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COVID-19 UPDATES

In a letter written to the Prime Minister's aide Dr. Faisal Sultan, the head of the Russian Direct Investment Fund expressed an interest in getting the Russian vaccine Sputnik V registered in Pakistan..

Pakistan's Education Minister announced a phased reopening strategy for the country's schools, colleges and universities beginning January 18, 2021. By February 1, all educational institutions will be opened.

Pakistan's case fatality rate stands at 2.12% against the global death rate of 2.17%. Gender analysis of the deceased shows around 69% were males with 77.5% over the age of 50-year.

There are 301 ventilators occupied in Pakistan by COVID-19 patients. The maximum ventilators are occupied in four major cities including Multan 41%, Islamabad 42%, Peshawar 35% and Lahore 32%.

The Sindh Health Department received commitment from the National Vaccine Task Force and the NCOC for a supply of 250,000 COVID-19 vaccines by Jan 15.

Pakistan said China has assured it of providing over one million doses of Coronavirus vaccine, developed by Sinopharm, for emergency use.

The Cabinet Committee authorized procurement of more than 1.2 million vaccines that will cover all frontline health workers, as soon as DRAP expert committee approves vaccine.



During this time of crisis, the 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 contributed in assisting government efforts and provided direct assistance to the vulnerable communities across Pakistan.

Different guidelines for various sectors in relation to the COVID-19 response are also being shared with the members and other stakeholders.

***Find more information for
COVID-19 here***

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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

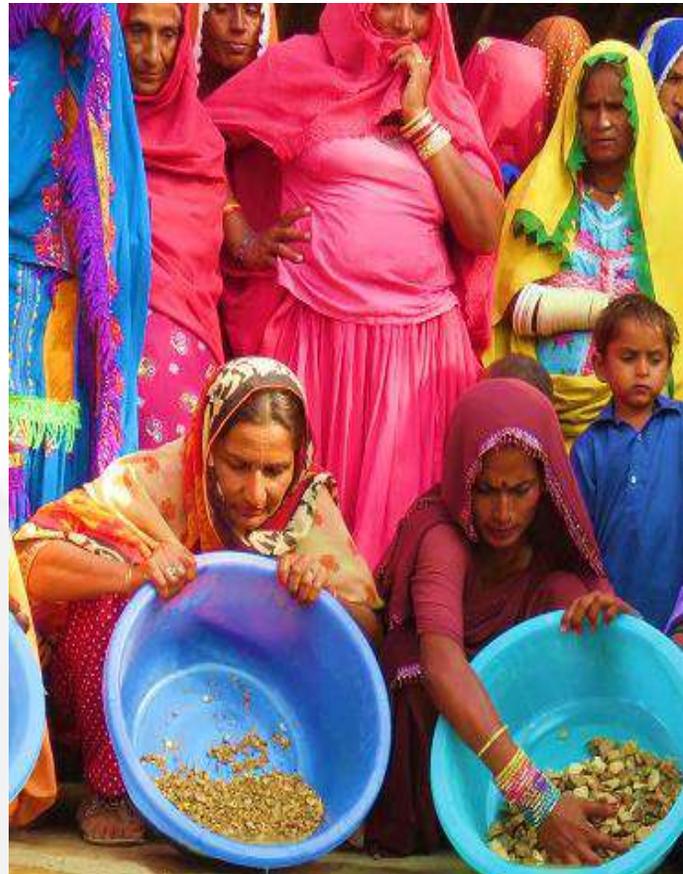


The Health working group meeting is developing a paper. During the meeting, the participants discussed the possible thematic areas and documenting the lessons learned from working during the pandemic. The group also agreed on developing a possible semi-structured questionnaire before the next meeting. The next meeting of FSL Working Group is scheduled on January 5th, 2021.

HEALTH WORKING GROUP UPDATES



The Health working group is in process of developing a technical paper that will identify the learnings/experiences of the organizations and serve as a literature for all organization, including PHF. So far, PHF has received inputs from nine participants. The next meeting for Health Working Group is scheduled for January 12th, 2021.



PHF PROVINCIAL COORDINATION UPDATES

The 5th Early Recovery Working Group meeting was held in KP on December 10th, 2020. Meeting minutes can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Relevant organizations can also share their input in the 4W Matrix and submit it directly by January 15th, 2021, to fatima.ali@undpppartners.org.pk

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TRANSFORMING LIVES
MEMBERS IN ACTION



CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER POND TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO WATER

by Qatar Charity

Statistics reveal that approximately 53,000 children die every year with water-borne diseases, resulting in a very high stunting rate of 44%, mostly in children under five. District Jhang is among the poorest districts of Punjab and is ranked 5th from the lowest in the province in terms of unavailability of safe drinking water.

Qatar Charity implemented water & sanitation project in tehsil Shorkot, District Jhang in collaboration with UNICEF, Accelerated Sanitation & Water for All (ASWA-II) from 2018-2020. District Jhang is challenged with extremely poor quality of drinking water. 40% of the population has limited or no access to sweet drinking water, as most of the underground water is saline and marshy and is not fit for drinking purposes



Village 489-JB is one of the villages located in Shorkot, where underground water is not fit for drinking purpose.

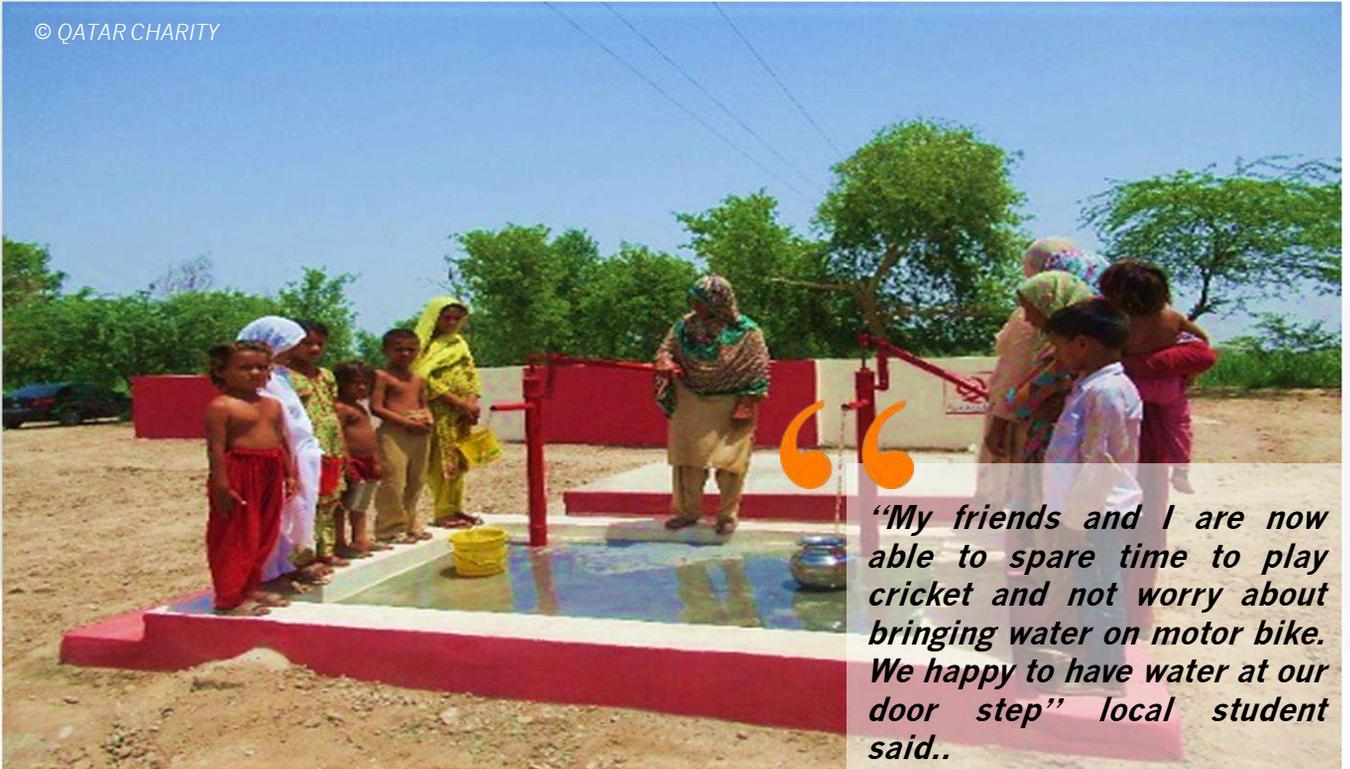
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IN THE LOOP

TRANSFORMING LIVES MEMBERS IN ACTION

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“My friends and I are now able to spare time to play cricket and not worry about bringing water on motor bike. We happy to have water at our door step” local student said..

The people of the area fetch water from a nearby canal which is mostly the responsibility of children and women folk, resulting into great waste of time and resources. Due to unsafe drinking water, there was a prevalence of common diseases including diarrhea, vomiting, typhoid and skin and eye allergy. The great pie of the total expenditure is spent on medical treatment cost.

Keeping in view the dire need of clean drinking water in the target village, Qatar Charity constructed a water pond in the same village with total project cost of 32,500 QAR. The slow sand filter mechanism is used in construction of water pond, in which water is collected from a nearby canal and is passed through series of filtration galleries.

The total population of 174 households and

977 beneficiaries are getting benefit of clean drinking water on sustainable basis. Women and children are the main beneficiaries of the project, as now they do not have to travel miles to fetch clean drinking water for their households.

Children are now able to spend quality time focused on the studies, while women also spend time in other productive household tasks, thus resulting into improvement of their quality of life.

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BUZZ OF THE WEEK



A report by ActionAid International and Climate Action Network South Asia recently revealed that in the past few decades, more than 18 million people in South Asia have been forced to migrate due to climate change. [Read more](#)

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Climate Change Malik Amin Aslam said on Wednesday that mangroves covered an area of 477 square km in 1990 in Pakistan and have now expanded to cover 1,463 square km. This is a 300 per cent increase. [Read more](#).

Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Pakistan provides \$7m to alleviate stunting, malnutrition of children, women in Pakistan under the project, 'Establishment of Pak-Korea Nutrition Center (PKNC) to Improve Child and Community Nutrition' expected to benefit 120,000 community people, especially women and children, by providing nutrition education, [Read more](#)

The federal and provincial governments have agreed to reopen educational institutions across the country in a phased manner from January 18, 2020. [Read more](#)

PM vows to provide health cover and food security to citizens. . [Read more](#)

PM approves online Agri Dashboard by NSD in order to monitor food prices. [Read more](#)

Pakistan Agricultural and Research Council (PARC) is working on agricultural promotion to ensure food security. [Read more](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

Assessing Resilience of Communities in Badin- Oxfam

Closing Date: January 13th, 2021

[Click here to Apply Now!](#)

Consultancy: Grant funding for Legislative Policy Analysis on Women's and Girls' Rights- Oxfam

Closing Date: January 12th, 2021

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INGO REGISTRATION 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.

12 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 members is ongoing.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT PHF

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

January 14th, 2020-
General Member Meeting

January 19th, 2020- 02:00 pm- 03:00 pm
Food Security & Livelihood WG Meeting

COMMUNITY FOR LEARNERS

Free Course



Collaborating Centre for Oxford University and CUHK
for Disaster and Medical Humanitarian Response
CCOUC 災害與人道救援研究所

Online Course Climate Change and Health

This course will provide participants with an overview of issues in relation to climate change and health in the context of public health practice. Furthermore, it introduces important concepts of how to tackle climate change related health impacts and how to support community preparedness, response, policy formulation and implementation.

The content of this online course is partially based on the teaching materials developed by Professor Chan at CUHK and University of Oxford in the relevant subject areas.)

Registration for the new cohort opens until 31 March 2021. Upon registration, students are allowed to study the course until 30 April 2021 at their own pace. A certificate of completion will be issued for participants who have successfully completed the course.

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PUBLICATION AND RESOURCES



Development Aid News Digest

To read the latest edition of the Development Aid Digest, please [click here](#).



Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest, Jan 2021

InterAction has published “Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest” as of 5th January 2021. To access the digest, please [click here](#).

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