

Webinar on PSBI implementation

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PSBI Demonstration project in Pakistan :

A success story !

- Ownership and equity in distribution of roles and responsibilities amongst stake holders Health System Coordination is crucial for success.
- Knowledge and understanding of community indigenous contextual barriers and enablers for care seeking.
- PSBI is a simple protocol and LHW/PHC provider were competent in identifying sick young infants.
- Outpatient treatment with simplified antibiotics regimen improved outcome of sick young infants
- A considerable number (35%) of Young Infants with a danger sign were identified by the LHW's.
- 85% of the Sick Young Infants presenting at BHU with PSBI (Clinical Severe Infections + severe Pneumonia) refused referral to higher level health facility and were treated in accordance to the new WHO guideline.

Key messages

- **Policy makers:**

- Implementation of PSBI guidelines can increase coverage and potentially contribute to reduction in neonatal mortality.
- Implementation would not require major investments

- **Programme implementers**

- If this intervention was unavailable, only 8% of sick young infants would be treated.
- From the demand side it is critical to understand the Enablers and barriers
- Adherence of PSBI guidelines by BHU (PHC) staff and commitment by LHWs are critical to achieve success

- **Partners and donors**

- Monitoring and technical support must be provided during the implementation and scale up in regular program setting