



PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION IN SINDH

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The European Union-funded Programme for Improved Nutrition (PINS) aims to sustainably improve the nutritional status of children under five and of pregnant and lactating women in Sindh through institutional strengthening and building capacity of the Government of Sindh, by providing support to multi-sectoral nutrition policy, strategies and governance frameworks, for effective implementation of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions.

Training of Trainers Workshop to build Capacity of GoS AAP WASH related officials on Nutrition

PINS collaborated with the GoS Public Health Engineering (PHED) and Local Government Departments to build the capacity of their **38** officials on nutrition and WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene) through a focused Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop held on 26th November 2020, in Karachi. Those who benefitted included, Regional Directors, Additional Directors, Executive Engineers, Deputy Directors, Design Officers, Assistant Engineers and Sub-Engineers dealing with WASH and related community development for the two departments and across all divisions in the province.

Mr. Khurram Arsalan, Deputy Programme Coordinator of the GoS' Accelerated Action Plan WASH programme reported on the on-going interventions in various districts of Sindh and thanked the PINS team, particularly *Dr. Zahra Ladhani* and *Mr. John O'Dea* (EU-PINS Senior Advisors) for developing the training material and conducting the ToT. *Mr. Kamran Naeem*, WASH Specialist UNICEF, shared details about sludge management.

The collaboration between EU-PINS and PHED was finalized by the department's Secretary, *Mr. Saeed Ahmed Awan*, and *Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Tariq*, Chief Advisor / Team Leader, EU-PINS. EU-PINS Chief Advisor, thanked the PHED and Local Govt departments, and said he expected that the information and knowledge covered in the training materials and manual developed will be widely shared and utilized at the local and community-level for the wider benefit. *Mr. Abdul Latif Jarwar*, Additional Secretary PHED, thanked EU-PINS and together with the PINS Chief Advisor / Team Leader presented the certificates to those successfully trained.

Sindh Civil Services and Local Government Academy Tando Jam's Director General, *Mr. Abdul Nasir Siddiqui*, invited EU-PINS to collaborate in sustaining this effort and run successive training using the elaborated training resources by PINS.



Successful Treatment of Severely Malnourished Baby Sadia at OTP



With a Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) of just **10.5**, *Baby Sadia* was diagnosed with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) by Ms. Farzana, a Community Health Worker, during a screening visit. Her chance of had slim chances of survival. However, after being treated at the Outpatient Therapeutic (OTP) *UC Tatri*, of District Larkana for two-months, is now at **14.6** MUAC, suggesting that she has successfully recovered.

With EU-PINS support, **8** OTPs and **262** Nutrition Stabilization Centers (NSCs) are successfully treating children with malnutrition in eight districts of Sindh. In November, **6,367** children were admitted at OTPs, and **219** children under 5 with SAM and complications were treated at NSC sites.

PINS Intervention Of Larkana Division Visit to Access the Progress

Ms. Jennifer Ankrom Khan, Country Director, Action Against Hunger (ACF) Pakistan, visited intervention areas in Larkana division to witness nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions. The highlight of the visit were opportunities to observe the activities at the Outpatient Therapeutic (OTP) sites, Nutrition Stabilization Centers (NSC), Paddy Fish farms, Kitchen Gardening sites, livestock, poultry, and agriculture entrepreneurs and the Farmer Field School. She also had exchanges with Deputy Commissioner Larkana, GoS AAP Nutrition Coordinator, senior officials from the implementing partners, and district-based officials of PINS on progress and future actions.

Video Screening Session on Wheat Crop Production

EU-PINS has developed a digital manual in video format for the purpose of training **4500** selected male and female small farmers on improved wheat cultivation practices. The digital manual is one of its kind, and covers the different stages of crop production including seed selection, land preparation and the application of fertilizers. To date, **225** video screening sessions have been conducted.

In November, **602** Small farmers received financial support for wheat production, and **104,118** households received Rabi seeds from EU-PINS.



PINS & PCRWR jointly conducted monitoring visits

PINS jointly conducted a monitoring and orientation visit with the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR). During the visit they oriented field staff on technical details relating to sample collection for testing water quality and managing water supply schemes. The visit included consultations with the technical staff on improving the water collection by harvesting rain water or developing skimming wells.



PINS Implementation Updates, November 2020



6,445 children cured at OTP and Nutrition Stabilization Centers (NSC) sites



17 Water supply schemes completed



573 meetings conducted by CRPs and AEs



50 Latrines constructed by community; **68** Village Organisations declared open defecation free



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