

## PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION IN SINDH (funded by EU)

### WASH Sector Partners Meeting Friday 8th February at 1100 hours at RSPN Islamabad

Following attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Nabila Shahid, DPM, SSS NRSP
2. Mr. Abdul Salam, WASH Specialist NRSP
3. Mr. Affan Baig, Procurement Officer PINS ER2
4. Mr. Bashir Anjum, Manager SP, SSS RSPN
5. Mr. Enayat ur Rehman, Project Manager IHSS-SD
6. Mr. Kamran Naeem, WASH Specialist, UNICEF
7. Mr. Mansoor Sadiq Malik, WASH Consultant
8. Mr. Musaddiq Kayani, WASH Specialist, PINS ER3 RSPN
9. Ms. Sumaira Gil, Programme Manager AHKMT
10. Ms. Sumera Javed, Executive Manager HANDS
11. Syed Muneeb Ilyas, PM Pakistan Red Crescent

Few key points from the subject meeting:

- I. **Introduction/Update on WASH intervention under PINS** : The participants introduced themselves; and Mr. Bashir Anjum gave a power point presentation on EU funded Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh, followed by QA sessions.
- II. **Water Quality Testing parameters and field arrangements** : undersigned gave a detailed presentations on water quality testing parameters and field arrangements alongwith WASH targets vs achievements under PINS-Nutrition Sensitive Programme, the consultation process with stakeholders and methodology to improve water quality under PINS Programme.
- III. **WASH Pilot testing (WATA, CF, chlorination at community level etc)**: The pilot tests under PINS Programme were also discussed; the participants discussed and advised RSPN that 1) as RSPN does not have the technical resource for water quality interventions, therefore It was consented to have a technical resource assistance in all phases of the water quality initiatives under PINS Programme – support in opting best (low cost, technically sound and sustainable) community based water testing methods; support in the procurement of water testing; training and technical support in conducting the water testing as per the required /recommended standards. 2) to hire the services of Consultant on Water Quality throughout the water quality testing field exercise. 3). Some Community Water Quality Entrepreneurs may be engaged to provide local solutions at doorsteps level (including Musaffa, Pureaid, Aqua tabs etc. Mr. Bashir Anjum also told that we will further contact RB & Unilever for local water quality solutions and hygiene items to support and promote entrepreneurial approach 4). The participants were briefed that due to poor quality of Chlorotex reagent provided by vendor the entire consignment turned back under PINS Programme.
- IV. **Any other** :
  - a. The sector partners may be invited to attend the water quality testing trainings of RSPN and joint field monitoring visits may be arranged during WQ testing exercise

- b. It was also briefed that RSPN is also providing technical support to AAP/Local Government Department, GoS for Technical Options for Latrine Constructions and it was told that Local Government may use the Latrine Construction manual (already developed by UNHABITAT) with necessary customization instead of developing another manual. It was also requested that Lead Sector Partners may re-print such resource developed by WASH sector to save resources and duplication of efforts.
- c. There was suggestion that advocacy meetings may also be arranged with line departments for solid waste management
- d. As some of the WQ reagents are on Government banned list, therefore matter may be taken up with relevant Ministry by UNICEF (Mr. Kamran Naeem agreed to facilitate the sector partners to avoid such situation in future).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

