



GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
ACCELERATED ACTION PLAN FOR REDUCATION OF
STUNTING AND MALNUTRITION (AAP)
(10 YEAR PLAN)

PROJECT BRIEF

Program Start Year: 2017

Program End Year: 2026

INTRODUCTION:

Government of Sindh has approved a ten year multi-sectoral Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition (AAP). The AAP comprises of both nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions, which are being implemented through eight sectors namely **1) Health 2) Livestock 3) Fisheries 4) Agriculture 5) Education 6) Local Government 7) Social Welfare and 8) Population Welfare.**

AAP aims at achieving a goal of reducing stunting from **48% to 30%** by 2021 and then **15%** by 2026. An estimated cost of the plan for implementation across 29 districts of Sindh stands at **US\$646 million**. However, at present AAP focuses on 23 districts where a rate of stunting is above 40%. The cost for an implementation across prioritized districts is estimated at **\$437million**. The details about a share of contribution from the stakeholders and financing gaps are given below:

- **65%** (\$285.62 USD) of the total cost is estimated to come from Government of Sindh (\$30 million USD) and the development partners including the EU, USAID (through UNICEF), World Food Program as well as World Bank projects.
- **35%** (\$151.38) is a financing gaps; to cover it, Government of Sindh will seek support from development partners and other stakeholders.

Government of Sindh has committed to match every US\$1 of overseas development aid to address malnutrition by US\$.50 in domestic financing and, as an indication of this commitment and ownership, has allocated Rs.5 billion in the current fiscal year.

ONGOING PROJECTS CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS GOAL OF AAP

At present three main projects being implemented under AAP include:

- a) Sindh Enhancing Response to Reduce Stunting Project (SERRSP) – World Bank
- b) Nutrition Support Program – NSP - World Bank
- c) Program for Improved Nutrition in Sindh – PINS – European Union

The SERRSP contributes to AAP’s overall goal of reducing stunting by lowering the stunting rate by 1 percent point per year, from **48% to 43%** by 2021.

NSP specific target included

- 1% reduction in stunting per year.
- 30% reduction in children under 5 years with severe acute malnutrition (SAM).
- Reduced anaemia from 60% to 50% in women of reproductive age

Whereas PINS’s overall aim is to bring substantial and rapid improvement of nutritional status of under-five children and PLW (Pregnant and Lactating Women) in rural Sindh

Project	Budget	Districts
SERRSP	\$61.62 million USD	23 districts (to be coved in phased-wise manners)
NSP	\$47.95 million USD	09 Districts (Note: NSP will close on 31 December 2019)
PINS	60 million Euros	10 districts

TARGET POPULATION

AAP aims to support nutritionally most vulnerable population which include:

- Pregnant and lactating women (PLW) to improve their nutritional status and to reduce the risk of low-birth weight babies;
- Children aged 0 to 59 months—the first 1,000 days of life, when stunting and its associated pathologies are most responsive to or preventable by specific interventions by caretakers, and the following period when nutritional interventions and early childhood education programs can influence healthier future eating habits.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Effective implementation and coordination are vital for successful program management. Provincial Task Force for AAP is a provincial level arrangement of Government of Sindh that guides relevant Government Departments/Sectors, Donors, UN agencies, INGOs/NGOs, Academia and all other stakeholders regarding joint efforts to be taken to achieve desired response of Government of Sindh to reduce malnutrition and stunting in Sindh.

In order to ensure strong implementation and efficient coordination, two separate systems have been put in place Provincial Oversight and Coordination Mechanism

1) Provincial Task Force Secretariat

- Provincial Task Force Secretariat for Nutrition has also been established to support the activities of AAP in terms of supervision, coordination and communication with internal and external stakeholders as well as strategic guidance. Currently Task Force Secretariat for headed by Program Manager AAP.
- Furthermore, institutional and organizational changes for in a process in order to evolve a robust oversight and efficient implementation mechanism.

2) District Coordination and Support Mechanism

Government of Sindh has constituted as District Coordination Committee for Nutrition (DCCN) in all districts of Sindh for overseeing and coordinating the execution of the Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition. Committee was notified on 27th October 2017.

- **Taluka Coordination Committee**

A Taluka level Coordination Committee for Nutrition has also been formed for overseeing and coordinating the execution of the Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition (AAP).

SINDH ENHANCE RESPONSE TO REDUCE STUNTING –SERRSP

The following are contractual details:

- Project Agreement Start Date: 26th July 2017
- Project Agreement End Date: 31th Dec 2021
- Total Contract Value: US \$61.62 Million
- Assisted by: World Bank

The project comprises of two components:

Component I	Component II
US \$45 million earmarked to support multi-sectoral package of services through the following eight sectors: 1) Health 2) Agriculture 3) Fisheries 4) Livestock 5) Education 6) Local Government (WASH) 7) Population Welfare 8) Social Welfare	US \$ 16.62 million has been kept to finance technical assistance and inputs to support: 1. Measures for implementing a pilot conditional cash Transfer (CCCT) program 2. Multi-Sectoral Social Behavior and Communication Strategy 3. Institutional Arrangements for improving coordination, strengthening accountability, citizen engagement, operationalizing integrated multi-sectoral data information systems, grievances redressal, strengthening monitoring, evaluation and supervision

HUMAN RESOURCE AT TASK FORCE SECRETARIAT

- The post of Nutrition Coordinator to Honorable Chief Minister is vacant
- Currently the Taskforce Secretariat is headed by the Program Manager.

The following Specialists are on board:

- Communication Specialist
- M&E Specialist
- Procurement Specialist
- Social Mobilization Specialist
- Social Safeguard Specialist
- Environment Specialist
- Gender Specialist
- Financial Management Specialist

- Internal Auditor

HIRING OF CONSULTING FIRMS

S.N	Departments/Activities (Outputs/Outcomes)	2017-18		2018-2019		STATUS
1	Third party verification Firm	1	0	1	0	8 firms have been shortlisted and qualifying firm will be on board next month June 2019.
2	Nutrition expenditure tracking system	1	0	1	0	Advertisement has been published. 20 June 2019 is deadline for submission of Expression of Interest.

SECTOR-WISE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

S. No.	Sector	Department's Budget Estimates 2019-20	Budget Pink Book 2019-20	Release as of August31, 2019
1	Health	3,092,645,967	3,092,646,000	481,355,000
2	Livestock	2,289,938,000	649,944,000	15,59,61000
3	Agriculture	575,652,000	618,753,000	23,070,000
4	Fisheries	1,036,765,000	478,381,000	98,806,000
5	Local Govt (WASH)	414,150,000	310,728,000	30352300
6	Social Welfare	756,420,000	116,016,000	25104000

7	Population Welfare	68,797,000	91,935,000	17,823,750
8	Education	-	60,586,000	-
9	Task Force Secretariat	26,186,000	15,473,000	3118250
	Total	8,260,553,967	5,434,462,000	805,238,000

