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**INTEGRATION AND STRENGTHENING OF HEALTH SYSTEMS IS PRIORITY OF
THE GOVERNMENT**

Islamabad: October 24, 2018- Delegation from USAID and JSI called on Federal Minister for National Health Services, Aamer Mehamood Kiani today. The delegation highlighted health system strengthening support from the development partner and special mention was made to Chlorhexidine national scale up which improvement in newborn health.

Pakistan Health Information System which integrated all MISs and surveys in one dashboard, national framework for Antimicrobial resistance and technical assistance in development of National health vision. USAID and JSI gave their commitment to continue working with the national health system and reforms agenda of the new government.

Federal Minister underscored the issue of fragmented health system suffering from low allocations to primary healthcare. He reiterated that present government wants to introduce pro-poor health system, starting from Islamabad district as a model which will revive people's confidence on public sector health delivery. He agreed to integrate family planning with health at the federal level service outlets. He also recommended having one national health survey which should then become a benchmark for planning.

Meeting was attended by Director General Dr. Asad Hafeez, Ms. Sangita Patel Health Advisor USAID.

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