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# PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION IN SINDH

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# THE PINS PULSE

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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.

## Fostering Agri-Business Opportunities



PINS 1 facilitated the Agriculture Department, GoS in organising the Agri-Business Investment Initiative for Food Security and Nutrition conference to encourage business leaders to invest in nutrient-dense food production and processing. The event, hosted by the Pakistan-Southern Africa Business Forum and held on April 18th, highlighted opportunities for bilateral commerce between Pakistan and the Southern Africa region. A follow-up consolidation meeting was held the following day at the Korangi Association of Trade and Industry, with chief guests including Secretary Agriculture Mr. Agha Zaheer Uddin, DG Trade Development Authority Mr. Azhar Ali Dahar, and DG Agricultural Exports, Ministry of Commerce Mr. Habib Bayer.

## Second Batch of CLEWs Graduate



The second batch of the Community Livestock Extension Workers (CLEWs) graduated on 7th April, 2019 from the Research and Training Institute for livestock development, Tando Muhammad Khan. Mr. Ehtesham ul Haque Rana, Director Livestock and Animal Husbandry, handed out certificates to the 96 graduates, appreciating their efforts during the two-month long training programme and encouraged linkages with the Livestock Department and the community institutions that PINS works with.

## Water Quality Testing Underway

PINS 3 kicked off water quality testing with a series of orientations for representatives from the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), the Local Government, Civil



Society Organizations and Local Support Organization (LSOs). 117 participants took part in one of the 6 events held, after which the first round of water quality testing began across the already mapped communal water sources. So far, 32 Village Organizations have been covered with water sources being tested for physical, biological and chemical contaminants.

## Training of Trainers on CMAM and IYCF



PINS 2 conducted a two-day training of trainers (ToT) on Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) in Shikarpur. The ToT focused on developing the participants'

concepts around the two themes, focusing on outreach and its elements, causes of malnutrition and its identification, treatment and care of a malnourished child at OTP as well as relevant data collection and reporting tools.

## Mapping Exercise Conducted to Assign CHWs

PINS 2 conducted a mapping exercise to identify areas uncovered by Lady Health Workers (LHWs) which reported that 44 union councils in Shikarpur with a population of up to 757,972 were currently uncovered. As per the PINS mandate, areas uncovered by LHWs are to be covered by engaging Community Health Workers (CHW), for which 324 CHWs, against set criteria, were identified and recruited.

**Capacity Assessment of Nutrition in Progress**



PINS 1 is conducting a Capacity Assessment of Nutrition (CANS) in Sindh to identify the gaps and needs in the Sindh Government and related stakeholders' functional capacities in implementing the AAP. This exercise will employ various methods to undertake the assessment including desk reviews, focus group discussions and consultative meetings with stakeholders. The expected outcomes will be recommendations for strengthening the systems to deliver a multi- sectoral nutrition agenda.

**CLEW Kits Distributed**

PINS 3 distributed toolkits to the 193 Community Livestock Extension Workers (CLEWs) trained in two batches at the Research and Training Institute, Tando Muhammad Khan over the last four months. These toolkits, containing vaccinations and first aid supplies, will be used by CLEWs to provide livestock extension services like first-aid and vaccinations to the livestock in the union council assigned to them. The first ceremony to mark the distribution

was attended by Mr. Abdul Bari Pitafi, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Mr. Kazi Aijaz Mahesar, Secretary Livestock, Nazir Ahmed Kalhoro, Coordinator – AAP among other government officials along with members of the PINS and SUCCESS team.



**PINS 3 Participates in Meeting with World Bank Mission**

PINS presented its progress to date in a meeting with the Sindh Enhancing Response to Reduce Stunting Project Implementation Support Mission led by the World Bank on April 18th, 2019 at the AAP Task Force Secretariat. Also present were teams from UNICEF, WFP and FAO who also presented their progress and collectively discussed the issues they had faced so far and possible solutions to overcome them.

**Implementation Updates – April 2019**



**978** Community Resource Persons (CRPs) selected and trained on

CLTS triggering and SBCC sessions



**43** Village Organisations oriented on Moringa production



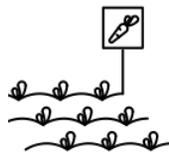
**138** Masons and plumbers trained to develop community-level technical resource for latrine construction and hand-pump installation



**69** Low-cost disaster resilient demonstration latrines constructed



**215** Agriculture Entrepreneurs selected and trained



**4,608** Households oriented on kitchen gardening

**OTP Sites Established Across 5 Districts**

As of April 2019, 119 OTP sites have been established under PINS 2 in 5 districts - Thatta, Sujawal, Matiari, Shikarpur and Tando Allah Yar. These OTP sites will provide treatment acute malnutrition in children under five through provision of ready to use therapeutic food (RUTF). RUTF is provided to children whose mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) measurement is less than 11.5 cm.

**It's Time We All Had Latrines**

[Read about Haseena](#), a resident in Birkin, Shikarpur, who has lived in hardship her entire life but is determined to change things for her granddaughters and the generations to come.



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