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SOUTH PUNJAB**

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To

1. The Medical Superintendent,
(Bahawalpur Victoria Hospital Bahawalpur/ Institute of Child Health/
Children Hospital Multan/ Teaching Hospital Shaikh Zayed Rahim Yar
Khan/ Teaching Hospital Dera Ghazi Khan)
2. The Medical Superintendent,
(DHQ Hospital Bahawalnagar/ Khanewal/ Layyah/ Lodhran/ Muzaffargarh/
Rajapur/ Vehari)
3. The Medical Superintendent,
(THQ Hospital Haroonabad/ Ahmadpur East/ Taunsa/ Mian Chunnu/
Chowk Azam/ Kehroor Pacca/ Shujabad/ Ali Pur Muzaffargarh/ Kot Addu/
Liaquatpur/ Jampur/ Burewala/ Kot Chutta/ Barhi and Rojhan)

Subject:- STRENGTHENING OF STABILIZATION CENTRE FOR TREATMENT OF SEVERELY ACUTE MALNOURISHED CHILDREN AT SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS/ DHQ & THQ LEVEL HOSPITALS IN SOUTH PUNJAB

It is submitted that Stunting and Wasting has been identified as major global health priority and ambitious World Health Assembly have endorsed global targets and commitment to reduce stunting by 40% in children under 5 between 2010 to 2025. IRMNCH & Nutrition Program has taken up the issue of addressing malnutrition seriously and comprehensively with commitment to reduce the prevalence of stunting and wasting particularly in Southern districts of Punjab. In this regard, IRMNCH & Nutrition Program, Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department Punjab has established Stabilization Centre (SC) at Tertiary care/ Specialized Health Institutions/ DHQ Hospitals and THQ Hospitals (to reduce impact of nutrition deficiency in South Punjab having the highest burden of acute malnutrition) through its integrated health, nutrition interventions for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) with medical complications.

2. It is further submitted that treatment of acute malnutrition at Stabilization Centre requires multi-sectoral approach including the provision of quality healthcare services, availability of Anthropometry tools and un-interrupted nutritional supplies, even at Tertiary Healthcare/ Specialized Institutions by fulfilling following criteria/ pre-requisites.

Infrastructure:

Dedicated space to house 6 bedded ward, Play Area, Kitchen and Nutritional commodities storage place

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Human Resource:

A Pediatrician may be nominated as Focal Person/ Incharge of Stabilization Centre and 1 MO assigned to SC in roster, 3 nurses assigned (for 24/7 coverage) -

Nutritional Commodities:

F-75 Milk, F-100 Milk, ORS, Resomal, Ready to use Therapeutic Food (RUTF)/ Ready to use Supplementary Food

Equipment/ Anthropometry Tools:

6 paed's beds, 5 MUAC Tapes, 1 Electronic Scale, 1 Height Measuring Board 1 Length Measuring Board, 1 Thermometer and 1 Android mobile phone/Tablet for data entry

Branding:

LED Display for awareness content, Banners (1 at entrance, 1 inside SC) Awareness posters (bright and visual for children) & Brightly painted walls

3. Your kind attention is diverted to the situation that in most cases at these SCs equipped/ fixtures like Refrigerator/ Oven/ LED TV/Kitchen set/Anthropometry tools and Android Mobile phone/ Tablet etc. provided by IRMNCH Program or by the development partners is either missing or not functional in its proper place, which is hampering the functionality badly.

4. To improve the performance and service delivery of these outlets, special focus may please be laid for optimal functionality (Screening/ treatment of malnourished children) by ensuring the availability of anthropometry tools/ minimum required medicines and nutrition commodities. In case, a rationalized demand may please be ascertained for their optimal functionality, as per criteria mentioned above and shared with this office to proceed further.

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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