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## 2.2 The Extent of competency in Hindko

The survey reveals that Hindko as mother tongue is spoken by 68 percent of the respondents. The second largest mother tongue of the area is Gojri. In many areas students and teachers can speak both the languages using as medium of instruction. The importance of Urdu being national language is given adequate attention. In the area of data collection, Pashto speaking respondents were negligible. Three fourth respondents were Hindko speaking as their mother tongue. Hindko and Gojri are the major languages spoken (as mixed) by one third of the respondents as summarized below:

compared to students, 12 percent teachers do not speak Hindko in the class as against 60 percent students. The extent of speaking Hindko in the class is tabulated below:

The survey also reveals that writing and reading in Hindko is very weak compared to speaking. Speaking in terms of likert scales is excellent as per response of more than

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## 80 percent respondents. It may be mentioned that none of the schools have yet introduced Hindko in their curriculum

### Interactions of students with teachers

The Survey reveals that 0.0 12.2 28.7 most of the Mix students interact with teachers in Urdu language followed by interactions in mix languages. Nearly one tenth of the students interact in their mother tongue (Hindko) as shown in the graph

### 2.3 Medium of Instructions

About three fourth of the teachers use Urdu as medium of instruction in the schools. Less than one tenth teachers use Hindko as medium of instruction compared to mix language which is used by 16 percent of teachers as summarized below:

### 2.4 Extent of learning in Hindko

In response to a question on the level of learning of major subjects including: Urdu, English, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, the feedback of teachers

indicates that learning is quite higher (on a likert scale of 5) with speaking Hindko as language of instruction as depicted in the analysis of responses given below:

### 3 Conclusion and Recommendations

It was a small case study with a sample size of 165 respondents in one of the 7 Hindko speaking districts of KPK. Analysis of the survey reveals that the extent of learning in Hindko as a mother tongue is much higher than other languages used as language of instructions in the schools.

The ground realities also reveal that no serious efforts have been made to promote mother tongue as language of instructions in the schools. The feedback from students as well as from teachers indicate that the level of learning in mother tongue Hindko is much higher for all the subjects particularly Science and Mathematics.

### Recommendations

#### Nursery Education:

Learn to speak mother tongue language

#### First 3 years:



