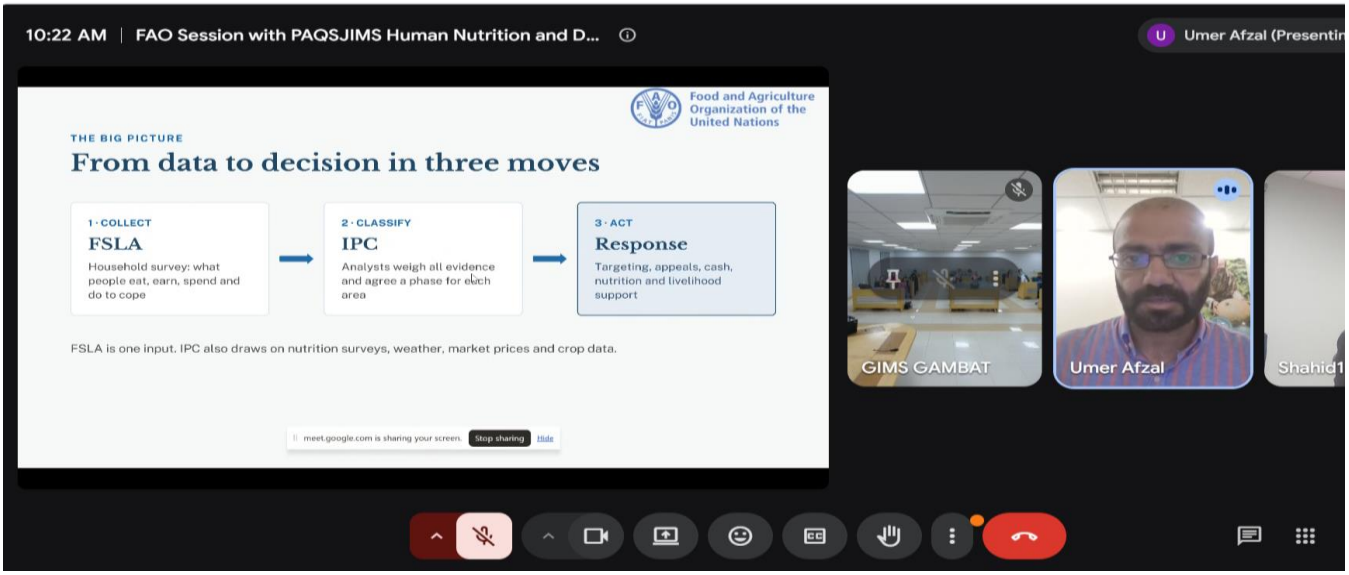
PAQSJIMS and UN-FAO Pakistan Connect Food Security and Malnutrition Data with Nutrition Decisions



Students and faculty members attending the ORIC-organized virtual technical session.

The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) at Pir Abdul Qadir Shah Jeelani Institute of Medical Sciences (PAQSJIMS), Gambat, organized a virtual technical session with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Pakistan on 4 November 2026. The session brought BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HND) students into direct discussion with specialists working on food security and nutrition assessment.

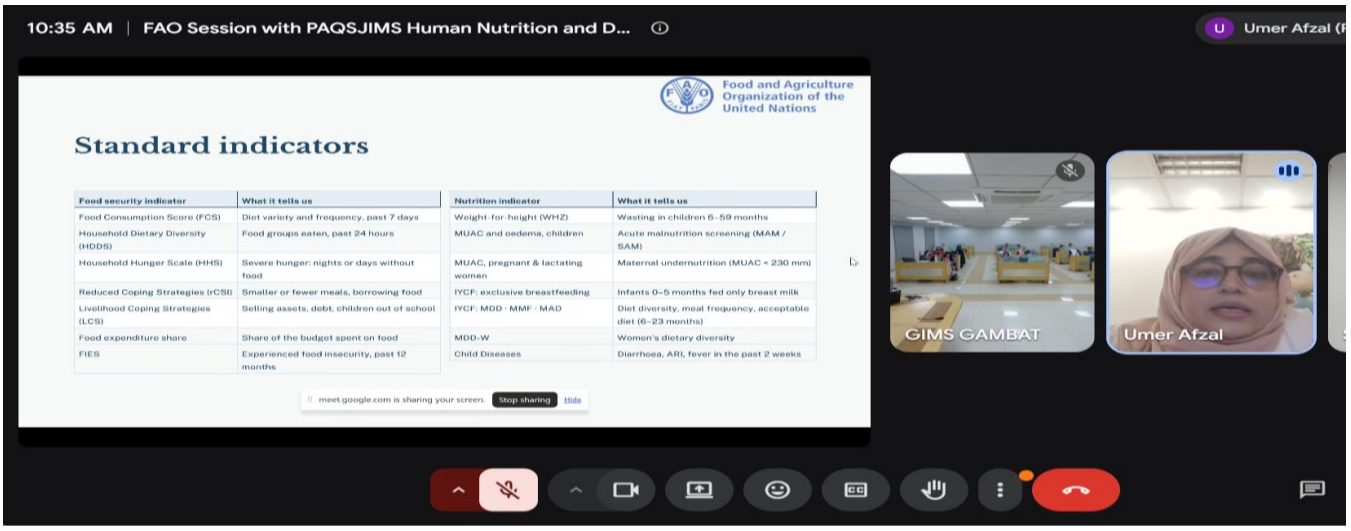
Expert from FAO Pakistan Mr. Muhammad Umer Afzal, Miss Aqsa Shaikh and Miss Hina Kanwal explained the Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment (FSLA) approach and the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), with reference to Acute food insecurity (IPC-AFI) and acute malnutrition (IPC-AMN). The discussion illustrated how household survey findings and other evidence are brought together, analysed and classified to better understand needs and inform responses.



Ongoing session by UN-FAO Expert.

The speakers introduced practical indicators such as food consumption, dietary diversity, household hunger and coping strategies, alongside nutrition measures including wasting, mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC), infant and young child feeding and women's dietary diversity.

They also discussed dashboards, interpretation of recent analyses and how findings can guide the targeting of nutrition, food security and livelihood support. HND students, faculty members and the Vice Principal of BS Programmes attended the session, which linked classroom teaching in Public Health Nutrition and Global Food Issues with real-world assessment practice.



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