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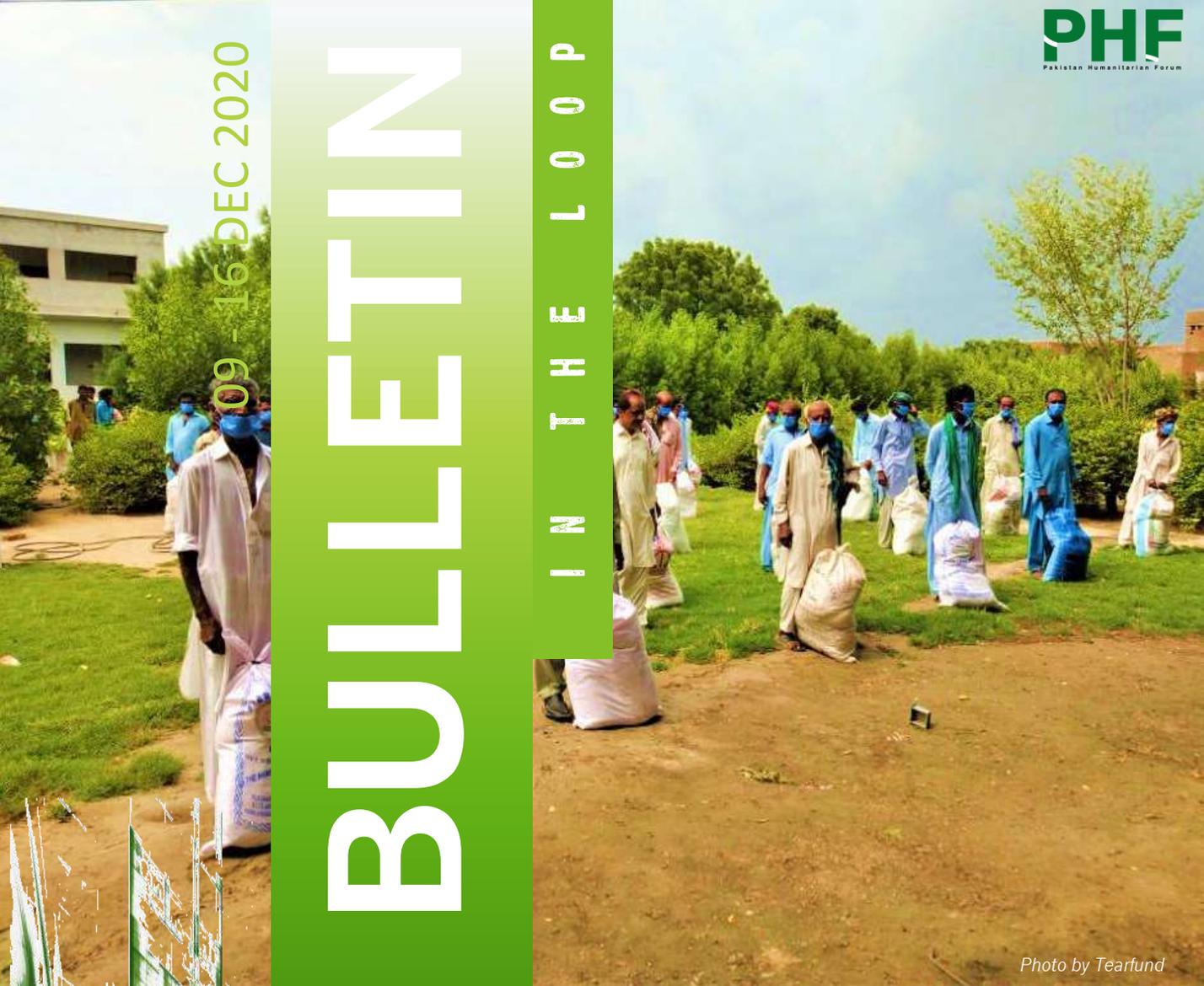


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### COVID-19 UPDATES

As of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Pakistan has a total of 451,494 confirmed cases of Coronavirus. Of the total, 399,852 patients have recovered, while 9,164 lost lives battling the disease.

Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan has said that the Coronavirus vaccine will be available in Pakistan in the next two months.

Pakistan increased the funds allocated for purchasing COVID-19 vaccine to 250 million USD from the earlier approved amount of 150 million USD. Pakistan also signed non-disclosure agreements with various multinational companies under which the Pakistan will not make details of the vaccine public..

Pakistan Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan and Microsoft co-founder Mr. Bill Gates have agreed to continue working together to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and eradicate polio during a telephone conversation.

The expected cost of the AstraZeneca vaccine in Pakistan may be between 400 to 800 PKR, whereas the potential cost of Pfizer Coronavirus vaccine will be 3,200 PKR. Meanwhile, the Moderna vaccine may cost approximately 5,900 PKR.

A well-known artificial intelligence (AI) company in China will launch an AI Outbound Calling System for Epidemic Prevention and Control in Pakistan in January 2021 as the second wave of Coronavirus grips Pakistan.

Amnesty International and other organizations including Frontline AIDS, Global Justice Now and Oxfam said rich countries have secured enough Coronavirus vaccines to protect their populations nearly three times over by the end of 2021, possibly depriving billions of people in poorer areas.

Canada and the United States are set to become the first Western nations after the United Kingdom to begin inoculations with the vaccine developed by Pfizer Inc and Germany's BioNTech SE.

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 EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION



The HCT meeting was held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. PHF Country Coordinator and Ex-com representatives attended the meeting. Updates will be shared with members.

PHF Country Coordinator and NHN met with UNRC on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### 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.

### HRP 2021 UPDATE

The deadline for project submission has been extended until December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, on the request of sector coordinators. UN agencies will jointly review the HRP process on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

A workshop will be conducted end of January 2021, where Humanitarian community, Government and other stakeholders will be invited to discuss the HRP and set directions.

### PHPF UPDATE

As updated from OCHA there is no indication for PPHF allocations next year as yet, No pledges or commitments have been made so far. However, PHF along with NHN is advocating and engaging with donors to advocate on PPHF continuation in the year 2021.

### HEALTH WORKING GROUP UPDATES



Health Working Group meeting was held on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The group discussed possibility of developing a working paper from the PHF platform, on how PHF and its members could provide support in terms of strengthening governmental systems in relation to COVID-19. This paper can be presented to the SAPM Health in a meeting on behalf of PHF, NHN and the Health WG.

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### TRANSFORMING LIVES- MEMBERS IN ACTION



#### IMPROVED SANITATION IN RURAL THARPARKAR

by Human Appeal

Village Sarah is one of the rural, remote areas of Tharparkar, in Sindh province, where annual drought and famine spells force thousands of families to migrate in search of food & water for their families and livestock. The wells get drier and women carrying infants walk bare footed for miles on sand dunes in scorching heat of more than 50 degrees Celsius in search of water. It is a full day exercise for a few liters of water-that too insufficient to last for a whole day! Lack of water leads to poor sanitation and contamination subsequently causing transmission of diseases like cholera, dysentery, typhoid etc. Insufficient or inadequately managed water and sanitation facilities and services expose individuals to a host of health risks which in many cases are preventable.

#### Inadequate Sanitation & Defecation

Children and young people are often the most severely affected by inadequate sanitation and open defecation practices. By virtue of their developing immune systems, they are affected by a number of illnesses and conditions ranging from physical and mental stunting to cholera and malnutrition.

When considered at the scale of drought- hit Tharparkar, this means thousands of children in the district suffer from the various physiological complications that arise from open defecation and inadequate access to sanitation facilities.

Same, is the story of Ghulam Haider, a resident of Sarah Village in Tharparkar who lives in a thatched hut with his wife and four children. He narrates his story “our community had no concept of toilet/latrine, we all (men, women & children),



Photo By: Human Appeal  
Ghulam Haider and his wife taking the KAP Survey by Human Appeal in village Sarah of Tharparkar

practiced open defecation; defecating in open fields or bushes. Our girls and women had to travel to far off distances to search for an abandoned place , or bushes to defecate, as a result of which they had to wake-up in dark early in the morning or wait till the sun sets to meet their needs”.

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Further, the villagers had no information on handwashing with soap as normally they used only water or ash to wash their hands and majority never washed their hands before cooking, having a meal or feeding children. Villagers never considered personal or domestic hygiene important for their health and lives, the food remained uncovered and their water containers were never cleaned. Resultantly children, young boys and girls suffered from diarrhoea and cholera most often.

For girls and young women, lack of access to private latrines and toilets also rendered them vulnerable to violence, number of snake biting incidents and depriving them of a healthy and productive life. This is not only a major public health concern but a vital human rights issue as well.

#### Lack of Access to Health Facilities

“We practiced traditional ways of feeding soup or water to a diarrhoeal patient, as the nearest health facility is more than 50 miles away from this village. We have lost a number of children and young boys and girls fighting against cholera, diarrhoea and malnutrition and always considered it as a matter of fate, and divine will that we could not resist or fight but now we realized, we ourselves were responsible for all those losses and we could have saved many lives if we were aware earlier”, Lalan (Ghulam’s Wife) narrated with broken voice.

“We have been living in darkness and have paid the price in terms of our health and lives. Our, lack of awareness and unhealthy hygienic practices caused us to suffer, but now we have learnt.

Every household has its own private toilet, our children always practice handwashing with soap. We feel safer and protected; we have learned the true essence of cleanliness” Ghulam Haider further explained.

**Our girls and women had to travel to far off distances to search for an abandoned place or bushes to defecate, as a result of which they had to wake up in dark early in the morning or wait till the sun sets to meet their needs”. –**

**-Ghulam Haider**

#### Building Capacities

Human Appeal has trained local villagers as masons on construction and rehabilitation of latrines and trained selected young girls and boys as community resource persons on health & hygiene awareness.

The selected local group is a great resource pool to make communities self-reliant and self-sustained. They not only share the same language and culture, but their community members also feel comfortable consulting with them when needed.

Our Post-KAP (Knowledge, Attitude and Practices) survey further analysed project results and indicated that 100% of the households had now access to toilets as compared to just 3% before the project.

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## IN THE LOOP

### TRANSFORMING LIVES- MEMBERS IN ACTION



Photo By: Human Appeal  
Ghulam Haider showing place for open defecation in his village Sarah of Tharparkar

More than 90% households had improved behavior change towards handwashing with soap and around 96% reported covering their drinking water and eatables appropriately. Based on memory recall of last one month, the incidence of diarrhoeal cases was reduced by 21% after the project. Further, 100% of the households are aware and practiced feeding ORS to diarrhoeal patients.

With this initiative, Human Appeal has achieved the aim of empowering rural communities through improved sanitation & hygiene practices in one of the targeted villages.

The programme was acknowledged by the local government which awarded the village with an “Open Defecation Free (ODF) Village Certificate”.



Photo By: Human Appeal  
Ghulam Haider using newly constructed toilet in the place of open defecation in village Sarah of Tharparkar

**1.1 million people  
(2/3) households**

**in Tharparkar lack access  
to latrine facilities**

(Joint Monitoring Report  
2017)



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### BUZZ OF THE WEEK



Japan has extended a grant assistance of one billion Japanese yen (around \$9.5 million) to Pakistan for enhancing its capacity to battle COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. [Read more.](#)

A Pakistani doctor based in Toronto has introduced an instant Covid-19 diagnostic test using a smartphone. [Read more.](#)

Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC), Federal Flood Commission (FFC) under the Ministry of Water Resources, and WWF-Pakistan have jointly launched a programme titled 'Recharge Pakistan: Building Pakistan's Resilience to Climate Change through Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for Integrated Flood Risk Management' with a 30-year vision. [Read more.](#)

The World Bank has approved a \$300 million loan to help Pakistan address climate change issues, health emergency and manage solid waste to reduce chances of flooding in Karachi. [Read more.](#)

75 Leaders Announce New Commitments During Climate Ambition Summit. During the event to mark the fifth anniversary of the Paris Agreement, 45 NDCs, 24 net zero commitments, and 20 adaptation and resilience plans were announced. [Read more.](#)

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) hosted the first Climate Adaptation Platform-South Asia (CAP-South Asia) Regional Policy Dialogue on December 9th, 2021. [Read more.](#)



Children eating their meals in India.  
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A group of partner governments and nutrition organizations on Monday kicked off the 2021 "Nutrition Year of Action" to galvanize nutrition commitments in the lead-up to the 2021 Nutrition for Growth Summit, with a particular focus on meeting the needs of women and girls. [Read more.](#)

### OPPORTUNITIES FROM PHF MEMBERS

#### Head of Finance- Qatar Charity

Closing Date: December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

[Click here to Apply Now!](#)

#### Education Advisor- Save the Children

Closing Date: December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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#### Project Manager- Oxfam

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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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020). The renewal process is ongoing.

10 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020- 02:00 pm- 03:00 pm  
Health Working Group Meeting

December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Health Working Group Meeting

### COMMUNITY FOR LEARNERS

#### E- Learning Course by ADPC Academy

1-9 Mar 2021

Risk information is critical for building disaster resilience in all phases of the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) cycle. It is equally as important for risk information to be communicated and understood for decision-making.

This course explores risk communication from anatural hazard-induced disasters perspective (both rapid and slow onset) which includes epidemics such as COVID-19. The course also gives attention to multi-hazard and gender perspectives.

#### REGISTER NOW

Interested individuals and organizations can register online at:  
[www.adpc.net/apply](http://www.adpc.net/apply)



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To read the Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest by Inter Action , please [click here](#).

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