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President Dr. Arif Alvi Chairs 2nd Meeting of the Federal Task Force on Population

ISLAMABAD; JANUARY 31, 2020: Chairing the 2nd meeting of the Federal Task Force on alarming population growth in Pakistan at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Friday, President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi has said that we would have to increase the outreach of family planning services and contraceptive prevalence throughout the country in order to effectively manage population growth. Federal Minister for Planning Development & Reform, Asad Umer, SAPM on Health, Dr. Zafar Mirza, SAPM on Information & Broadcasting, Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan, Chief Minister Punjab, Sardar Usman Buzdar, Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, and Chief Minister Gilgit Baltistan, Hafiz Hafeez ur Rehman were present during the meeting. Various items of the agenda came under discussion and a number of decisions were taken accordingly.

The President underscored that raising public awareness about the population explosion is of paramount importance. In this regard, national narrative must be effectively disseminated through media campaigns and proactive involvement of Ulema, he added. He also underlined that our focus must be on "Birth Spacing" to allow mothers time to recover and to prevent malnutrition and stunting.

The meeting was briefed on the progress made on the decisions taken in the 1st meeting. The President expressed satisfaction over the progress and underscored that concerted efforts must be made to tackle this issue and ensure sustainable development of the country.
