

**Provincial Conference on
Rural Entrepreneurship & Food Security in
Sindh**



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Introduction & Background

Food is a fundamental human right. And yet one in nine people around the world (805 million) go hungry every day. Food is the basic element of community self-reliance. It provides jobs, enhances culture, enables community and supports public health. Because of its essential nature, agriculture and food keeps going when other industries fail.

Sindh province of Pakistan although is a resource rich province with its agriculture as well as gas, oil and coal reserves, however, the province is faced with severe challenge of food insecurity. The National Nutrition Survey (NNS) 2011 had determined Sindh as the poorest and most food deprived province of the country, with only 28 per cent households having food security.

The results showed that about 42 percent of the households were food secure while the remaining 58 percent were food insecure (adults and not children or both experienced the inadequacy of the household food supply without hunger or with hunger in the household) at national level. The proportion of food insecure household was categorized as food insecure without hunger (28.4 percent), food insecure with moderate hunger (19.8 percent) and food insecure with severe hunger (9.8 percent). Sindh appeared as the poorest and food deprived province, because 72 percent of the sample households were found to be food insecure.

They included 21.1percent without hunger, 33.8 with moderate hunger and 16.8 with severe hunger. In contrast, 4.3 percent of the sample households in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir were food insecure with severe hunger, 4.5 percent in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, 5.8 percent in Fata, 8.8 percent in Punjab, 8.9 percent in Gilgit-Baltistan and 11.5 percent in Balochistan. Interestingly, it was found that hemoglobin levels of both pregnant and non-pregnant women were at the maximum in Sindh. Discussing the prevalence of malnutrition among children, the latest report said that against the rate of 43percent stunting at national level, Sindh had 70 percent rate.

Participatory Development Initiatives (PDI) with the support of Trocaire is engaged with the local communities in Umerkot, one of the poorest districts for improving the food security in the district through sustainable livelihoods and rural entrepreneurship. PDI is organizing this conference to discuss in detail the causes of food insecurity in Sindh and also examine the positive link between rural entrepreneurship and food Security in the province.

Conference Objectives

- Discuss the causes and consequences of increasing food insecurity in Sindh
- Discussing the ways and methods to ensure food security in Sindh
- Examining the role of rural entrepreneurship in ensuring food security in Sindh
- Presenting the case studies and success stories and stressing on replicating such success stories for improving food security in Sindh

Conference Themes

- Defining Food Insecurity in the local context : Its Causes and Remedies
- Rural Entrepreneurship: Current Status and Future Prospects
- Rural Entrepreneurship and its relationship with food insecurity
- Success stories of the relationship between rural entrepreneurship and food security in Sindh

Registration for the Conference

There are no registration fees for the conference. However, the participants have to formally register themselves for participation in the conference. The registration request can be emailed to pdi@pdi.org.pk with the following details:

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Call for Papers for the Conference

We particularly encourage the submission of abstracts and full papers that address the conference themes. Each abstract and full paper must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines. Abstracts and full papers must be submitted with the intention that at least one author will register for the conference and that the work will be presented if accepted. Please note that a maximum of two papers can be accepted for presentation per registered delegate.

Submission of Abstracts

Authors are invited to submit abstracts of up to 350 words and include up to 5 keywords. We welcome contributions from professionals, academics and researchers under the conference themes. You will be asked to select a conference theme when submitting your abstract. During the submission process please indicate whether, upon acceptance, you intend to submit a full paper for double blind peer review. The Abstract must be submitted on the conference abstract format. Download the form and send us the completed abstract on pdi@pdi.org.pk

Submission of Full Paper

Upon acceptance of your abstract, you will be invited to submit a full paper for double blind peer review. The full papers should be sent to pdi@pdi.org.pk

Please note that your submitted paper will not be automatically accepted for the conference proceedings. All submitted papers will be rigorously reviewed by academic reviewers who assure that papers meet the high academic standards of peer reviewed conference proceedings. The full article should be submitted in word (NOT PDF). Please ensure that your paper is ready to go to press by the submission deadline having thoroughly read the paper for errors. If English is not your first language then this is especially important. To facilitate easier processing, reviewing, and publishing all submissions. PLEASE follow this checklist:

- 12-point Times New Roman font.
- Single-spacing throughout the document.
- Double space (instead of indent) to designate a new paragraph or section.
- Page numbers at the bottom center of each page.
- Top, bottom, and side margins no less than 7/8 of an inch or 2.2 cm.
- Cover page that includes title, authors, their affiliations, their contact information, and the topic of the submission.
- Title, authors and affiliations repeated at the beginning of the body of the paper.
- Manuscript not to exceed 5,000 words (excluding tables, figures and references).
- Manuscripts longer than 5,000 words will be returned for editing.
- Graphs and visuals can be reproduced electronically.
- References must adhere to the APA referencing format.

Note: All the papers must be in English Language

Important Dates

Following are the key dates for prospective scholars /participants

April 18, 2015	Deadline for Submission of Abstract
April 20, 2015	Notification of Acceptance of Abstract
April 25, 2015	Last Date for Submission of Full Paper
April 26, 2015	Notification for Acceptance of Full Paper
April 26, 2015	Last Date for Conference Registration
April 27, 2015	Submission of Final Presentation
April 28, 2015	Confirmation of Bookings & Accommodation
April 28, 2015	Distribution of Conference Program
April 30, 2015	Conference Date

Abstract Submitting Form

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