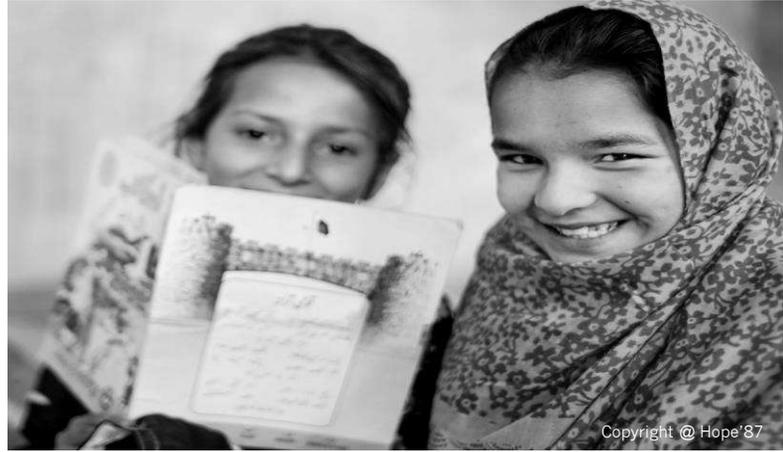


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COVID-19 UPDATES

As of December 11th, 2020, Pakistan has a total of 432,327 confirmed cases of Coronavirus. Of the total, 379,092 patients have recovered, while 8,653 lost lives battling the disease.

National Positivity Ratio is 8.58% with the highest positivity ratio observed in Karachi 18.43%, followed by Mirpur 14.29% and Peshawar 11.68%. 2486 COVID patients are in critical condition across Pakistan and the number of critical patients is rising fast.

The United Nations General Assembly has approved a resolution proclaiming December 27th, 2020 as the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness to keep a global spotlight on the need to strengthen global measures to prevent pandemics like COVID.

Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Mr. Asad Umar warned that the government would have to close down more sectors amid rising cases of COVID-19 and non-compliance of the SOPs.

Britain's medicine regulator has advised that people with a history of significant allergic reactions do not get Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine after two people reported adverse effects on the first day of rollout.

German pharmaceutical company BioNTech and its U.S. partner Pfizer say data on their Coronavirus vaccine were "unlawfully accessed" during a cyberattack on the servers of the European Medicines Agency.

Foreign Office Spokesperson Mr. Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri said Russia has offered to provide its COVID-10 vaccine to Pakistan. He added that the government is in contact with multiple sources to ensure "timely acquisition of COVID-19 vaccine".

Pakistan has decided to contact the World Bank for COVID-19 vaccine funding of 153 million USD. The funds will be requested under Credit Funding Act 6590. After the approval of the grant from the World Bank, Pakistan will purchase the COVID-19 vaccines in advance for its citizens.

Facebook Inc. said it would remove false claims about COVID-19 vaccines that have been debunked by public health experts. The move expands Facebook's current rules against falsehoods and conspiracy theories about the pandemic.

During this time of crisis, PHF members have actively responded in supporting National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), which is the operational lead on COVID-19 crisis in Pakistan. Several PHF members have donated face masks, gowns, goggles, sanitizers, and are playing a part in raising awareness among the communities they operate in.

[Find more information for COVID-19 here](#)

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PHF PROVINCIAL COORDINATION UPDATES



PHF Country Coordinator and Tearfund Country Director attend the First Provincial Coordination Meeting in Karachi, Sindh on Nov 6th , 2020

PHF provincial coordination meeting that was scheduled in Lahore on December 9th, 2020 was postponed due to second wave of COVID-19. New date will be announced soon, and agenda will be shared accordingly.

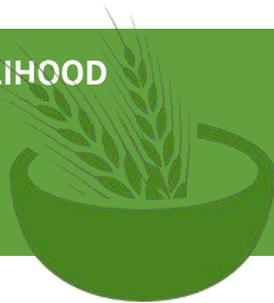
Health Sectoral Working Group meeting was held on December 4th , 2020 in KP. PHF KP members attended the meeting. Minutes of the meeting can be accessed [here](#).

UNDP has scheduled 5th Emergency Response Working Group (ERWG) meeting on Dec 10th, 2020. Meeting invite was shared with PHF members.

PHF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS UPDATES

PHF and NHN set up their first ever joint Working Groups during the COVID-19 pandemic to serve as the basic coordination tool among the PHF and NHN members.

FOOD, SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD WORKING GROUP UPDATES



FSL WG Meeting was held on December 8th, 2020. The group was provided with updates on upcoming Webinar on Smog. Additionally, the group decided to develop a paper related to FSL and second wave of COVID-19. The paper will be based on responses from implementing partners of PHF members working in the field.

Next meeting of FSL WG will be held on December 22nd, 2020.

HEALTH WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Health Working Group meeting is scheduled for December 15th ,2020.

The group will discuss possible plan of conducting a survey on operational issues/challenges that they have faced during COVID-19 response.



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PHF Permanent Working Groups Update

PHF is re-activating its Permanent Working Groups (WGs) from January 2021. These WGs were formed based on PHF's core mandate and strategic objectives and were deactivated during the first wave of COVID-19.

These Working Groups support members in thematic coordination and help realize greater impact by coordinating efforts, available systems, and resources to help achieve common objectives.

The Working Groups will elect their own Chair and Co-chair who will report to the Secretariat, General Forum or Executive Committee meetings depending on the need.

RE-ACTIVATION OF WORKING GROUPS



SDG WG

Finance & Administration WG
Safeguarding WG
Communication WG
Climate Change/DRR WG

NOMINATIONS OPEN!

PHF encourages its member organizations to come forward and take up the lead of these working groups. Nominations are open till December 18th, 2020.

Send your nominations now to PHF at:

hina.tariq@pakhumanitarianforum.org

PHF EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION



PHF Country Coordinator and a member of Ex-Com attended "Coordination Platforms + Donor Engagement" meeting convened by UNOCHA in relation to HRP 2021, on December 9th, 2020

TORs of HCT, existing forums understanding and donors working group were discussed. Importance of Intersectoral Coordination especially at provincial level, and good humanitarian donorship were discussed. Need of Mapping of existing forums was also discussed and agreed.

PHF Country Coordinator and Manager Communication and Policy, had a meeting with Regional Rep-ICVA on December 8th, 2020. Ideas and avenues for potential humanitarian collaboration were discussed.

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TRANSFORMING LIVES- MEMBERS IN ACTION



*Photo By: Malteser International
Pankhudi (dressed in green outfit) educates about the importance of hand sanitizer in combating a viral pandemic*

The province of Sindh is situated in the South of Pakistan. This little girl was Pankhudi, a resident of Jam Nawaz Ali – one of Sanghar’s most underprivileged talukas (tehsils). Rasheed Khan Marri, a remote village in UC Hout Wassan of Jam Nawaz Ali is her entire universe. When a Hygiene Promoter of Malteser International Pakistan informed her about the deadly hazards of COVID-19, she felt her ‘universe’ was about to collapse! Hence, she took upon herself to save the lives of her near and dear ones.

Impacting Lives

Since the emergence of COVID-19 earlier this year, Pankhudi has repeatedly instructed everyone in her village to maintain social (physical) distance and to wash hands with soap frequently.

“This hand sanitizer is a new addition in my best friends’ list.”

-Pankhudi

“In our home and the entire nearby neighbourhood, when Pankhudi orders, everybody obeys,” told Rajia, Pankhudi’s mother while giving this scribe a glass of water.

It was under Rajia’s strict guidance that Pankhudi had already been adhering to a hygienic routine when the Malteser’s project team visited village Rasheed Khan Marri and distributed hygiene-kits in addition to conducting awareness sessions on COVID-19. In all, 4000 hygiene kits have been distributed so far among as many households under this project.

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A LITTLE GIRL STRIVING TO IMPROVE HYGIENIC PRACTICES IN HER VILLAGE

One humid September evening, in a remote Union Council (UC) of District Sanghar, Sindh, Pakistan, just when I was about to take a glass of water from a woman, a five-year old girl standing next to me shrieked, “Mummy, let’s sanitize his hands first.” Without waiting for my consent, she gestured me to take a small amount of sanitizer on my palms to disinfect my hands. Meanwhile, she asked all those who shook hands with me to follow suit. The focus of her conversation during the entire ritual centered on the importance of hygiene in routine life and especially during pandemics. She sounded as articulate and confident as any professional hygiene expert practicing in Paris, Berlin, or New York.

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IN THE LOOP

Contents of the hygiene kit aided Pankhudi's family and other villagers in adapting hygienic practices. "Don't you worry Sir, we'll continue using these useful items when the ones distributed by the Malteser are finished. I'll work extra hours to buy them even though they will be of inferior quality," pledged Saroop Chand, Pankhudi's father who is a labourer.

BUZZ OF THE WEEK



The World Bank has announced \$300 Million for Pakistan to Build Resilience to Natural Disasters and Health Emergencies. [Read more.](#)

A project that combines satellite images, mapping technologies and the local knowledge of villagers to help build climate-proof settlements in disaster-prone areas of Pakistan won an international award on Thursday. [Read more.](#)

Poverty-stricken Northern Areas are the most susceptible to flash floods with the onset of global warming and climate change. [Read more.](#)

According to some media reports, the IFRC has said that the world should react with the same urgency to climate change as it did to the coronavirus crisis. [Read more.](#)



Photo By: Maltesar International
Distribution of hygiene kits in Taluka Jam Nawaz, Sindh

"I had four best friends: Aastha, Jaman Das, Dilip and Mahesh. Now I have five. This hand sanitizer is a new addition in my best friends' list. Drink water without worrying, Uncle. We boil it daily for drinking," Pankhudi concluded with a patronizing smile that lit up her whole face.

"Don't you worry Sir, we'll continue using these useful items when the ones distributed by the Malteser are finished. I'll work extra hours to buy them even though they will be of inferior quality,"

-Saroop Chand, (Pankhudi's father)

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INGO REGISTRATION PROCESS UPDATE

Overall PHF Membership includes 38 INGOs. As per decision of Ministry of Interior, irrespective of date of expiry, all PHF members that received the MOU have applied for renewal of their MoU within the deadline (Jan 31st, 2020). The renewal process is ongoing.

9 PHF members have confirmed that they have received their renewed MOU.

As per the decision of Ministry of Interior, the deadline to apply for renewal of the MoU will be the same each year i.e. January 31st.

5 out of 8 PHF members who were awaiting decisions on their appeal representations, confirmed that they have received MOU from Ministry of Interior.

The Ministry of Interior website portal has not been updated and highlights an overall total of 75 MOUs issued/approved INGOs.

PHF engagement with key stakeholders and affected members is ongoing.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT PHF

December 15th, 2020- 11:00 am-12:30 pm
Health Working Group Meeting

December 22nd, 2020- 02:00 pm-03:00 pm
FSL Working Group Meeting

COMMUNITY FOR LEARNERS

Mindfulness for Stress and Trauma Mental Health & Psychosocial Support

Trauma can feel like severe stress that does not go away but it can be healed. This free, interactive resource includes guided audio meditations on how to improve your awareness and practice bringing your mind to the present. You can also download the guide to print or view offline.

[Develop Your Skills, Maximize Your Impact-
Disasterready.org](https://www.disasterready.org)

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Spotlight our Food our Future: Better Nutrition, Better Resilience

A Devex and International Fund for Agricultural Development virtual event series!

**Thursday, December 17th, 2020
at 9 a.m. ET (3 p.m. CET)**

[REGISTER NOW](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FROM PHF MEMBERS



OXFAM

**Human Resources
Business Partner**

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PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



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ICVA Monthly Bulletin – November Edition

To read the November Edition Of the ICVA Monthly Bulletin, please [click here](#).

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