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## Acronyms

AAP	Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CM	Chief Minister
CO	Community Organization
COO	Chief Operating Officer
ER	Expected Results
EU	European Union
GoS	Government of Sindh
HR	Human Resources
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NRSP	National Rural Support Programme
PINS	Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh
SUCCESS	Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support
P&D	Planning and Development
RSPN	Rural Support Programmes Network
RSPs	Rural Support Programmes
SRSO	Sindh Rural Support Organization
TRDP	Thardeep Rural Development Programme
UC	Union Council
VO	Village Organization

## Overview

Government of Sindh (GoS) through the Planning and Development Department is implementing a six-year multi-sectoral Sindh Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition (AAP), with the objective of reducing stunting rate from the existing 48 percent to 40 percent by 2021.

The European Union (EU), under the EU Commission Action Plan on Nutrition 2014, is supporting GoS in addressing the issue of malnutrition. Therefore, EU has approved the four-year Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS) to be implemented in ten districts of Sindh starting from February 15, 2018.

The programme will be implemented by Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN), National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO) and Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP), with Action Against Hunger (ACF) and Conseil Sante as programme partners.

A launch was held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at Marriott Hotel in Karachi. This document outlines the proceedings of the launch.

## Proceedings of the Workshop

### Overview of AAP

An overview of the Accelerated Action Programme for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition (AAP) was provided by Mr. Mir Hussain Ali, CM's coordinator for Nutrition, GOS. He explained that the need for the AAP arose due to the severity of malnutrition and its socioeconomic implications, particularly in interior Sindh. He said that over the four years of its interventions, the 68 million Euro programme will focus on capacity building of the Government of Sindh and other stakeholders on nutrition-related policy and strategy development.

### Remarks by Chairman P&D

Mr. Muhammad Waseem, Chairman Sindh Planning & Development Board welcomed the attendees which included Provincial Minister for Planning & Development Mir Hazar Khan Bajarani, provincial secretaries, Sindh government and EU officials, CEOs and management of RSPs and PINS partner organisations, development professionals, academia and journalists.

He thanked the EU for extending support to fight malnutrition in ten districts of Sindh. These include Shikarpur, Thatta, Kambar Shahdadkot, Larkana, Dadu, Jamshoro, Matiari, Sajawal, Tando Allahyar and Tando Muhammad Khan.



Dignitaries including EU Ambassador H.E. Mr. Jean-Francois Cautain at the PINS launch

### Opening Remarks by EUD Ambassador

Mr. Jean-Francois Cautain, Ambassador of the European Union to Pakistan said malnutrition and stunting is a key issue. With this not only children are suffering but it has an impact on society and overall growth of Sindh. Mentioning other programmes of EU on nutrition and poverty reduction, the Ambassador said that the EU's support to fight malnutrition is one element, but it's important to combine different interventions and enhance coordination along with the Sindh government to get the best outcomes of EU support. "Support to improve nutrition status in Sindh is part of EU's global commitment to reduce stunting at global level," he said. "Our objective is to reduce stunting at least by 7 million children around the world by 2025."



Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, speaks at the PINS launch

### Chairman's Speech

Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Minister of Sindh was the chair of the meeting. Addressing the launching ceremony, the Chief Minister said malnutrition has become a major issue for the province and the situation is very alarming. Only sincere and concerted efforts could control the situation. Sindh government is committed to take up these challenges on priority. "Government of Sindh aims at reducing the stunting rate from the existing 48 percent to 40 percent by 2021 in the province," he said. Acknowledging that with PINS, the European Union is supporting the Sindh government in addressing this key issue of malnutrition, the Chief Minister thanked EU and resolved Sindh government will continue to work with EU and other donor organisations in the future.

“The fact saddens me that half of Sindh’s women and children suffer from stunting and malnutrition, which is a great burden. We have to make this programme successful for our province,” he said.



EU Ambassador H.E. Mr. Jean-Francois Cautain and Ms. Shandana Humayun Khan, CEO, RSPN shake hands after signing the agreement for the RSPN Component of PINS

### **Signature of PINS Contract and Vote of Thanks**

Chairman RSPN Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan in his vote of thanks, appreciated the support of EU to the Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh. He said that to make an intervention a success and ensure that impact is long lasting, engaging organised communities, who are a social pillar of the state, is crucial as they are the only one who can reach out to every household and, once organised, they can achieve anything.

The PINS contract was then signed by EU and implementing partners.



## Annex 1 - Agenda

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Time</b>
Registration of Participants	10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Overview of Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition (AAP) by Mir Hussain Ali, Coordinator to Chief Minister on Nutrition, Government of Sindh	10:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Remarks by Mr. Muhammad Waseem Chairman Planning & Development Board Government of Sindh	10:45 - 11:00 a.m.
Remarks by Mr. Jean-François Cautain, Ambassador of the European Union to Pakistan	11:00 – 11:15 am.
Speech by the Chief Guest, Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Minister Sindh	11:15 - 11:30 a.m.
Signature of PINS contract & Vote of Thanks Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, Chairman Rural Support Programmes Network	11:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Lunch	12:00 pm

## Annex 2 – List of Participants

Sr#	Name	Organization
1	Jenifer Ankrom Khan	ACF
2	Dr. Abdul Khalique	RSPN - PINS
3	Rabia Rauf	ACF
4	Dr. Sajjad Siddiqui	PNFWH
5	Asad Ejaz Khan	RSPN
6	Mehwish Solangi	PDD
7	Habib Asghar	RSPN
8	Dr. Ute Schuman	Conseil Sante
9	Dr. Franses	Conseil Sante
10	Dr. Nadeem	Conseil Sante
11	Ibrahim Rind	Channel 92HD
12	Aman Ghuman	Daily News
13	Waseem Abbas	K21
14	AK Mohsin	Waqt News
15	D	Dawn News
16	Dr. Allah Nawaz	TRDP
17	Ali Mohammad Kallar	TRDP
18	Dr. Zahoor Baloch	Health Department
19	Imran Khan	ACF
20	Khwaja Zahid Hussain	SERRS
21	Shabir Ahmed	USAID
22	Jawad Khan	RSPN
23	Dr. Sarwat Mirza	HANDS
24	Dr. Umar Khan	UNICEF
25	Mohsin Azam	FAO
26	Dr. Akhtar Ali	AAP
27	Miwa Dowlatchad	FAO
28	Dr. Iqbal Hussain	MNCH
29	Shahnawaz Ali	FAO
30	Mohammad Dittal	SRSO
31	Jai Parkash	USAID
32	Iqbal Detho	Consultant
33	Dr. Fatima Saeed	NI
34	Cristina Brugido	UNICEF
35	Asghar	
36	Bashir Anjum	RSPN
37	Syed Imtiaz Ali Shah	PDD
38	Zara Jamil	RSPN
39	Humaira Hussain	RSPN
40	Abdul Ahad	PDD
41	Deedar Ali Bhutto	Agriculture Department

42	Ali Akbar	RSPN
43	Fazal Saadi	RSPN
44	Mawins	EU
45	Captain Rizwan	EU
46	Ghulam Mustafa Abro	SRSO
47	Rashid Bajwa	NRSP
48	Jamal M Shoro	SRSO
49	Dr. Jamil Shaikh	Health Department
50	Abdul Waheed	FAO
51	John Ashley	Conseil Sante
52	Imran Ali Jatoi	ACF
53	Khaleel Tatley	RSPN
54	Saman Sardar	RSPN
55	Salman Arshad	HANDS
56	Irfan Malik	WFP
57	Dr. Yasir Ihtesham	WFP
58	Waqas Rafique	FAO
59	Banaras Khan	FAO
60	Ghulam Mustafa Nagraj	Agriculture Department
61	Saifullah Khan	Shine Humanity
62	Leanane Wolf	JHU CCP
63	Ishtaique Ahmed	PDD
64	Shahabuddin Memon	PDD
65	Sulman G Abro	SAFWCO
66	Abdul Moiz Iqbal	UNDP
67	Sajid Q	UNFPA
68	Dr. Ahtasham	Health Department
69	Dr. Abdul Latif	LG
70	Khurram Shahzad	RSPN
71	Sono	TMF
72	Naeem Rehman	UNDP
73	Mahtab Ul Haq	PDD
74	Zofeen J Ibrahim	
75	Captain Sultan	
76	Sanjay Patel	USAID
77	Professor Aijaz Qureshi	WSIP GoS
78	Minister	PDD
79	RM Ahmed	USAID
80	Dr. Naveed Bhutto	PFA
81	Qamar Shaikh	HANDS
82	Zulifqar Halepoto	Center for Social Change
83	Saqib Khan	USAID
84	SARAH Shakeel	USAID
85	Dr. Iftakhar Ahmed	Packarad Foundation
86	Asas Ali Hashmi	RSPN

87	Aijaz Ali	PEI
88	Dr. Mazhar Alam	CONCERN
89	Ghulam Sarwar Khero	SUCCESS
90	Ghulam Mushtaq	NRSP
91	Dr. Sahib	Nutrition GoS
92	Dr. Zeeshan	Consultant
93	Faheem Junejo	LGD
94	Dr. Khadija Ahsan	Shifa Foundation
95	Dr. Fawad Shaikh	PDD
96	Saima Zafar	JUBLIE General Insurance
97	Nireen Qadri	UNDP - SOGs
98	Ahmed Hasan	UNDP SPF
99	Dr. Dileep	USAID
100	Fazal Ali	
101	Dr. Sarwan Kumar	Project Nutirion
102	Raheel Saeed	Fellow - HP
103	Nasreen Ghori	PWDS
104	Ghazanfar Abbas	Green Star
105	Jenifer	AAH / ACF
106	Fateh Mari	
107	Hasam Zaidi	Channel 24
108	Mansoor Iqbal	Abtakk
109	Dr. Akhtar	Bol TV
110	Kafayat Ali	Dunya TV News
111	Habib Jamali	Noe TV
112	Kashif Ali	News 1
113	Talha Khan	Geo News
114	Habib Jamil	Mehran TV
115	Fazahat Fatima	Express
116	Saba Sultan	Abtakk
117	Naroz Hayat	FAO
118	Marium Zia Khan	FAO
119	Ashraf Ali	FAO
120	Mubarik Ahmed	CONCERN
121	Misbah Jatoi	PEI
122	Dr. Nabeel Ahmed	JSI
123	Dr. Wali ur Rehman	JSI
124	Arfat Majeed	NRSP
125	Dr. Zaib Dahar	PPHI
126	Dr. Sajid Shafiq	PPHI
127	Fareed	RSPN

## Annex 3 – Media Coverage

1. The News  
<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/274973-sindh-launches-eu-funded-programme-to-reduce-stunting-rate-to-40-per-cent>
2. The News (Heading is about CM Media Talk on Rao Anwar issue. PINS launch details are within the news)  
<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/275084-not-aware-where-rao-anwar-is-hiding-claims-sindh-cm>
3. The Express Tribune  
<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1622493/1-eu-funded-programme-nutrition-launched/>
4. The Express Tribune (EU Ambassador quote)  
[https://epaper.tribune.com.pk/DisplayDetails.aspx?ENI\\_ID=11201801310088&EN\\_ID=11201801310027&EMID=11201801310012](https://epaper.tribune.com.pk/DisplayDetails.aspx?ENI_ID=11201801310088&EN_ID=11201801310027&EMID=11201801310012)
5. Daily Times  
<https://dailytimes.com.pk/192265/child-stunting-will-reduced-40-percent-2021-cm/>
6. Business Recorder  
<https://www.brecorder.com/2018/01/31/396229/cm-launches-eu-funded-programme-for-improved-nutrition-in-sindh/>
7. Pakistan Today  
<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2018/01/30/sindh-cm-launches-eu-funded-nutrition-improvement-programme/>
8. Pakistan Observer  
<https://pakobserver.net/cm-launches-eu-funded-68-million-programme-improved-nutrition-sindh/>
9. Pakistan Observer  
<https://pakobserver.net/govt-working-control-malnutrition-stunting-murad/>
10. The Nation (Heading is about CM Media Talk on Rao Anwar issue. PINS launch details are within the news)  
<https://nation.com.pk/31-Jan-2018/murad-vows-to-arrest-rao-anwar-soon>
11. Dawn (Heading is about CM Media Talk on Rao Anwar issue. PINS launch details are within the news)  
[https://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=31\\_01\\_2018\\_117\\_002](https://epaper.dawn.com/DetailNews.php?StoryText=31_01_2018_117_002)

12. Associated Press of Pakistan (Photo Release)  
<http://photo.app.com.pk/photo/2018/01/sindh-chief-minister-syed-murad-ali-shah-speaks-at-launching-ceremony-of-programme-for-improved-nutrition-in-sindh-app/>
13. The Sindh Times  
<http://www.thesindhtimes.com/health-and-fitness/sindh-govt-upgrades-300-basic-health-units-syed-murad-ali-shah/>
14. Roznama Jang  
<https://jang.com.pk/print/441600>
15. Roznama Dunya (National Urdu newspaper of Dunya TV Group)  
[https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2018-01-31&edition=KCH&id=3675935\\_50179445](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2018-01-31&edition=KCH&id=3675935_50179445)
16. Roznama Express  
[https://www.express.com.pk/epaper/PoPupwindow.aspx?newsID=1104973144&Issue=NP\\_KHI&Date=20180131](https://www.express.com.pk/epaper/PoPupwindow.aspx?newsID=1104973144&Issue=NP_KHI&Date=20180131)
17. Roznama 92 (News on Top left)  
[http://www.roznama92news.com/epaper.php?page\\_id=20755](http://www.roznama92news.com/epaper.php?page_id=20755)
18. Roznama Nawa-i-Waqt  
<https://www.nawaiwaqt.com.pk/E-Paper/karachi/2018-01-31/page-8/detail-33>

## Annex 4

**Definition of European Union:** The European Union is a unique economic and political union between 28 European countries that together cover much of the continent. The EU was created in the aftermath of the Second World War. What began as a purely economic union has evolved into an organization spanning policy areas, from climate, environment and health to external relations and security, justice and migration.

The EU is based on the rule of law: everything it does is founded on treaties, voluntarily and democratically agreed by its member countries. The EU is also governed by the principle of representative democracy and has delivered more than half a century of peace, stability and prosperity, helped raise living standards and launched a single European currency: the euro. One of the EU's main goals is to promote human rights both internally and around the world. Human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights: these are the core values of the EU.

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RSPN is leading the PINS Expected Results (ER) 3 component with four partners: Action Against Hunger, National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO) and Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP). This component includes nutrition sensitive interventions i.e. Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Agriculture & Food Security (AFS).



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