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Malnutrition in Pakistan: Humanitarian or Development Challenge ?

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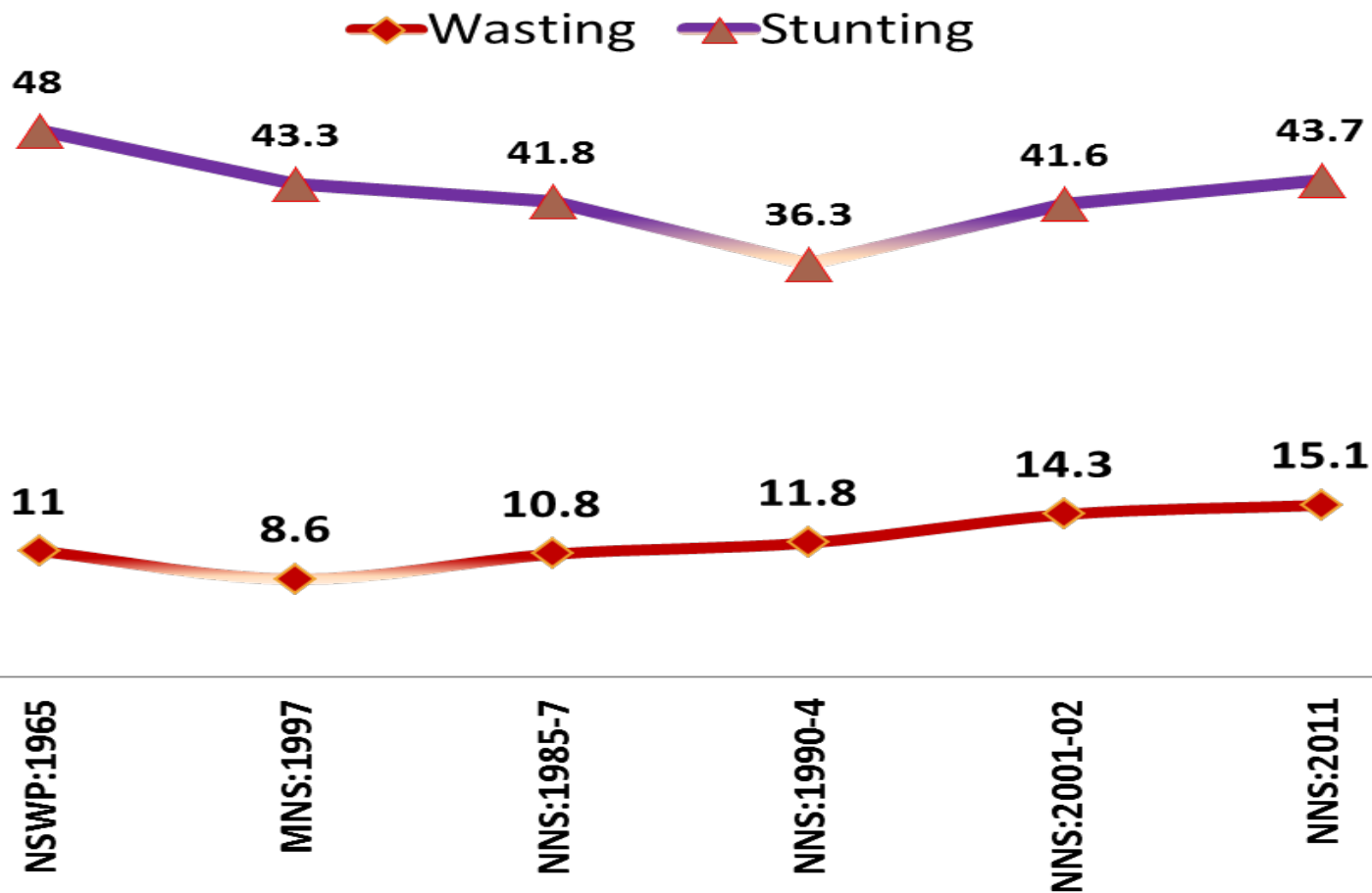
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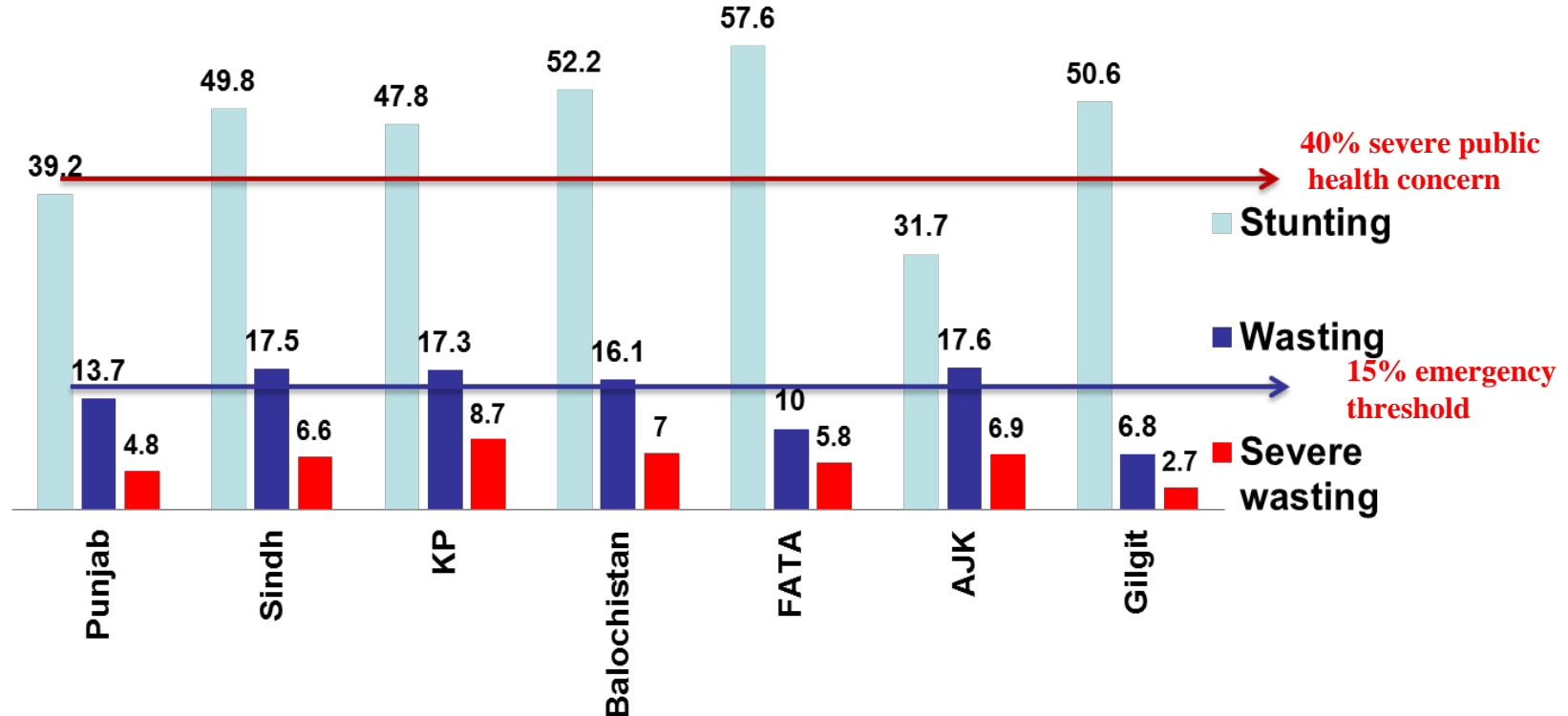


Trends of stunting and wasting



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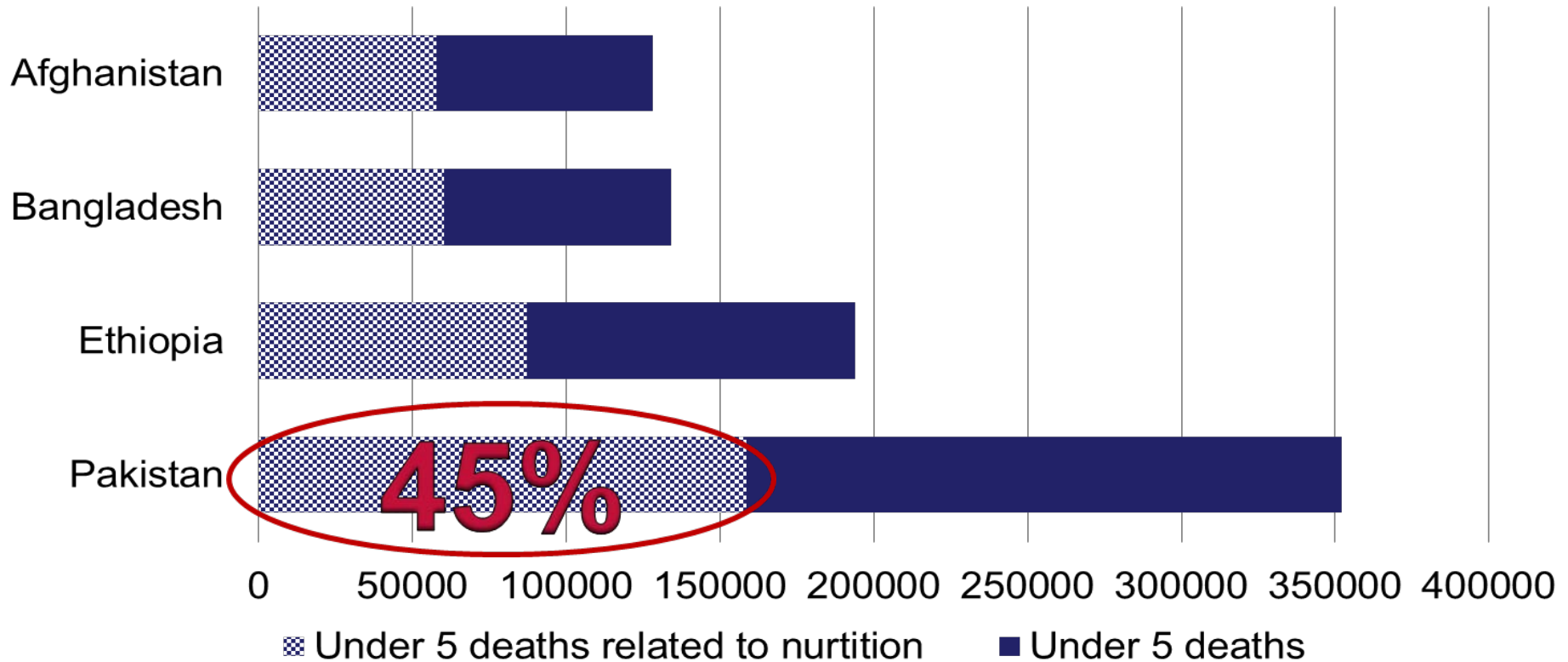
Provincial Comparison of Stunting, Wasting and Severe Wasting



Context

Each year, 352,000 children in Pakistan die before reaching their fifth birthday; 158,400 of these deaths are related to undernutrition

Number of children under 5 dying each year



Challenges



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Factors

- Complex Emergency
- Natural disasters
- Chronic Poverty
- Food insecurity
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Deep rooted traditional attitudes and practices
 - a) Feeding/caring practices
 - b) Decision making
 - c) Mothers knowledge/education

Challenges



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Issues

- Security
- Humanitarian access
- Government: Policy/ownership/financing
- Donor: Humanitarian Programs duration/funding
- Lack of Capacity at all levels
- Humanitarian vs development linkages?
(sequencing/layering/integration)

Case Study



Sindh Province

- **+) Sequencing** (CMAM, SAM, Health Education, Government led PC-1 nutrition investment)
- **+) Layering:** Livelihood, drought mitigation and DRR
- **-) Integration:** strong coordination

Key Takeaways



- **Strong Policy, leadership/ownership**
- **Coordination**
- Understand the context- humanitarian or development or both
- Strengthen multi-sectors linkages
- Build capacity at all levels
- **Strengthen community support groups and enhance behavior change communication**
- Find ways to overcome security, implementation and M&E challenges

Nutrition Development Actions



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Government Authorities

- Pakistan Vision 2025

(Food Security and Under-Nutrition Priority Areas)

- Pakistan Multi-sectoral Nutrition Strategy (In process)
- Provincial Nutrition Guidance Notes/Integrated Nutrition Strategies
- PC-1 approval and implementation
- Infant Feeding Board
- Legislation on National Universal Salt Iodization

(from 17% to 69% - NNS2011)

- National Guidelines for Community Management of Acute Malnutrition
- Nutrition Training Curriculum
- National Fortification Alliance

(MI and WFP supporting commercial wheat flour fortification in AJK)

Continued...



Development Partners

- Multi-donor Trust Fund (USAID, DFID, EU, ECHO, AusAID)
- Scaling-up Nutrition Framework
- United Nations System (CMAM program)
- Civil society and community participation (I/NGOs)



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