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ISLAMABAD (INP): Highlighting the importance of bio-fortification of staple crops, Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research (NFS&R), Sardar Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan said that the government was committed to ensure food and nutrition-secure Pakistan.

Speaking at the roundtable meeting on "Harvest-Plus Bio-fortification Programme in Pakistan," the federal minister said that the government has already taken many initiatives to ensure nutritious

food for all. He said that with the efforts of Harvest-Plus and Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, a bio-fortified wheat variety has been developed, which would ensure nutritious food for all, particularly for nutritious-deficient rural population to help them overcome health deficiencies.

The Federal Minister said that food security and nutrition challenges were there but with the coordinated efforts these could be overcome, adding that the bio-fortified wheat

variety Zincol will be released soon.

The federal minister said that there was also need for launching soil-fertility campaign that would help bio-fortification of food crops.

Speaking on the occasion, Federal Secretary for NFS&R, Seerat Asghar enumerated three dimensions of food security including, international, national and individual.

He said that food security means when people have access to healthy and nutritious food.



Group photo of Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research (NFS&R), Sardar Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan with participants of roundtable meeting on "Harvest Plus Bio-Fortification Programme in Pakistan".