



Islamabad the 26th September, 2019

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Constitution of National TFA Technical Advisory and Advocacy Group.

With the prior approval of the competent authority, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, Government of Pakistan has constituted the National Technical Advisory and Advocacy Group for Elimination of Trans-Fatty Acids, to oversee the activities, processes and formulation of necessary policies and strategies regarding Elimination of Trans-fats in Pakistan. Following are the members of the Platform and their terms of references.

Chairperson:

Director/ Nutrition Focal Person M/o NHR&C.

Secretary:

National Coordinator –Nutrition & NFA M/o NHR&C

Members:

- ✓ Chief Nutrition/ SUN Focal Point, M/o PD&R, Islamabad
- ✓ Director NCDs, MoNHR&C, Islamabad
- ✓ Deputy Director Programs, MoNHR&C, Islamabad
- ✓ 1 member each from all the provinces, Punjab, Sindh, KP, Balochistan – Director/ Program Managers Nutrition
- ✓ 1 member each from all four Provinces representing Provincial Food Authorities
- ✓ 1 member each from Alliances (SUN Business Network, NCD Alliance/ SAMAR)
- ✓ 1 member each UN Agencies (UNICEF, WHO, WFP, FAO,)
- ✓ 1 member each from INGO/ NGO including GAIN, Heartfile, TheNetwork)
- ✓ 1 representative of Academia from each province
- ✓ Media (education and entertainment) (co-opted)
- ✓ Any member co-opted by the Director Nutrition M/o NHR&C/ Working Group.

Members of Core Technical Advisory Group of the Platform:

- ✓ Director Nutrition, Mo NHR&C, Islamabad (Chair)
- ✓ National Coordinator Nutrition & NFA, Mo NHR&C, Islamabad (Secretary)
- ✓ 1 member each UN Agencies (UNICEF, WHO, WFP, FAO)
- ✓ Representative from GAIN, Heartfile, TheNetwork)
- ✓ Representative from SUN Business Network, NCD Alliance/ SAMAR
- ✓ Any member co-opted by the Director Nutrition M/o NHR&C/ Working Group.

Aim

The National TFA Technical Advisory and Advocacy Group has been devised with an aim to restrict/ reduce the TFA content of food/ food products to reduce negative health implications of TFAs among Pakistani population and reduce TFA intake in Pakistani population for healthy outcomes.

Objectives:

1. Influence policies and provide strategic direction to the TFA elimination efforts at national and sub-national level based on evidence generated in the country.
2. Provide technical support to review the existing standards related to the products containing TFA's
3. Provide technical support and oversee development of related policy documents and protocols, with regular progress review and course correction.
4. Act as coordination platform for regular data and program updates, information sharing, and harmonization of regulation and enforcement modalities.
5. Facilitate communication among all stakeholder including government, private sector, international organizations and civil society regarding TFA elimination and related interventions and strategies

Working Modality & Structure:

- The Core Advisory group will meet not less than four times a year.
- The meeting of the complete national working group/ platform would be held at least twice a year.
- It will be convened and chaired by Ministry of National Health Services Regulations & Coordination
- **WHO would act as Co-Chair/ Co-Convener.**
- MoNHSR&C will send out meeting invites; meeting minutes; final decisions and follow-up on agreed actions etc.

Detailed TORs are annexed.



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Copy to:-

- I. SPS to the Secretary M/o NHSR&C
- II. PS to the Director General, M/o NHSR&C
- III. The Distribution List is attached.