PINS Represented at Women Deliver 2019 Global Conference

PINS 3 represented the Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh at the Making the Connection: Gender-based Violence in Nutrition Programming panel at the Women Deliver 2019 conference. Mr. Bashir Anjum, Specialist - Social Sector, RSPN spoke about how PINS’ interventions have a strong capacity building component, aimed both at male and female members of the target communities to ensure adoption and sustainability of interventions aimed at improving the nutritional status of women and children in Sindh.

Workshop on Integrated Pest Management Held in Hyderabad

There was also a larger conversation with panel members Edna Adan, Former First Lady and Foreign Minister of Somaliland, Khady Tall Fall, President, AFAO (Association des Femmes d’Afrique de l’Ouest), Yvonne Takang, Advocacy Officer, Action Contre la Faim and Danny Glenwright, Executive Director, Action Against Hunger, Canada around how gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and mitigation is essential to work in nutrition and health and how men can be engaged in nutrition programs to make a real difference against GBV.

Mapping Exercise Conducted Across Larkana and Qambar Shahdadkot

PINS 2 has begun extensive mapping across programme area in Larkana and Qambar Shahdadkot to assess areas uncovered by the Sindh Government-supported Lady Health Workers. Based on this mapping exercise, Community Health Workers will be identified, trained and engaged to conduct outreach activities which include screening children under five and pregnant and lactating women in the assigned clusters/villages for malnutrition and its extent. Those screened will then be either referred to OTP centres or given the necessary supplementation.
**Water Quality Testing Results Analyzed**

Results from the water quality testing across 636 VOs have been analysed to conclude that while 31% of the water sources are fit for drinking and 43% are treatable, the remaining are not fit sources for consumption. Based on this, water sources that are not fit have been marked red and green if otherwise. The results, which show the extent of chemical, physical and biological contamination also serve as the basis for PINS 3 to explore and recommend different options that include chlorination, installation and rehabilitation of hand pumps and developing water supply schemes.

**Implementation Updates – June 2019**

- **538** women trained to become community poultry entrepreneurs
- **833** Community members oriented on food processing and preservation to be used during the lean season/food scarcity
- **13,780** Households visits conducted to promote positive practices on food and track progress in term of WASH
- **932** Households where kitchen gardens have been cultivated
- **848** Small farmer provided financial support to purchase seed and other inputs
- **305** Demonstration plots established at FFS for practical sessions

**PINS 1 Conducts Workshop on Mineral Molasses Blocks for Livestock**

Considering that livestock is a vital source of protein and calcium for the communities PINS works with, the usage of mineral molasses block (MMB) is highly recommended to supplement their growth and productivity. PINS 1, in collaboration with the Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam organised a two-day workshop that brought together community herders, nutrition experts, researchers and representatives of provincial government departments to address the preparation, adoption and promotion of MMBs in an effort to augment ruminant diet and enhance dairy production. It was also recommended that the Sindh Government carry out a new census on livestock, since the last one in 2006. This would be carried out to assess the status of all breeds, including indigenous ones, their level of nutrition which greatly impacts their productivity and fertility.

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