



PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION IN SINDH

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The European Union-funded Programme for Improved Nutrition (PINS) aims to sustainably improve the nutritional status of children under five (U5) and of Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) in Sindh through nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions while capacitating the Government of Sindh so that it may efficiently implement its multi-sectoral nutrition policy.

Enhancing District-level Coordination and Synergy



PINS 1 focused on enhancing district-level coordination and synergy among stakeholders across the ten programme districts, with close support from the AAP Task-force Secretariat and PINS 3 team. During these visits, the Deputy commissioners (DC) and the Asst. Deputy Commissioners (ADC) were informed about the notification of the District Coordination Committee for nutrition (DCCN) and their support was sought for organizing monthly DCCN meetings.

SMART Assessments across 6 Districts

PINS 2 carried out data collection for its SMART assessment in two phases, with the first across Matiari, Thatta and Shikarpur and the second across Tando Allahyar and Sujawal.



The anthropometric data was collected and analysed using the Emergency Nutrition Assessment (ENA) software. Parallel to anthropometric data collection, data related to Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices was also collected in these districts.

New Batches of CRPs and AEs Trained

As PINS 3's implementation expands, Community Nutrition Officers and WASH Officers are busy training a new group of Community Resource Persons (CRPs). As of March 2019, 1263 CRPs have been trained extensively for over five days on their responsibilities which include collecting household data and conducting targeted sessions using the programme's social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) toolkit.

Similarly, Agriculture Officers trained through the National Agriculture Research Council (NARC) are conducting 5-day workshops on kitchen gardening and poultry and livestock management for a new batch of VO-level



Agriculture Entrepreneurs (AEs). AEs are responsible for running Farmer Field Schools where community members will get oriented on different topics such as climate-smart agriculture through sessions and demonstrations. So far, 1778 AEs have been trained.

WASH Sector Partners Review Progress

PINS 3 hosted a meeting for WASH sector partners to discuss progress on WASH interventions and upcoming targets, incorporating suggestions from attendees that included Faheem Junejo, Director General – Monitoring and Evaluation, Local Government, Sindh.

Other than important parameters for water quality testing, a request to share detailed plans for sewerage management developed by the Local Government was also made. Participants also discussed the role of district-wide Open Defecation Free (ODF) Committees which were to be derived from the District Coordination Committee through a government notification.

Consultative Meeting on Rice Crop Production Technology Held

A consultative meeting on rice crop production technology was held at the National Agriculture Research Council on March 11th, bringing together agricultural scientists from NARC and representatives from the Rice Research Institute, Kala Shah Kaku and Dokri. Through this panel, PINS 3 is developing a manual for farmers on rice crop production for the upcoming season to help ensure successful yields as part of the programme's objectives to improve food security in target areas.





District Coordination Committee for Nutrition (DCCN) Organised

PINS 1 organised a District Coordination Committee for Nutrition (DCCN) on March 14, 2019 for the Hyderabad division, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner (DC). Dr. Shehzad Thaheem, Program Manager, TFS presented the overall goals and aims of the AAP while program coordinators representing the eight sectors shared their respective sectors agreed targets. PINS 1 presented the role of DCCN and facilitated the discussion around the role of DCs in achieving the AAP goals and objectives.

This was followed by district-level workshops, which aimed at orienting the members of the DCCN about the gravity of the situation of malnutrition in their respective districts and developing a common vision for reducing stunting in these districts. The discussions enabled the participants to value the synergistic and coordinated approach for multi-sectoral interventions. The workshop also highlighted the need to avoid duplication and overlapping of interventions.

Working Group Meetings on IM and MEAL

PINS 2 organised working group meetings for its implementing partners that include Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN), People’s Primary Health Initiative (PPHI), Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP), Concern Worldwide, Pakistan National Forum on Women’s Health (PNFWH) and Shifa Foundation on information management (IM) and monitoring evaluation accountability and learning (MEAL) .



This provided a coordination platform where monthly and quarterly progress is shared and upcoming plans were collectively developed. Standard practices on reporting and information management and the IM strategy was also communicated, based on which partners were requested to develop their own respective ones.

Implementation Updates – March 2019



161 Poultry Entrepreneurs received grants to build demonstration sheds



151 Village Organisations oriented on Moringa production



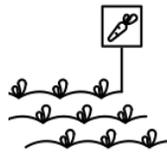
404 Masons and plumbers trained to construct climate-resilient latrines



903 CO-level monthly awareness sessions conducted using SBCC toolkit



215 LSO members participated in orientation sessions on monitoring water quality



5916 Households oriented on kitchen gardening



Gourd Galore!

An agriculture entrepreneur shows off gourds grown organically in a kitchen garden in Tando Muhammad Khan

PINS 3 Participates in Development SWA Status Report

PINS 3 participated in the Ministry of Climate Change-led coordination meeting for the development of Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) commitment and Sector Status Report/Country Paper. Other participants included representatives of UNICEF, UNHABITAT, NRSP, NUST, Sunbeams, GiZ, Wateraid, PRC, HANDS, WSSP and RSPN. The report to be presented in April 2019 in Costa Rica will include key features of the Clean Green Pakistan programme, analysis of the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) and SDG costing and its latest financial analysis.



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