



ANNUAL PROGRAMME¹ NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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	Pakistan, Health and Population Nation wide

Programme No: MDTF Office Atlas No: 00070813 Programme Title: National Nutrition Survey	Participating Organization(s): UNICEF

Implementing Partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National counterparts (government, private, NGOs & others): Nutrition Wing, MOH 	Programme Budget (from the Fund): <i>For Joint Programme provide breakdown by UN Organization</i> UNICEF Allocated US\$: 614,819 Obligated US\$: 199,858
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Programme Duration (in months): <u>Start date³:</u> 01 August 2009 <u>End date:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Original end date</i> <i>Revised end date, if applicable</i> <i>Operational Closure Date⁴, if applicable:</i> <u>Budget Revisions/Extensions:</u> <i>List budget revisions and extensions, with approval dates, if applicable</i>
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¹ The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

² E.g. Priority Area for the Peacebuilding Fund; Thematic Window for the Millennium Development Goals Fund (MDG-F); etc.

³ The start date is the date of the first transfer of funds from the MDTF Office as Administrative Agent.

⁴ All activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MDTF programme have been completed. Agencies to advise the MDTF Office.

NARRATIVE REPORT

I. Purpose

The last National Nutrition Survey was conducted in 2001-02, almost 15 years after the 1985-1987 National Nutrition Survey. After a lapse of another eight years it is timely to undertake a nutrition survey for the following reasons: i) establishing the current benchmark of nutrition and related indicators for gauging progress along the targets set for the MDGs; ii) establishing a benchmark for missing data/indicators; and iii) prioritizing the programs/initiatives at the national and provincial levels and refining planning and implementation of initiatives. In addition to above, in view of the recent food crisis and price hike, establish benchmarks for nutrition to see how they will be impacted by this situation and what appropriate measures may be taken to contain the effects.

The main aim of the survey is to assess the population nutritional status (especially of children and women and/or other target groups), morbidity, family/community caring practices, and food intake to facilitate in supporting strategies for better utilization of resources and implementation of programme interventions in a more integrated manner.

Specific objectives:

1. To assess the nutritional status of nationally and provincially representative samples of the major population areas of Pakistan, using anthropometry, clinical, and biochemical analysis as follows:
 - To collect data on height, weight and age of children, 6 – 59 months old, mothers of these children, adolescent girls, adults and elderly.
 - To collect blood samples for the assessment of micronutrient status of children mainly iron, vitamin D, Zinc, Calcium; and iron status of mothers.
 - To collect urine sample for the assessment of iodine status of children.
2. To assess infant and young child feeding and caring practices, including exclusive breastfeeding rate, timely complementary feeding rate, morbidity of diarrhea and pneumonia, and feeding practices during illnesses.
3. To collect data on food intake and food availability.
4. To collect data on socio economic status, including income and educational status.

II. Resources

Financial Resources:

- ***Provide information on other funding resources available to the project, if applicable:***
Not applicable as funds from other source were not available.
- ***Provide details on any budget revisions approved by the appropriate decision-making body, if applicable:***

Not applicable.

Provide information on good practices and constraints in the mechanics of the financial process, times to get transfers, identification of potential bottlenecks, need for better coordination, etc.

Human Resources:

UNICEF is providing technical support to the Nutrition Wing and a selected research institute for the implementation of the survey. The following staff members will be involved throughout the survey implementation process:

1. International staff:
 - 1 Nutrition Specialist
 - 1 Nutrition consultant
2. National staff:
 - 1 Nutrition Officer

III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

Summarize the implementation mechanisms primarily utilized and how they are adapted to achieve maximum impact given the operating context.

The implementation of the survey will be carried out by a selected research institute, which is currently in process. The selected research institute will hire mostly national experts based on the needs.

Provide details on the procurement procedures utilized and explain variances in standard procedures.

Some of the supplies/equipment required for the survey, but not available locally, were procured through UNICEF Offshore Procurement procedure. The procurement is processed by the UNICEF Copenhagen Office.

Provide details on the monitoring system(s) that are being used and how you identify and incorporate lessons learned into the ongoing project.

Not applicable at this stage.

Report on any assessments, evaluations or studies undertaken.

Not applicable at this stage as the field work is yet to start.

IV. Results

Provide a summary of Programme progress in relation to planned outcomes and outputs; explain any variance in achieved versus planned outputs during the reporting period.

1. Formation of the Committees:

Initially, it was planned to form three committees to oversee and guide the survey process. The three committees include the following: i) Steering Committee, ii) Technical Committee and iii) Provincial Committee. In the first meeting of the Steering Committee, it was agreed to include members from

provinces in the Technical Committee and hence, it was decided not to formulate a separate provincial committee.

The first meeting of the Steering Committee was held in August and approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Technical Committee.

2. Selection of Research Institute:

The Expression of Interest (EOI) to submit the proposal for the National Nutrition Survey was advertised in the news papers in August 2009. A total of 27 agencies expressed interest to submit the proposal. A briefing meeting for the interested agencies on the ToR of the proposal was arranged on 25 and 26 August 2009. Out of 27 interested agencies, 26 participated in the briefing meeting. Out of 26 interested agencies, only 7 agencies finally submitted the proposals.

On 11 October, the Technical Committee met to review the technical proposals. Further meeting of a core group of the Technical Committee was held in early December 2009 to finalize the recommendations of the Technical Committee. The selection of the research firm is being delayed due to some unexpected development in the process.

3. Procurement of supplies: Some of the offshore supplies have been procured by UNICEF. After finalization of the research institute, additional supplies will be procured either locally or through off-shore procurement process as deemed suitable.

Report on the key outputs achieved in the reporting period including # and nature of the activities (inputs), % of completion and beneficiaries.

Not applicable at this stage

List the key partnerships and collaborations, and explain how such relationships impact on the achievement of results.

The preparation process of the survey was a joint effort partners. The inputs on the Concept Note and the draft proposal were provided by the Ministry of Health, WHO, WFP and MI.

Other highlights and cross-cutting issues pertinent to the results being reported on.

Not applicable.

V. Future Work Plan

Indicate any major adjustments in strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs planned.

No major adjustment required in the strategies and targets, there has been a delay in the selection process of the research institution due to some unexpected outcomes. Thus the following activities are planned:

- Finalization of the selection of a research institute.
- Supplies list submitted by the selected research institutes will be reviewed and the required supplies will be procured as needed.
- Technical support through the international consultant and UNICEF staff will be provided to the selected research institute while finalizing the survey tools. Technical Committee's inputs will be included in the final tools.

VI. Performance Indicators

Fill the table in this section to report on the indicators set at the output level as per the approved results framework in the programme document.

National Nutrition Survey was expected to provide output indicators on the following areas:

- Percentage of pregnant women with anaemia (lined with MNCH JPC-1)
- Percentage of babies with low birth weight (linked with NMCH JPC-1)
- Percentage of household use of iodized salt at household level,
- Percentage increase in Vitamin A supplementation

VII. Abbreviations and Acronyms

MDGs: Millennium Development Goals

MI: Micronutrient Initiative

MoH: Ministry of Health

MNCH: Maternal, Neonate and Child Health

UN: United Nations

UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund

WHO: World Health Organization

WFP: World Food Programme