



# DIRECTORATE GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES SOUTH PUNJAB

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To

The District Coordinator, IRMNCH & Nutrition Program  
(Multan/Khanewal/Vehari/Lodhran/ Muzaffargarh/Dera Ghazi Khan/ Rajan  
Pur/ Layyah/ Bahawalpur/Bahawalnagar & Rahim Yar Khan)

Subject:- OPTIMAL FUNCTIONALITY OF 24/7 HEALTH FACILITIES

As you are well aware of the fact that 10 to 15% of pregnancies undergo complications due to direct obstetrical cases such as postpartum hemorrhage, sepsis and complication of abortions are responsible for close to 50% of maternal deaths. A majority of these maternal and early newborn deaths can be avoided by provision of prenatal, delivery and postnatal and newborn care services within reasonable travel distance & travel time. In this regard, IRMNCH & Nutrition Program established 24/7 HF's at BHUs to provide Basic EmONC services.

To operationalize these 24/7 HF's, a comprehensive performance index was developed to improve health outcomes across 4 areas through extensive monitoring both by department and third party:

Health outcome	Priority	Indicator(s)
Reduce maternal mortality rate	Safe deliveries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BEmONC functionality at primary health facilities</li><li>• CEmONC functionality at secondary health facilities</li></ul>
Reduce infant mortality rate	Immunization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geographical vaccinator coverage</li><li>• Quality of polio campaign</li></ul>
Enhance access to essential treatment	Functionality of primary health facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medicine availability</li><li>• Equipment functionality</li><li>• Facility outlook</li></ul>
	Functionality of secondary health facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medicine availability</li><li>• Equipment functionality</li><li>• Facility cleanliness</li></ul>
Reduce spread and incidence of preventable diseases	Strengthening vertical programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Performance on Hepatitis control program</li><li>• Performance on NCDs' program</li><li>• Performance on TB control program</li></ul>

In pursuance of Program Director, IRMNCH & Nutrition Program Punjab issued vide No. Pb/PPIU-2022/16282-89/IRMNCH dated 08.12.2022, the maintenance & functionality of these 24/7 BHUs is the sole responsibility of the concerned District Health Authorities (DHAs).

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It is therefore, directed to ensure functionality of all 24/7 Health facilities by ensuring availability of staff, functionality of equipment, utilities and Infrastructure as during monitoring of HFs, certain operational deficiencies / discrepancies were observed for round the clock service provision by the undersigned.

  
DIRECTOR GENERAL  
HEALTH SERVICES, SOUTH PUNJAB  
MULTAN

CC:

1. Program Director, IRMNCH & Nutrition Program, Punjab Lahore.
2. All the Director Programs, Directorate General Health Services, South Punjab
3. Deputy Director (South), IRMNCH & NP, Punjab, Lahore.
4. All the Chief Executive Officer, District Health Authorities in South Punjab
5. All the District Coordinators, IRMNCH & Nutrition Program in South Punjab
6. PS to Secretary, Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, South Punjab

