan and making necessary changes.

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SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE

Objectives:

Activity/ Program	Who will this impact?	Expected impact	Strategies	Resources	Responsi- bility	Deadline	Evaluation/ Remarks

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DAY 2

A Comprehensive School Mental Health Action Plan

REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY 2

- How have your ideas about creating a comprehensive school mental health action plan changed?

- What has been reinforced?

- What was the most important thing you learned, and how you plan to use it?

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DAY 2

A Comprehensive School Mental Health Action Plan

DAY 2 EVALUATION

Direction (s): Scan the given QR code to fill out the Day 2 Evaluation Form.



GOAL

The goal of the module is to

- Improve the health and well-being of students and teachers through the promotion of comprehensive hygiene practices in schools.

OBJECTIVES FOR PARTICIPANTS

At the end of the day 3, participants will be able to

- Develop and implement a WASH program modified to the specific needs of their schools by ensuring access to clean water, proper sanitation facilities, and hygiene education for students and staff.
- Utilize the 3-Star Approach to Health Hygiene Promotion to assess, plan, and execute a comprehensive hygiene promotion strategy in their school and focus on behavior change and improved health outcomes.
- Create and manage a comprehensive hygiene practices plan within their school consisting of policies, procedures, and educational initiatives that foster a clean and healthy environment for ensuring the well-being of both students and school staff.

LENGTH AND AGENDA OF THE DAY 3

The day 3 components are:

DAY 3 COMPONENTS	TIME
Warm-up	09:00am - 09:30am
Presentation: Exploring Wash For School Hygiene	09:30am - 10:30am
Group Activity: Practicing and Applying Wash For School Hygiene	10:30am - 12:00am
Hi-Tea Break (30 Minutes)	
Group Discussion: Reflecting on Wash For School Hygiene	12:30pm – 01:30pm
Evaluation	01:30pm – 02:00pm
Total Projected Length of the Day 3:	270 Minutes (4.5 Hours)

MODULE 2 – HEALTH HYGIENE PROMOTION IN EDUCATION

DAY 3

WASH FOR SCHOOL HYGIENE

GROUP ACTIVITY IDEAS

The following are ideas and scenarios for WASH for school hygiene group activities.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in Education

WASH Jeopardy: Group members can compete in a game of WASH Jeopardy where they are quizzed on their knowledge of WASH-related topics. This can be a fun and engaging way to learn about WASH.

WASH Scavenger Hunt: Group members can be divided into pairs and sent on a scavenger hunt to find WASH-related items in the school or community. This can help group members to become more aware of the WASH facilities and resources that are available.

WASH Skit or Role-Play: Group members can create and perform a skit or role-play about WASH-related topics. This can be a creative way to communicate WASH messages to others.

The 3-Star Approach to Health Hygiene Promotion

3-Star Assessment: Group members can conduct a 3-star assessment of a WASH facility. This involves evaluating the facility based on three criteria: availability, accessibility, and usability.

3-Star Improvement Plan: Group members can develop a 3-star improvement plan for a WASH facility. This plan should identify specific actions that can be taken to improve the facility's rating.

3-Star Advocacy: Group members can advocate for the importance of the 3-Star approach to health hygiene promotion. This could involve creating posters, writing letters to decision-makers, or giving presentations.

Comprehensive Hygiene Practices in School

Hand-Washing Station Design Challenge: Group members can be challenged to design a hand-washing station that is both effective and user-friendly. This can help group members to think about the different factors that need to be considered when designing WASH facilities.

Hygiene Behavior Observation: Group members can observe the hygiene behaviors of students in the school. This can help group members to identify areas where hygiene promotion efforts are needed.

Hygiene Promotion Campaign: Group members can develop and implement a hygiene promotion campaign in the school. This could involve creating posters, giving presentations, or organizing events.

MODULE 2 – HEALTH HYGIENE PROMOTION IN EDUCATION

DAY 3

WASH FOR SCHOOL HYGIENE

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Here are the open-ended discussion questions for WASH for school hygiene.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in Education:

- How does access to clean water, proper sanitation facilities, and hygiene education impact the overall learning experience and health of students in schools?
- What are the key challenges that schools, especially in low-resource settings, face in implementing effective WASH programs, and what strategies can be used to overcome these challenges?
- How can schools raise awareness among students, teachers, and the community about the importance of WASH in education, and what role does community engagement play in this context?
- What are the long-term benefits of integrating WASH programs into schools, and how can this contribute to better educational outcomes and the overall well-being of students?

The 3-Star Approach to Health Hygiene Promotion:

- What are the three stars in the 3-Star Approach to Health Hygiene Promotion, and how do they contribute to creating a healthy and hygienic school environment?
- How can schools implement and sustain the 3-Star Approach, and what challenges might they encounter during this process?
- How does the 3-Star Approach promote not only physical hygiene but also a culture of hygiene and cleanliness among students and staff?
- What are the potential benefits of adopting a comprehensive approach to health hygiene promotion, and how does it link to broader public health goals?
- How can schools involve students actively in the promotion of health hygiene and empower them to become hygiene ambassadors within their communities?

Comprehensive Hygiene Practices in School:

- What are the core hygiene practices that should be integrated into the daily routines of schools, and how do they contribute to the overall well-being of students and staff?
- How can schools ensure that hygiene practices are not just a set of rules but a part of the school culture, and what strategies can be employed to achieve this?
- How can comprehensive hygiene practices be adapted to suit the specific needs and cultural context of different schools and communities?
- What is the role of teachers and staff in modeling and reinforcing good hygiene practices among students, and how can they be effectively trained for this purpose?
- In what ways can schools evaluate the success of their hygiene programs and make necessary improvements to continually enhance the hygiene environment?

MODULE 2 – HEALTH HYGIENE PROMOTION IN EDUCATION

DAY 3

WASH FOR SCHOOL HYGIENE

REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY 3

- How have your ideas about WASH for school hygiene changed?

- What has been reinforced?

- What was the most important thing you learned, and how you plan to use it?

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DAY 3

WASH FOR SCHOOL HYGIENE

DAY 3 EVALUATION

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GOAL

The goal of the module is to

- Improve the health and well-being of students and teachers through the promotion of comprehensive hygiene practices in schools.

OBJECTIVES FOR PARTICIPANTS

At the end of the day 4, participants will be able to

- Identify and assess the hygiene promotion needs of students and staff within their school community including recognizing signs of common hygiene promotion issues, understanding the impact of various stressors, and being able to differentiate between normal stress and potential hygiene promotion concerns.
- Create a comprehensive hygiene promotion action plan for their school that addresses prevention, intervention, and support involving setting clear goals, defining specific strategies, allocating resources, and establishing a timeline for implementing the plan.

LENGTH AND AGENDA OF THE DAY 4

The day 4 components are:

DAY 4 COMPONENTS	TIME
Warm-up	09:00am - 09:30am
Demonstration: A Comprehensive School Hygiene Promotion Action Plan	09:30am - 10:30am
Practice: Creating A Comprehensive School Hygiene Promotion Action Plan	10:30am - 12:00am
Hi-Tea Break (30 Minutes)	
Application: Action Plan Presentations and Critique	12:30pm – 01:30pm
Evaluation	01:30pm – 02:00pm
Total Projected Length of the Day 4:	270 Minutes (4.5 Hours)

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DAY 4

A Comprehensive School Hygiene Promotion Action Plan

WARM-UP

KWL Chart

What do you know about a comprehensive school hygiene promotion action plan?	What do you want to know about a comprehensive school hygiene promotion action plan?	What have you Learned ?

MODULE 2 – HEALTH HYGIENE PROMOTION IN EDUCATION

DAY 4

A Comprehensive School Hygiene Promotion Action Plan

SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN EXAMPLE

The aim of this school hygiene promotion action plan is to promote and maintain a healthy and hygienic school environment.

Objectives:

To increase hand-washing frequency and proper hand-washing technique among students and staff.

To identify and address cleanliness concerns in classrooms, restrooms, and common areas.

To increase students' knowledge of healthy eating habits and encourages them to make healthy food choices.

To ensure that water dispensers are clean and functioning properly.

To increase student participation in physical activity.

To increase parent awareness of and support for school hygiene promotion efforts.

Activity/Program	Who will this impact?	Expected impact	Strategies	Resources	Responsibility	Deadline	Evaluation/Remarks
Hand-washing awareness campaign	All students and staff	Increased hand-washing frequency and proper hand-washing technique	Posters, infographics, and demonstrations	Hand sanitizers, soap, posters, and educational materials	School health and wellness committee	Ongoing	Monitor the use of hand sanitizers and assess the awareness of proper hand-washing
Cleanliness inspections	All students and staff	Cleaner and more hygienic classrooms, restrooms, and common areas	Regular inspections by designated staff	Cleaning supplies, and checklists	School health and wellness committee	Ongoing	Inspection reports, and cleanliness ratings
Healthy eating education	All students	Increased knowledge of healthy eating habits	Nutrition lessons, and healthy food options	Nutrition materials, and healthy foods	School health and wellness committee	Ongoing	Student surveys, and observation of eating habits

Water Dispenser Maintenance	All students and staff	Access to clean drinking water	A routine cleaning and maintenance schedule for water dispensers	Maintenance staff, and maintenance budget	School health and wellness committee	Monthly maintenance, and immediate repairs as needed	Monitor water dispensers' functioning and promptly address any issues
Physical activity promotion	All students	Increased physical activity levels	Recess activities, physical education classes, and extracurricular sports	Playground equipment, and sports equipment	School health and wellness committee	Ongoing	Student participation in physical activity, and fitness assessments
Parent engagement	Parents and guardians	Increased parental support for student health and well-being	Parent workshops, newsletters, and communication	Parent volunteers	School health and wellness committee	Ongoing	Parent participation in events, and feedback from parents

This school hygiene promotion action plan should be a dynamic document that evolves as the needs of the school community change. Regular assessments and feedback from stakeholders are crucial for its success. The mental health committee will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the plan and making necessary changes.

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DAY 4

A Comprehensive School Hygiene Promotion Action Plan

SCHOOL HYGIENE PROMOTION ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE

Objectives:

Activity/ Program	Who will this impact?	Expected impact	Strategies	Resources	Responsibi- lity	Deadline	Evaluation/ Remarks

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DAY 4

A Comprehensive School Hygiene Promotion Action Plan

REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY 4

- How have your ideas about creating a comprehensive school hygiene promotion action plan changed?

- What has been reinforced?

- What was the most important thing you learned, and how you plan to use it?

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DAY 4

A Comprehensive School Hygiene Promotion Action Plan

DAY 4 EVALUATION

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MODULE
3

EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS IN CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

DAY
5

TEACHING IN CHANGING AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

GOAL

The goal of the module is to

- Empower teachers with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to effectively teach in challenging environments in order to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

OBJECTIVES FOR PARTICIPANTS

At the end of the day 5, participants will be able to

- Identify and adapt effective teaching methods suitable for challenging educational settings by considering factors like limited resources, diverse student needs, and disruptive influences.
- Respond to changing educational landscapes, integrating technology, flexible teaching approaches, and contemporary pedagogical trends.
- Develop a deeper understanding of the social, cultural, and emotional context of their students to modify instruction, provide support, and create inclusive learning environments.
- Prepare students for an uncertain future emphasizing critical thinking, problem-solving, adaptability, and resilience within the curriculum.
- Apply best teaching practices in challenging settings by effectively engaging students, managing disruptions, and fostering positive and productive classroom atmosphere.

LENGTH AND AGENDA OF THE DAY 5

The day 5 components are:

DAY 5 COMPONENTS	TIME
Warm-up	09:00am - 09:30am
Presentation: Exploring Teaching in Changing and Challenging Environments	09:30am - 10:30am
Group Activity: Practicing and Applying Teaching in Changing and Challenging Environments	10:30am - 12:00am
Hi-Tea Break (30 Minutes)	
Group Discussion: Reflecting on Teaching in Changing and Challenging Environments	12:30pm – 01:30pm
Evaluation	01:30pm – 02:00pm
Total Projected Length of the Day 5:	270 Minutes (4.5 Hours)

MODULE 3 – EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS IN CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

DAY 5

TEACHING IN CHANGING AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS

WARM-UP

What do you think about teaching in challenging environments?

Direction(s): What do you think about teaching in challenging environments? Put yourself on the scale following each statement. Discuss your responses with person(s) sitting next to you.

1. Teachers in changing and challenging environments need to be adaptable and flexible.

Agree _____ Disagree

2. Teachers in changing and challenging environments need to be culturally responsive.

Agree _____ Disagree

3. Teachers in changing and challenging environments need to be trauma-informed.

Agree _____ Disagree

4. Teachers in changing and challenging environments need to be experts in all subjects.

Agree _____ Disagree

5. Teachers in changing and challenging environments should focus on teaching to the test.

Agree _____ Disagree

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DAY 5

TEACHING IN CHANGING AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

GROUP ACTIVITY IDEAS AND SCENARIOS

The following are ideas and scenarios teaching in changing and challenging environments group activity.

Changing Learning Environments

Learning Space Exploration: Group members can visit different learning spaces in the school and discuss the pros and cons of each space.

Technology Integration Brainstorming: Group members can brainstorm a list of ways that technology can be used to enhance learning in different environments.

Understanding Students in the Context

Student Interviews: Group members can interview students about their lives outside of school. This can help to better understand the students' needs and perspectives.

Community Mapping: Group members can create a map of the community that highlights the different resources and challenges that student's face.

Transforming Learning for Unknown Future

Future Scenarios: Group members can develop scenarios for the future of education. They can consider factors such as technological advancements, social changes, and economic trends.

Skills for the Future: Group members can discuss the skills that students will need to be successful in the future. They can consider both hard skills (such as coding) and soft skills (such as critical thinking).

Education Innovation: Group members can brainstorm ideas for innovative educational practices that can prepare students for the unknown future.

Best Teaching Practices in Challenging Environments

Resilience Training: Group members can learn about resilience training and how it can be used to help students cope with challenges.

Trauma-Informed Teaching: Group members can learn about trauma-informed teaching and how it can be used to create a safe and supportive learning environment.

Culturally Responsive Teaching: Group members can learn about culturally responsive teaching and how it can be used to meet the needs of all students.

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DAY 5

TEACHING IN CHANGING AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

OPEN-ENDED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Here are the open-ended discussion questions for teaching in changing and challenging environments.

Effective Teaching Methods in Challenging Environments:

- What are the key characteristics of challenging teaching environments, and how can teachers adapt their methods to effectively reach and engage students in such situations?
- In challenging environments, how can teachers balance the need for academic consistency with providing emotional and social support to students?
- How can technology and innovative teaching tools be used to enhance learning in challenging environments, and what are the potential limitations or drawbacks?
- What strategies can teachers employ to address the diverse learning needs of students in challenging environments while maintaining an inclusive classroom environment?

Changing Learning Environments:

- How have learning environments evolved in recent years, and what factors are driving these changes, including the role of technology and online learning?
- What are the benefits and challenges associated with flexible and adaptable learning environments, and how can they be effectively managed?
- How can schools and educators ensure that changes in learning environments support the holistic development of students, not just academic achievement?
- How can educators stay up-to-date with the latest trends and research in educational technology and pedagogy to effectively adapt to changing learning environments?

Understanding Students in the Context:

- How important is it for teachers to understand the backgrounds, cultures, and individual needs of their students, and what are the practical ways to gain this understanding?
- What are the potential challenges teachers face in understanding students in diverse and multicultural educational settings, and how can they navigate these challenges?
- How can teachers create a culturally responsive and inclusive classroom environment that respects and values the diversity of students?
- What strategies can be used to identify and address the specific needs of students who may be facing unique challenges or learning differences?

Transforming Learning for an Unknown Future:

- Given the rapid pace of technological and societal change, how can educators prepare students for a future that is largely unknown and unpredictable?
- What skills and competencies should be prioritized in educational curricula to equip students for success in a rapidly evolving world?
- How can educators balance the importance of traditional subject matter with the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and adaptability skills?

- What role does interdisciplinary and project-based learning play in preparing students for the uncertainties of the future?
- How can schools and educational institutions foster a growth mindset and a love of lifelong learning in students to ensure their readiness for an unknown future?

Best Teaching Practices in Challenging Environments:

- What are some best practices that have been proven effective in challenging teaching environments, and how can they be shared and replicated in other settings?
- How do the best teaching practices in challenging environments adapt to address issues such as student motivation, classroom management, and student well-being?
- What role does professional development and ongoing training play in supporting teachers in challenging environments to implement effective strategies?
- How can schools and communities collaborate to create a support system that enhances the implementation of best teaching practices in challenging environments?
- How can teachers assess the impact and effectiveness of their teaching practices in challenging environments, and what data-driven approaches can be employed for continuous improvement?

MODULE 3 – EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS IN CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

DAY 5

TEACHING IN CHANGING AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY 5

- How have your ideas about teaching in changing and challenging environments changed?

- What has been reinforced?

- What was the most important thing you learned, and how you plan to use it?

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DAY 5

TEACHING IN CHANGING AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

DAY 5 EVALUATION

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GOAL

The goal of the module is to

- Empower teachers with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to effectively teach in challenging environments in order to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

OBJECTIVES FOR PARTICIPANTS

At the end of the day 6, participants will be able to

- Identify individual student needs, and develop strategies for differentiation and personalized instruction that supports the academic and emotional growth of all students, regardless of their backgrounds and abilities.
- Create a comprehensive hygiene promotion action plan for their school that addresses prevention, intervention, and support involving setting clear goals, defining specific strategies, allocating resources, and establishing a timeline for implementing the plan.

LENGTH AND AGENDA OF THE DAY 6

The day 6 components are:

DAY 6 COMPONENTS	TIME
Warm-up	09:00am - 09:30am
Demonstration: A Comprehensive School Challenging Environments Action Plan	09:30am - 10:30am
Practice: Creating A Comprehensive School Challenging Environments Action Plan	10:30am - 12:00am
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DAY 6

A Comprehensive School Challenging Environment Action Plan

WARM-UP

KWL Chart

What do you know about a comprehensive school challenging environment plan?	What do you want to know about school challenging environment plan?	What have you Learned ?

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DAY 6

A Comprehensive School Challenging Environment Action Plan

SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN EXAMPLE

The aim of this school challenging environments action plan is to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment that meets the needs of all students.

Objectives:

To increase teacher knowledge and skills in using effective teaching methods that meet the needs of all students, including those with challenging behaviors or learning needs.

To establish a clear and consistent system for managing student behavior that is based on positive reinforcement and restorative practices.

To create a school environment that is sensitive to the impact of trauma on students' learning and behavior.

To provide all students with access to high-quality instruction that is adapted to their individual needs and learning styles.

To increase parent involvement in their child's education and build strong partnerships between parents and the school.

Activity/ Program	Who will this impact?	Expected impact	Strategies	Resources	Responsibility	Deadline	Evaluation/ Remarks
Professional development on effective teaching methods in challenging environments	All teachers	Increased knowledge and skills in using effective teaching methods in challenging environments	Workshops, and coaching	Professional development funds, guest speakers, and facilitators	School leadership team	Ongoing	Observation of teaching practices, and teacher feedback
Development of a school-wide behavior management plan	All students and staff	Improved school climate and reduced disruptive behavior	Positive behavior interventions and supports, and restorative justice	Behavior management training, behavior and interventionist teachers	School leadership team	Ongoing	Reduction in office referrals, and increase in positive behavior
Implementation of trauma-	All students	Increased understanding of the impact of	Trauma-informed care training,	Trauma-informed care training,	School leadership team, and mental	Ongoing	Observation of school climate, student and

informed care practices		trauma on learning and creation of a safe and supportive learning environment	and trauma-sensitive interventions	and trauma specialists	health team		staff feedback
Differentiation of instruction	All students	Increased engagement and learning for all students	Universal design for learning (UDL), differentiated instruction strategies	Differentiation training, differentiated instructional materials	School leadership team	Ongoing	Observation of teaching practices, and student achievement data
Parent engagement	Parents and guardians	Increased parental support for student health and well-being	Parent workshops, and parent-teacher meetings	Parent engagement materials, and translators	School leadership team	Ongoing	Parent attendance at events, and parent feedback

This school challenging environments action plan should be a dynamic document that evolves as the needs of the school community change. Regular assessments and feedback from stakeholders are crucial for its success. The school leadership committee will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the plan and making necessary changes.

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DAY 6

A Comprehensive School Challenging Environment Action Plan

SCHOOL CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE

Objectives:

Activity/ Program	Who will this impact?	Expected impact	Strategies	Resources	Responsi- bility	Deadline	Evaluation/ Remarks

MODULE 3 – EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS IN CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

DAY 6

A Comprehensive School Challenging Environment Action Plan

REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY 6

- How have your ideas about creating a comprehensive school challenging environments action plan changed?

- What has been reinforced?

- What was the most important thing you learned, and how you plan to use it?

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DAY 6

A Comprehensive School Challenging Environment Action Plan

DAY 6 EVALUATION

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