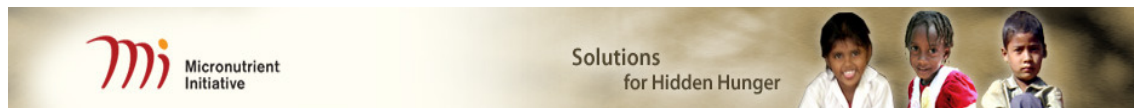


MI and ASK joins hand for Managing Capacity Building and Training Activities for IDD/USI in 20 districts of Sindh/ Baluchistan Region



Micronutrient Initiative (MI) and ASK Development join hands to implement project on “Managing Capacity Building and Training Activities related to IDD/USI in 20 districts of Sindh/Baluchistan”. The prospect participants are District Focal Persons, Doctors, Lady Health Supervisors, Sanitary and Food Inspectors and Salt Processors. More than 1700 participants, of whom 60% are female, will attend trainings. More than 2500 school children as well as teachers will attend school activities across the districts.

It is anticipated that message of universal iodization will be spread up in targeted districts. ASK Development has already established linkages with NGOs, and District Health Department for the smooth implementation of this project.

Pre and post assessment tools are also developed in Urdu and Sindhi. Database for assessing learning difference of 1700 participants are designed for analysis accordingly. Project duration is 22 Jan 2010 to 30, April 2010

Project Background

Iodine deficiency has long existed in Pakistan, and despite efforts over the past several decades there has been little improvement in the present situation. The National Nutrition Survey (NNS) of 2001-2002 shows that 22.9% of school aged children, and 36.5% mothers of children under 5, are severely iodine deficient based on levels of urinary iodine excretion.

For the purpose of addressing the said issue, Nutrition Wing, Ministry of Health (NW) and the Micronutrient Initiative (MI) have developed joint program in 97 districts of Pakistan, supporting Provincial Departments of Health (DoH) & salt sector in implementation of IDD/USI Project resulting in the raise of the salt iodization level to 75% at the production level in the target districts.