



**PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION IN SINDH (PINS)**  
**In support of the Accelerated Action Plan, Government of Sindh**



**Synergy Workshops for Project Staff of SUCCESS/UCBPRP & PINS**  
**Nutrition Sensitive Component**

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## Overview:

### PINS – Nutrition Sensitive - Programme Background

Government of Sindh (GoS) through its Planning and Development Department (PDD) is implementing a six-year multi-sectoral Sindh Accelerated Action Plan(AAP) for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition 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 Brussels Office has approved the Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS) which is being implemented in ten districts of Sindh starting from February 15, 2018.

RSPN is leading the PINS Nutrition sensitive component (Expected Result-3) with four partners: Action Against Hunger (ACF), 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). PINS programme is being implemented in 10 districts i.e. Tando Muhammad Khan, Sujawal, Matiari, Tando Allahyar, Larkana, Kambar Shahdadt, Dadu and Jamshoro where SUCCESS is also being implemented and Shikarpur and Thatta where UCBPRP is also being implemented. PINS interventions are built upon the social mobilization structure fostered under SUCCESS and UCBPRP in the above mentioned districts.

### SUCCESS/UCBPRP Programmes Background

The Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) was initiated on the 1st of February 2009 in two districts of Sindh, namely Kashmore-Kandhkot and Shikarpur. In March 2010 after successfully completing its first year this project was extended to two more districts namely Jacobabad and Tharparker by the Government of Sindh (GoS) to be implemented by Sindh RSPs. As a result of this programme, the European Union (EU) in collaboration with GoS, is implementing “Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS)” programme for expansion of UCBPRP to additional 08 districts of Sindh i.e. Matiari, Sujawal, Tando Allahyar, Tando Muhammad Khan, Kamber Shahdadt, Larkana, Dadu, being implemented by three Rural Support Programmes (SRSO, NRSP & TRDP) present in Sindh. SUCCESS is aiming at supporting GoS in developing its local Community Driven Development (CDD) policy and allowing for a wider geographical outreach and providing financial means for important impact in rural Sindh. The specific objective of the SUCCESS Programme is to reduce poverty through undertaking CDD based on RSPs’ proven social mobilisation approach. Living conditions are expected to improve by building the local social capital for better access to basic social, economic services and providing access to income generating and diversification activities. The SUCCESS Programme is being implemented by the Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) and its three member RSPs working in Sindh, namely, Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO), Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP), and National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) for a six year period starting from October 2015.

### Workshop Objectives:

- I. Facilitate the programme (SUCCESS/UCBPRP/PINS ER-3) district-level teams to understand scope of work of respective programmes.
- II. To orient Programmes’ staff on the social mobilization process under SUCCESS/UCBPRP and interventions under PINS ER-3.

- III. To create synergy among different projects and programmes being run by RSPs at district and field level (especially SUCCESS/UCBPRP). Discuss common interventions to develop understanding for maximizing outreach and enhance efficiency of Programmes.

#### Dates/Location:

S.No	Date	Name of District	Workshop Venue	No. of Participants <sup>1</sup>
1	2-01-2019	Sujawal	NRSP Sajawal Office Meeting Hall	34
2	3-01-2019	Jamshoro	District Office Jamshoro	72
3	7-01-2019	Larkana/Kambar Shahdaskot	SRSO Complex Sukkur	122
4	8-01-2019	Shikarpur	District Office Shikarpur	23
5	10-01-2019	Dadu	K.N Shah Field Unit Office	45
6	18-01-2019	Tando Muhammad Khan	District Office Tando Muhammad Khan	20
7	19-01-2019	Thatta	Makli Gymkhana Hall	33
8	26-01-2019	Tando Allahyar	District Office Tando Allahyar	31

#### Proceedings:

As part of the efforts to create synergy between SUCCESS/UCBPRP and PINS programme, the synergy workshops were held as per above-mentioned schedule on different locations of PINS districts. Mr. Bashir Anjum (Social Sector Specialist) Mr. Muhammad Akbar Raza (Programme Director PINS ER-3), Mr. Munawar Alee Kapri (M&E Coordinator), Mr. Musadiq Kiyani (WASH Specialist) and Imtiaz Ali (M&E Officer) participated from RSPN-PINS Programme. Also all senior management and field staff of SUCCESS/UCBPRP and PINS ER-3 Programme participated in synergy workshop.

During the synergy workshops, joint ownership of all staff was stressed and agreed upon after a detailed introduction of both programmes and discussion on field level challenges and opportunities. Key decisions were made on action plan to be implemented at field level. In addition, the agenda for district level staff orientation on synergy between SUCCESS/UCBPRP and PINS was also conducted

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<sup>1</sup> The number of participants includes the support staff and drivers.

## Key issues/Challenges:

During these programmes participants were asked about the issue and challenges which are being faced by them during the implementation of the PINS-Programme and have equal impact on all the three programmes. Following are some key issues and challenges which were discussed in the workshops:

- I. The LSO and VO meetings are not being regularly held on monthly basis. For conducting these meetings on regular basis, they require time and transport facility. As the VOs do not have any specific office and comprise of members from different scattered settlements so they need vehicles for coming to these VO meetings especially for emergency meetings.
- II. Temporary and seasonal migration is a big challenge. Some members of the COs and VOs migrate for agriculture and labour work from one area to another which has adverse impact on the CO/VO/LSO meetings.
- III. Low literacy level of female members in the programme districts especially in Sujawal is a challenge as it hinders maintaining required level of documentation at VO and LSO level.
- IV. It was observed that most of LSOs, VOs and COs are still non-functional.
- V. There are problems to achieve overall targets because of poor quality of CRP meetings.
- VI. Social Mobilization activities and formation of community institutes in district Thatta under SRSO-UCBPRP Programme is very slow.

## Way Forward & Action Points

The SUCCESS/UCBPRP and PINS Programme Managers will be responsible to ensure the smooth implementation of the following agreed action points:

- I. The staff of PINS, UCBPRP and SUCCESS will develop a joint Field Unit Level Plan. Likewise, district level staff will be responsible to monitor and mentor all programmes.
- II. PINS and SUCCESS/UCBPRP staff will ensure that all VO level meetings are being held regularly on monthly basis and are well documented in the provided registers. However, except the meetings, each team will be responsible for their own workload.
- III. PINS and SUCCESS/UCBPRP teams will be jointly responsible to ensure that all VO meetings are conducted according to set agenda, and VO representatives will be responsible to discuss the highlights of LSO meetings. Whilst, CO representatives will discuss highlights of VO meetings with other members.
- IV. District level staff of PINS and SUCCESS/UCBPRP programmes will ensure participation and documentation of the proceedings of LSO meetings.
- V. To ensure that VO/LSO meetings are being held on self-driven basis (without any incentive like transport, support etc). The same practice may be encouraged at VO & CO level meetings.
- VI. PINS and SUCCESS MIS will be interrelated and will be presented through live data to avoid duplication and overlap.
- VII. Active CRPs under PINS and SUCCESS/UCBPRP will be accountable to hold regular community meetings, and they will document CO meetings while delivering SBCC/CAT sessions.
- VIII. The joint Planning Progress Meeting will be conducted at Field Unit Level and at district level.
- IX. SUCCESS team can avail services of CRPs being hired for PINS programme in areas where literate CRPs are hard to find (exceptional cases only).

- X. Under SUCCESS programme, there is a UC level provision (budget) for CRPs' meeting. Thus, all CRPs will attend LSO level meetings.
- XI. The CO meeting dates will be entered into MIS in order to track the continuity and functionality of CO meetings.
- XII. SUCCESS and PINS staff will maintain their daily diary/NFR as a standard practice and as per PIM.

Moreover, it was mutually discussed and agreed that follow up workshop(s) on the agreed actions will be held in the near future.

## Annexes:

### Annex A: Workshop Agenda

Timeline	Activity	Lead
<b>Synergy Workshops for Project Staff of SUCCESS/UCBPRP &amp; PINS Nutrition Sensitive Component</b>		
0900 AM	Recitation of Holy Quran	Any volunteer
0910 AM	Introduction	Group
0920 AM	PINS Programme and AAP presentation	PM-PINS
1000 AM	SUCCESS/UCBPRP Programme Presentation	PM-SUCCESS
<b>1030 AM</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	RSP Administration
1100 AM	Different Projects in the district and its linkages with PINS and SUCCESS/UCBPRP	RSP District Manager
1130 AM	Discussion and presentation on areas of synergy opportunities at district level under AAP, SUCCESS/UCBPRP, PINS and other Projects in the district.	Group work
0130 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	RSP Administration
0230 PM	Action plan for Joint ownership at field and district level	PM PINS and SUCCESS
0400 PM	Way forward and vote of thanks	PM SUCCESS/PINS



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