



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.



PINS Participates in District Coordination Committee Meetings

Representatives from all three PINS components participated in District Coordination Committee for Nutrition (DCC) meetings across target districts. The DCC has been constituted by the Government of Sindh for overseeing and coordinating the execution of the Accelerated Action Plan (AAP) for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition. The committee is directed to be chaired by the Deputy Commissioner along with district officers of all participating sectors - Health, Education, Population Welfare, local government, livestock, fisheries, Agriculture, District Nutrition Officer and partner NGOs - of each respective districts.

PINS supported the Task Force Secretariat who organised district-based meetings to launch the DCC and traveled to a number of districts to participate in the said meetings, where the objectives, activities and progress of PINS was also presented. An advocacy seminar for Deputy Commissioners and ADCs is planned in early December to acquaint them with the importance of multi-sectoral cooperation for the reduction of malnutrition in their districts.

PINS 1 Aids in Development of Options and Opportunities on Nutrition-Sensitive Interventions

November has been a busy time for PINS 1 as they led discussions with the AAP Coordinator Education to drive ahead the development of options and identification of opportunities on WASH and school meals interventions. PINS 1 can assist, each of the mentioned above with the support of short term experts in the nutrition sensitive areas for multisectoral interventions between education and sanitation and hygiene, agriculture, livestock, fisheries.

Also, a policy brief relating to Integrated Pest Management, and ToRs for a Non-Key Expert (NKE) to help prepare for a workshop on same were developed. Three other nutrition-sensitive policy initiatives were also advanced, namely a planned workshop on improved feeding of ruminants to improve the quality of meat of ruminants, their milk production and pregnancy outcomes.

Implementation Updates



12 DRR demo latrines developed



320 LSO members trained on their roles and responsibilities



Selection and training of 578 Community Resource



6 Village Action Plans developed

Persons on Community-led Total Sanitation Triggering and Community Awareness Session



SBCC Toolkits published and distributed



Triggering Activities in 31 villages

PINS meets with the Provincial Minister of Sindh for Health and Population Welfare

The PINS team met up with Dr. Azra Pechuho, the Provincial Minister of Sindh for Health and Population Welfare to discuss the programs overall objectives and strategy. The Minister was also briefed with the plans and nutrition-specific and supporting nutrition-sensitive activities of PINS with special reference to the treatment of malnourished children. She was informed that in the ten selected districts the stabilization centers and out-patient therapy units will be financially and technically supported to ensure timely treatment of the severely and moderately malnourished children.



PINS 3 Gears Up for Wheat Sowing Season

Sessions with small farmers were conducted across target districts on wheat crop production technology. Over 8200 small farmers were oriented on the ideal time for sowing, seed selection, optimal land preparation, irrigation methods and using appropriate fertilizers to ensure better results in the upcoming yield. Fifty-nine demo plots were also established to exhibit climate resilient crop production technologies including food safety. In addition, 10 farmers were given bio-fortified wheat seeds to showcase the benefits to their communities and encourage the use of it, while over 2300 farmers were given cash to purchase a variety of seeds and other agricultural tools.



ACF conducts Policy Dialogue on Treating Malnutrition at Lower Cost

A policy dialogue on treating malnutrition at lower cost – ‘Can Localized RUTF Production Solve the Issue’ was organized by Action Against Hunger with the support of Australia Awards-Pakistan Small Grants Scheme. AAP Health Coordinator Dr. Sahib Jan Badar and other government and nongovernment stakeholders participated in the event and discussed options for local production of RUTF, which is a pivotal element in interventions focused on treating malnutrition.



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