



UNICEF South Asia - Regional Conference

Monday, 10 November 2014

TIME day 1	WHAT	PRESENTATION AND SPEAKER	SESSION CHAIR	DISCUSSANT
08.30-09.00	REGISTRATION OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS			
INAUGURAL SESSION				
09.00-10.30	OPENING CEREMONY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Karin Hulshof, Regional Director for South Asia, UNICEF</li> <li>• <i>Guest of Honor</i>: Mr. Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary, Ministry for Women and Child Development, Government of India</li> <li>• Ms. Fathimath Najwa, Director Social Affairs, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)</li> <li>• Ms. Geeta Rao Gupta, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF</li> <li>• <i>Chief Guest</i>: H.E. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Honorable Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India</li> </ul>		
10.30-11.00	MORNING BREAK			
SESSION 1 - CHILD STUNTING: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND NATIONS				
11.00-12.00	GUEST PRESENTATION	<b>Stunting bodies, stunting brains</b> <b>Dr. Francesco Branca</b> Director, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, World Health Organization (WHO)	<b>Dr. Purnima Menon</b> Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), South Asia	<i>Discussant: Dr. Lalith Chandradasa</i> National Nutrition Coordinator, Nutrition Council, Colombo, <b>Sri Lanka</b> <i>Followed by questions from and dialogue with the plenary</i>
12.00-13.00	GUEST PRESENTATION	<b>Stunting children, stunted nations</b> <b>Pr. Subu Subramanian</b> Professor of Population Health and Geography, Harvard University	<b>Mr. Chris Williams</b> Executive Director, Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)	<i>Discussant: Dr. Raisul Haque</i> Program Head, Health, Nutrition and Population Programme, BRAC, <b>Bangladesh</b> <i>Followed by questions from and dialogue with the plenary</i>
13.00-14.00	LUNCH BREAK			

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<b>SESSION 2 - IMPROVING CHILD FEEDING, WOMEN'S NUTRITION, AND HOUSEHOLD SANITATION IN SOUTH ASIA</b>				
14.00-15.00	<b>GUEST PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Stunting, infant and child nutrition and South Asia</b> <b>Pr. Kay Dewey</b> Professor, Department of Nutrition, Director, Program in International and Community Nutrition, University of California, Davis	<b>Mr. Alex Rees</b> Director, Programme Development, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)	<i>Discussant: H.E Dr. Najia Tareq</i> Deputy Minister of Public Health Kabul, <b>Afghanistan</b> <i>Followed by questions from and dialogue with the plenary</i>
15.00-16.00	<b>GUEST PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Stunting, women's nutrition and South Asia</b> <b>Dr. Sheila Vir</b> Director and Senior Nutrition Specialist, Public Health Nutrition and Development Centre, New Delhi	<b>Ms. Jane Bevan</b> Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist, Water and Sanitation Program/World Bank (WSP/WB)	<i>Discussant: Mr. Basanta Adhikari</i> Senior Public Health Officer, Nutrition Section, Ministry of Health and Population, <b>Nepal</b> <i>Followed by questions from and dialogue with the plenary</i>
16.00-16.30	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>			
16.30-17.30	<b>GUEST PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Stunting, sanitation and South Asia</b> <b>Pr. Sandy Cairncross</b> Professor of Environmental Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	(continuation)	<i>Discussant: Timothy Grieve</i> Chief Water, Hygiene and Sanitation, UNICEF, <b>Pakistan</b> <i>Followed by questions from and dialogue with the plenary</i>
17.30	<b>END OF DAY 1</b>			
18.30	<b>RECEPTION AT HOTEL TAJ PALACE.</b> All participants			

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TIME day 2	WHAT	PRESENTATION AND SPEAKER	SESSION CHAIR	FOCUS / DISCUSSANT / PRESENTER
<b>SESSION 3 - MATERNAL AND CHILD NUTRITION AND HOUSEHOLD HYGIENE AND SANITATION. EVIDENCE FROM RESEARCH AND PROGRAMMES</b>				
09.00-09.30	<b>WELCOME SESSION</b>	<b>Dr. Ame Stormer</b> Regional Director for Programmes, Asia Pacific Helen Keller International (HKI)  <b>Dr. Helenlouise Taylor</b> Regional Advisor Asia, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition, Plan International	<b>Ms. Katrien Ghoois</b> Regional Advisor, World Food Programme (WFP), Asia  <b>Dr. Sara Ahmed</b> Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Center (IDRC)	Key messages by Speakers and Discussants on day 1 are summarized to start day 2
09.30-10.15	<b>GUEST PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Environmental Enteric Dysfunction.                      Update on the science and implications for programmes</b> <b>Pr. Jean Humphrey</b> Professor, Department of International Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns' Hopkins University		<i>Discussant: Pr. Umesh Kapil</i> Public Health Nutrition, Human Nutrition Unit, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, <b>India</b>
10.15-11.00	<b>GUEST PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Improving child feeding, women's nutrition and                      household sanitation. Delivering programmes at scale</b> <b>Dr. Tina Sanghvi</b> Senior Technical Director. Alive and Thrive Programme Family Health International-360		<i>Discussant: Honorable Dasho Kezang Wangmo</i> Member of Parliament, Chair of Committee on Women, Children and Youth Thimphu, <b>Bhutan</b>  <i>Discussant: Ms. Shaheeda Adam Ibrahim,</i> Director General Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Male, <b>Maldives</b>
11.00-11.30	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>			
<b>SESSION 4 - STOP STUNTING IN SOUTH ASIA: IMPROVING CHILD FEEDING, WOMEN'S NUTRITION AND HOUSEHOLD SANITATION. EVIDENCE FROM COUNTRIES</b>				
11.30-13.00	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</b>	<b>Advocacy, policy, programme and research priorities                      in scaling up child feeding, women's nutrition,                      and household sanitation to stop stunting in South Asia:                      present and future</b>		<i>Focus:</i> Country teams review their analysis of the national priorities to stop child stunting in light of the knowledge shared and discussed on days 1 and 2 of the Regional Conference
13.00-14.00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>			

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14.00-16.00	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b>	<p><b>Advocacy, policy, programme and research priorities in scaling up child feeding, women's nutrition, and household sanitation to stop stunting in South Asia: present and future</b></p> <p>Country teams report to plenary their analysis of the national priorities to stop stunting with a particular focus on advocacy, policy, programme, and research/knowledge/evidence.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Werner Schultink</b> Associate Director, Chief Nutrition, UNICEF</p> <p><b>Mr. Sanjay Wijesekera</b> Associate Director, Chief Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, UNICEF</p>	<p><b>Afghanistan: Dr. Bashir Ahmad Hameed</b> Head of Public Nutrition Department, Ministry of Public Health, Kabul</p> <p><b>Bangladesh: Dr. Shah Nawaz</b> Director, Institute of Public Health Nutrition, Line Director, National Nutrition Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Dhaka</p> <p><b>Bhutan: Mr. Richen Wangdi</b> Senior Official, Chief of Public Health Engineering, Ministry of Health-Bhutan</p> <p><b>India: Dr. Dean Spears</b> Visiting Economist, Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Maldives: Dr. Aishath Rameela</b> State Minister, Head of the Health Protection Agency, Ministry of Health</p>
16.00-16.30	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>			
16.30-17.30	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b>	<p><i>(continuation)</i> Country teams report to plenary their analysis of the national priorities to stop stunting with a particular focus on advocacy, policy, programme, and research/knowledge/evidence.</p>	<p><i>(continuation)</i></p>	<p><b>Nepal: Mr. Radha Krishna Pradhan</b> Director of Health, Nutrition and Population Programme, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal</p> <p><b>Pakistan: Dr. Abdul Baseer Achakzai</b> Director and Focal Point Nutrition, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination, Government of Pakistan</p> <p><b>Sri Lanka: Dr. Hiranya Jayawickrama</b> Consultant Community Physician, Ministry of Health, Government of Sri Lanka</p>
17.30	<b>END OF DAY 2</b>			
18.30	<b>RECEPTION AT UNICEF HOUSE, India Country Office.</b> All participants			

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TIME day 3	WHAT	PRESENTATION AND SPEAKER	SESSION CHAIR	FOCUS
<b>SESSION 5 - STOPPING STUNTING IN SOUTH ASIA: COST, BENEFITS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR ACTION</b>				
09.00-09.30	<b>WELCOME SESSION</b>	<b>Dr. Carmen Lloveres</b> Health Task Manager, European Union Delegation to Afghanistan  <b>Dr. David Sutherland</b> Technical Officer, World Health Organization Regional Office for South East Asia (SEARO)	<b>Dr. Deepika Chaudhery</b> Deputy Regional Director, Micronutrient Initiative (MI), Asia  <b>Mr. Akramul Islam</b> Senior Director, BRAC, Bangladesh	Key messages by Speakers and Discussants on day 2 are summarized to start day 3
09.30-10.00	<b>GUEST PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Scaling up nutrition-specific interventions to prevent                      stunting in India: How much would it cost?</b> <b>Dr. Purnima Menon</b> Senior Research Fellow, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute, New Delhi, India		<i>Focus:</i> Cost analysis of scaling up direct evidence-based interventions to prevent child stunting in India. <i>Followed by 1-2 questions from plenary</i>
10.00-10.30	<b>GUEST PRESENTATION</b>	<b>The costs and benefits of stopping stunting in South Asia</b> <b>Dr. Meera Shekar</b> Lead Health and Nutrition Specialist, The World Bank, Washington DC, United States of America		<i>Focus:</i> Cost-benefit analysis of eliminating child stunting in South Asia. How much would it cost? What would countries gain? <i>Followed by 1-2 questions from plenary</i>
10.30-11.00	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>			

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<b>SESSION 6 - STOPPING STUNTING IN SOUTH ASIA: MOVING FORWARD</b>				
11.00-12.30	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>Moving Forward: Panel discussion</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Lalita Bhattacharjee</b> Lead Nutrition Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Bangladesh</p> <p><b>Mr. Peter Burgess</b> Head Regional Office for Asia, European Commission for Humanitarian Services (ECHO)</p> <p><b>Ms. Neerja Chowdhury</b> Political journalist, New Delhi, India</p> <p><b>Ms. Nancy Haselow</b> Vice President, Helen Keller International (HKI), Asia</p> <p><b>Mr. Albertus Voetberg</b> Lead Specialist, South Asia, World Bank</p>	<b>Ms. Karin Hulshof</b> Regional Director, UNICEF	<i>Focus:</i> Panelists discuss issues that may have not been sufficiently covered during the previous sessions and discuss their views about the potential role of their organizations (and similar organizations) in advancing these issues in support to national and regional efforts to stop stunting in South Asia
12.30-13.00	<b>TAKE HOME EVIDENCE</b>	<p><b>Moving Forward: Take Home Evidence</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Shawn Baker</b> Director for Nutrition, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</p>		<i>Focus:</i> Speaker summarizes the most important evidence-based messages emerging from the Regional Conference, Stop Stunting in South Asia
13.00-13.30	<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Lise Grande</b> United Nations Resident Coordinator, India</p> <p><i>Guest of Honor:</i> <b>Smt. Vijaylaxmi Joshi</b> Secretary Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation Government of India (tbc)</p> <p><b>Vote of thanks</b></p> <p>On behalf of the participants:</p> <p><b>Mr. Radha Krishna Pradhan</b> Director of Health, Nutrition and Population Programme, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal.</p> <p><b>Ms. Karin Hulshof</b>, Regional Director, UNICEF</p>		<i>Focus:</i> Reducing child stunting: a global, regional and national priority
13.30	<b>END OF DAY 3</b>			
13.30-14.30	<b>LUNCH AND END OF CONFERENCE</b>			