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Dear Members and Partners,

Welcome to 2015! The Pakistan Humanitarian Forum wishes you a happy new year and a fruitful year ahead seeking to reach and serve those that are most in need.

2014 was a busy year for PHF and our 69 full and affiliated member organisations. PHF Members continued to work in every province both on development projects as well as in humanitarian responses to the 2014 floods, Afghan refugees, and displaced persons in Khyber Paktunkhwa (KP) and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA).

We saw the first year of implementation of the PHF five year Strategic Framework. Developed throughout the course of 2012 and 2013, through member engagement and prioritisation, the strategy focuses the collaborative work between the PHF membership and highlights the need for greater engagement with external partners and stakeholders. Ultimately, we seek to directly achieve nine defined objectives over the five years, and through their achievement, contribute to two outcomes: All communities have access to effective systems and services; and, International Civil Society is valued and recognised as a legitimate stakeholder.

Listing a few brief highlights during the past year:

- PHF worked with government partners, UN agencies and donor counterparts at national and federal level to support effective responses and to move forward on a number of operational constraints that limited access of affected populations to assistance and services.
- Following engagement in the development of the 'Policy on the Regulation of Foreign Contributions' in 2013, we were pleased to welcome the policy into action and see progress against the registration of INGOs in Pakistan, which continues into 2015.
- PHF addressed audiences at the peacekeeping trainings at Pakistan's Center for International Peace and Stability, on the role of NGOs in humanitarian emergencies and peace keeping operations.
- Across services PHF defined products and processes to standardise and improve their quality, these efforts will continue into 2015 following the annual member and stakeholder surveys.
- Finally, in December 2014, we were delighted to re-launch the PHF Website, providing a user friendly interactive platform to share the work of INGOs with the wider public as well as provide the member facility to access documents from all PHF services at any time.

In 2015 PHF will continue to work collaboratively guided by the strategic framework with our 59 international member organisations and 10 observers which includes the national humanitarian network, to represent, coordinate and advocate on behalf of INGOs to meet humanitarian and development need in Pakistan and ultimately to achieve our vision: A society where all stakeholders collaborate to take responsibility for meeting the needs of vulnerable communities in Pakistan.

Best wishes for your 2015 endeavors,

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