

Education and Training Programs

The overriding goal is to enhance the intellectual capacities of the younger generation and of children, and of all in general, such that they could in due time develop their capacities to lead a happy and prosperous family life, and will be able to contribute to the general welfare of their communities, each according to their own ideals and capacities. In this, gender sensitivity and gender equality will be endeavored to.

Priority will be given to school-going children and higher education students. Keeping longer in-school enrollment by increasing the number of years in compulsory education could be one avenue to take. In-school health programs are also an additional benefit. Similarly equipping school-children, especially in the secondary



levels, with small business skills and experience would better equip them better for their future adult life. Of equal importance is also eradication of functional illiteracy, especially of mothers and women

of the less fortunate families. The goal of this specific activity is to enable those women to augment their family income, and in turn, enabling the families to choose their lot in a more democratic manner.

Another priority is to prevent children, especially the girls, of less privileged families, from dropping-out of school. With the longer period they spent in school, the more they will acquire skills for their later participation in the labor force.

Specific programs **could** take form of the following:

Increasing the enrollment ratio of female students in the higher secondary schools;

Augmenting the quality of education in higher secondary schools with extra-curricular courses in social life and in business development, such that should they be compelled not to go for higher education, they would be ready for their own enterprises;

Promoting the civic connections of secondary and higher education with the potentials of the local communities, i.e. to develop the economic potentials of the communities;

Promoting and increasing the gender empowerment index in the communities;

Mapping the economic potentials of women and female students in the communities.