

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- i. Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) implementing the project in districts Hafizabad and Khanewal.



RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES NETWORK (RSPN)

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Diarrhoea Prevention and Control Project (DPCP)

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OVERVIEW

The RSPN and Save the Children established a partnership to test implementation of 7-point plan in selected 40 union councils of Khanewal and Hafizabad districts initially for a period of six months i.e. (April 2015 -October 2015) with a focus on following objectives:

GOAL

30% reduction in the prevalence of diarrhoea and 13% reduction in diarrhoea related mortality rates among children under-five by 2018.

OBJECTIVES

- i. Increased access to quality diarrhoea prevention and control services for at least 80% households in target UCs
- ii. Improved community awareness and practices for prevention and control of diarrhoea in target UCs
- iii. Increased access, accountability, enhanced commitment and ownership at Provincial, District and Community level

In order to achieve these objectives; a 7-point plan of World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF will be implemented through RSP's proven model of three tier social mobilization process (i.e. the COs, VOs and LSOs) in the target Union Councils of both districts. The Village Health & Hygiene Committee (VHHC) will mobilize the local communities and create demand for WASH interventions to prevent and control diarrhoea.

The 7-point plan is focussed on treatment and prevention plan; a multi-sectoral package of interventions to reduce childhood diarrhoea deaths and make a lasting reduction in the diarrhoea burden in the medium to long term. The plan proposes two treatments for diarrhoea (fluid replacement to prevent dehydration and Zinc treatment) and a prevention package with five main elements (rotavirus and measles vaccinations; promotion of early and exclusive breastfeeding and vitamin A supplementation; promotion of hand washing with soap; improved water supply quantity and quality; and community wide sanitation promotion).

ACTIVITIES

The key activities proposed under the partnership are:

- I. Selection of the target villages, formation and training of VHHCs & UCHHCs.
- II. Identification and training of CRPs on CLTS and 7-Point Plan of action for diarrhoea prevention.
- III. Support construction of hand-pumps and water purification for safe drinking water in selective marginalized communities.
- IV. Procurement and supply of purification filters and tablets for the poor to ensure safe drinking water.
- V. Training of the masons and entrepreneurs.
- VI. Construct latrines for marginalised/vulnerable/poorest households.
- VII. Support DoH in engagement with and regulation of private providers

in the target districts.

VIII. H&H committees celebrate international events at UC and district level.

IX. Formation of Children Health and Hygiene Club in target schools.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The expected key outputs of the project activities will be:

- I. To increase access to safe drinking water for 80% households in Target UCs of districts Hafizabad and Khanewal.
- II. To increase access to adequate sanitation in at least 80% households in target UCs of districts Hafizabad and Khanewal.
- III. To improve the knowledge, skills, and practices of facility and community workers on diarrhoea prevention and control in target UCs of districts Hafizabad and Khanewal.
- IV. To increase access to routine immunization services to at least 90% in target UCs of districts Hafizabad and Khanewal.
- V. To improve community awareness and practices on diarrhoea prevention and control for at least 90% households.
- VI. To increase effective participation of children as change agents for diarrhoea prevention and control in at least 80% of villages in target UCs of districts Hafizabad and Khanewal.
- VII. Community structures operational to influence planning and decision making at all levels in districts Hafizabad and Khanewal.