

UNESCO to spend US\$ seven million for girls education

ISLAMABAD: UNESCO would spend US\$ seven million to expand access to education, improve quality and make educational environments safe for children, especially girls in the remote and backward regions of the country during the next five years.



This was revealed by Director General, UNESCO Ms Irina Bokova in a joint press briefing with State Minister for Education, Training and Standards in Higher Education held on Thursday.

UNESCO would provide this amount under Malala Fund for Girls' right for expanding access for girls to primary and secondary education, increasing employment of female teachers in girls schools, training teachers, activating Parent-Teachers Associations, community awareness programmes and gender responsive budgeting and resource allocations, she said. The provision of missing facilities and equipping students and teachers with peace education and conflict management resolution would also be covered under the programme. She emphasized on investing in girls education and said "educating the masses is the best way of achieving economic success, justice and equity".

Irina Bokova said the country comprises over 60 per cent population of youth which is a huge asset and giving them education can help revitalize the whole economy.

The agreement to provide US\$ seven million was signed, in a meeting held earlier, by the Irina Bokova and Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman. The meeting was attended by senior officials of the ministry and UNESCO.

A steering committee comprising the representatives of the government and UNESCO will monitor and coordinate the overall implementation of the programme.

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