

Media Update

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Media Advisory

You are cordially invited to cover the launching ceremony of the
“Provincial Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Secretariat, Sindh”

By the Planning and Development Department, the Government of Sindh in collaboration with the United Nations World Food Programme (UN WFP)

Mr. Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani
Honorable Minister for Planning and Development, Sindh
will be the chief guest on the occasion

Venue: Ball Room A, Movenpick Hotel Karachi

Date: Monday, 17 October 2016

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Agenda:

Time	Activity	Facilitator
10:00-10:30 AM	Registration and the Recitation of Holy Quran	
10:35 AM	Opening Remarks	Ms. Rehana Ghulam Ali Memon, Secretary (Dev.), Planning & Development Dept: Sindh
10:45 AM	Documentary (Malnutrition & Stunting / Scaling Up Nutrition)	
11:00 AM	Introduction of SUN Movement Global and Pakistan	Mr. Aslam Shaheen, Chief Nutrition/SUN Focal Point, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms
11:15 AM	SUN Movement- Provincial perspective	Dr. Mazhar Iqbal, Programme Policy Officer, SUN Secretariat, P&D Department Sindh
11:25 AM	Situation Analysis of Malnutrition in Sindh & Accelerated Action Plan	Dr. Samar Memon, Coordinator Nutrition P&DD Sindh
11:35 AM	Remarks by Federal Secretary Planning	Mr. Yousaf Naseem Khokhar, Federal Secretary Planning, Development & Reform
11:50PM	Remarks by World Food Program	Stephen Gluning, Acting Country Director, WFP Pakistan
12:00 PM	Remarks by Chief Guest	Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani , Minister for Planning & Development Sindh
12:15PM	Concluding Remarks	Mr. Muhammad Waseem, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.) Planning & Development Dept: Sindh
12:30 PM	Group Photo followed by Lunch	

We look forward to your participation and coverage.

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Press Release

WFP PROVIDES CASH TO RETURNEES IN SOUTH WAZIRISTAN AGENCY IN PAKISTAN

PESHAWAR, 13 Oct 2016 – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has successfully implemented its first cash-for-work programme for conflict-affected people who have returned to their areas of origin in the South Waziristan Agency (SWA) of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA).

Under the programme, people are paid to work on projects that provide livelihood opportunities while helping reduce disaster risks in their communities. In the first phase, WFP is providing approximately PKR 18 million (approx. USD 172,000) to just over 3,000 participants in September and October in SWA. Similar interventions will follow in other FATA agencies: they allow beneficiaries to buy fresh produce and other necessities, boosting markets and the local economy in the process. The project is made possible thanks to USD 4.2 million from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and GBP 2 million from the UK Department for International Development (DFID) for the FATA Return & Rehabilitation programme.



A total of 44 training courses on disaster risk reduction and vegetable production were organized for 975 participants; 55 km of link roads/paths have been repaved, and the same length of irrigation channels rehabilitated. Overall, 67 physical infrastructure projects have been completed. Beneficiaries were also trained in first aid, firefighting and other livelihood-enhancing skills. WFP provides PKR 6,000 (approx. USD 75) to each participant for the 15-day work cycle.

“To be able to provide cash assistance in the South Waziristan Agency is a great achievement and is proving instrumental in improving the lives of people in this area. This was only possible through strong local partnerships and the financial support of our donors,” said BaiMankay Sankoh, Head of the WFP Provincial Office in Peshawar.

WFP has been implementing asset-creation programmes in Pakistan since 2010, but this is the first time such a programme using cash has been implemented in SWA. Given the challenging physical and political situation, WFP worked with its local NGO partner Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP) and the United Bank Limited (UBL) to ensure all infrastructure and systems were in place to implement the programme successfully.

So far, WFP has distributed over 19,000 cash cards to displaced people and returnees in FATA. By the end of 2016, the aim is to exceed 26,000 cards.

WFP will continue to support the FATA Secretariat and the Government of Pakistan under its three year country programme (2016-18) by providing cash and food-based assistance to approximately 2.2 million displaced and returnee people from seven agencies in FATA including Khyber, South Waziristan and North Waziristan agencies.

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