

A Brief Report
Consultation on
SDG 4: Ensure Inclusive and Equitable Quality
Education & Promote Lifelong Learning Opportunities for all
15th November 2016, Narayani Heights Hotel & Resort, Gandhinagar

A one day consultation on Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality of Education was jointly organized on 15th of November by SSA and UNICEF in Gandhinagar. Delegates from various Departments including Education Department, Woman & Child Empowerment Department, Tribal Department as well as UNICEF and Civil Society Organization participated in the consultation.

Objective of the workshop was to discuss on the current scenario vis-à-vis implementation and achievement of SDG 4, challenges faced in implementation, strategies adopted by various stakeholders and come up with way forward strategies that can be adopted both by Government and NGOs.



MR. Mahesh Singh, State Project Director, SSA inaugurated the workshop by welcoming participants, guest and experts. He shared that Government is criticized but we are always open and exploring strategies for implementation and achievement of SDG goals. He expressed his keenness to work in collaborations towards achieving SDG goals.

Ms. Laxmi Bhawani, Chief Field Officer, UNICEF Gujarat in her opening remark shared about the 5 Ps for sustainable development i.e. People, Prosperity, Peace, Partnership and Planet. She also gave an overview of how SDG 4 goal are linked and contributing to other SDGs. She also focused on that this one day consultation we will come up with strategies on strengthening quality education, identifying partners for sustainable impact, involving



PRI/SHGs/Youth networks and civil society networks.

of University Program.

Mr. D.K. Parekh, Director, Employment & Training provided information about B Voc course initiated by Government. According to him skill development and education goes hand to hand in overall development of a child. He has also requested Education Department to incorporate the course as part

As part of Technical Session various experts provided information related to present scenario, challenges and suggestions for taking SDG way forward.

- Dr.Perna Mohite gave input on Early Childhood Education – Emerging priorities
- Dr. Sumitra Chowdhury gave input on Primary and Elementary Education for all – Priorities and way forward
- Prof.Kathan Shukla - Equity lens to quality education: Opportunities and way forward for Gujarat.



Participants were divided into four group i.e. Equity and Inclusive Education, Primary and upper primary education, ECD & Higher Education & Vocational training where they came up with Goals setting, targets and indicator on SDGs which will be proposed to the Government of Gujarat.



Ms. Mahesh Singh, State Project Director, SSA concluded the consultation by thanking all the participants and appreciated energies and hard work of participants, SSA team and UNICEF team for the consultation and is hopeful that the hard work will be reflected in

the form of a document which will help Government in taking forward the implementation of SDG goals.
