

Media Update

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MEDIA ADVISORY

National Fortification Alliance of Pakistan Meeting

WHAT: Micronutrient Deficiencies and Food Fortification in Pakistan under National Fortification Alliance (NFA) and Role of Partners

WHEN: 1100 hours to 1200 hours, Tuesday, 05 May 2015

WHERE: Committee Room of Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination, LG&RD Complex, G-5/2, Islamabad.)

WHO: Saira Afzal Tarar, Minister of State will chair the meeting. WFP Representative & Country Director, Ms. Lola Castro will also be present.

Agenda:

- Revitalization of the national fortification alliance with its full membership.
- Expressing ownership and commitment towards elimination of micronutrient malnutrition from the country and take all necessary measures in this respect with a focus on food fortification.
- Advocacy and agreement for constitution of provincial fortification alliances by the provinces and their notifications.
- Initiation of the work on the national fortification strategy and harmonization of standards as per international guidelines.

Programme:

Time	Activity	Responsibility
	Opening Session	
10.30 – 11.00	Registration/ Arrival of Guests	
11.00 – 11.05	Recitation from Holy Quran	
11.05 – 11.15	Welcome Address	Secretary MoNHS R&C
11.15 – 11.25	Micronutrient Deficiencies and Food Fortification in Pakistan under NFA and Role of Partners	Dr. Baseer Achakzai Director Nutrition
11.25 – 11.35	NFA Objectives, Structure and Way Forward	World Food Programme
11.35 – 11.40	Comments from Country Director and Representative, WFP	Ms. Lola Castro
11.40 – 11.45	Comments by Secretary Planning Commission/ Planning Development and Reforms	Mr. Hassan Nawaz Tarar
11.45 – 11.50	Comments by Secretary Food Security & Research	Mr. Seerat Asghar
11.50 – 11.55	Comments by Secretary Industries & Production	Mr. Arif Azeem
11.55 – 12.10	Key note address by the chief Guest	Minister of State NHS,R&C
	Technical Session	
12.10 – 13.10	1- Draft Provincial Fortification Alliance TORs Discussion : 2- Notification of Provincial Fortification Alliances in provinces 3- Key areas for work plans/ priorities 4- Identification of key partners and placement	Rapporteur: Coordinator NFA
13.10 – 13.20	Comments by provincial secretaries (role & responsibilities in LSFF)	
13.20 – 13.35	Comments by partners	PFMA, PVMA, Salt Sector,
13.35 – 14.30	Lunch and Prayer	

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PRESS RELEASE

Pakistan Qualifies for Stage 2 in Progressive Control Pathway of Foot and Mouth Disease

Pakistan's Efforts for the Control of Foot and Mouth Disease recognized at International Forum

Islamabad, 04 May 2015: The hard work of FAO executed project “Progressive control of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Pakistan” was recognized by the Regional Advisory Group at the 6th Annual Meeting of the West Eurasia FMD Road Map held in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 28 to 30 April, 2015 and Pakistan’s status was upgraded from Stage 1 to Stage 2 in the FMD-Progressive Control Pathway. Risk-based control strategy of FMD in Pakistan was presented by the Project Coordinator in the meeting and was appreciated by the experts and the participants from 13 regional countries. It was considered as a model to be used by other regional countries for preparing their FMD risk reduction plan to qualify for the FMD-PCP Stage 2.

Progress towards the control of FMD in Pakistan was presented by Dr. Muhammad Akram, Assistant Animal Husbandry Commissioner in the Ministry of National Food Security and Research. Pakistan was represented in the meeting with a strong delegation of five persons including Project Coordinator Dr. Muhammad Afzal, National Project Director Dr. Manzoor Hussain, National Field Officer Dr. Aftab Ahmad, Assistant Animal Husbandry Commissioner Dr. Muhammad Akram and Dr. Rashad Munir Khawaja Additional Director FMD Research Centre. Speaking at the occasion, Project Coordinator attributed this success to the hard work of the project team, field staff of the provincial / regional Livestock and Dairy Development Departments and collaboration extended to the project by the Director Generals / Directors of these departments. He stressed the need to continue efforts to control FMD in Pakistan for improving profitability of the livestock



farmers in the country and increase milk and meat production to ensure food security and reduce poverty in the country. Financial assistance for the project was provided by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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