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### COVID-19 UPDATES

Parliamentary Secretary of National Health Services said that Chinese drug-maker Sinopharm has been selected for corona vaccination in the country. The consignment of the vaccine is expected to arrive in Pakistan at the end of February or beginning of March.

World Health Organisation (WHO) said the Coronavirus mutation first found in Britain has now spread to 50 territories, while a similar South African-identified strain has now been found in 20 countries.

With the government deciding to purchase 1.1 million doses and the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) having started making preparations to administer COVID-19 vaccine to frontline workers, as many as 9,000 healthcare workers in Islamabad have registered themselves for vaccination.

Pfizer Inc. and German partner BioNTech SE have produced over 70 million doses of their COVID-19 vaccine by the end of 2020, Chief Executive Mr. Albert Bourla said.

The Government's National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) opened registrations for frontline healthcare workers, who will receive the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Staff in both public and private health facilities will be vaccinated.

A new Coronavirus variant, which differs from highly infectious variants first found in Britain and South Africa, has been detected in four travelers from Brazil's Amazonas state, Japan's Health Ministry said.

According to a study published in Springer Nature, a clinical trial in older adults with COVID-19 shows that an early dose of blood plasma from recovered people helps to prevent the progression to severe disease.

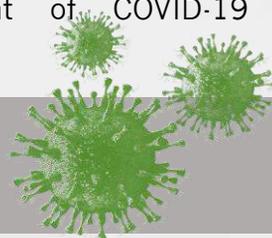


The government has completed preparations for vaccination against Coronavirus. Health department staff has been trained under the supervision of NCOC and NADRA will provide patients with PIN codes and information about their respective vaccination centers through SMS.

New research suggests that Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine can protect against a mutation found in two highly contagious variants of the Coronavirus that erupted in Britain and South Africa.

As many as 73% respondents of Gallup Pakistan Survey have strongly approved of the government's management of COVID-19 pandemic.

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



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### PHF EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

PHF and NHN chairpersons, PHF Chair and Country Coordinator had a meeting with RC/HC on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. I/NGO registration, HRP, PHPF and proposed agenda points for upcoming HCT were discussed.

HCT meeting is scheduled on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. To access the meeting minutes of previous HCT held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, [please click here](#).

### GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING (GMM)

GMM was virtually held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There was a total of 38 participants in the meeting. Meeting minutes will be circulated in the coming week.



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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.

### 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.

ACTED, Mercy Corps and Save the Children have volunteered to work on compilation of the paper. The next meeting for Health Working Group is scheduled for January 26th, 2021.

### FOOD, SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD WORKING GROUP UPDATES



The next meeting of FSL Working Group is scheduled on January 19th, 2021.



### PHF PROVINCIAL COORDINATION UPDATES

Punjab Protection Sector Working Group Meeting, was a joint session of the 'Protection Sector' including the Child Protection and GBV Sub-working groups. Data collection on 4W matrix- Child Protection sector is in progress.

PHF Punjab Coordination Meeting is tentatively planned in end of January 2021.

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TRANSFORMING LIVES  
MEMBERS IN ACTION



Cesvi

## STRENGTHENING CAPACITY OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL IN BANNU

by Cesvi

Khalifa Gull Nawaz Memorial Hospital is one of the largest hospitals in District Bannu in southern KP, which provides health care services to people coming from North Waziristan, Karak, Lakki Marwat and South Waziristan. The catchment population is almost 200,200, while daily turnover of patients visiting the facility is 650-700 per day.

On detailed assessment of the health facility, Cesvi found that a small part of a ward was designated as High Dependency Unit (HDU)/Isolation Ward for COVID with limited and insufficient medical equipment. There was a competent panel of consultants including pulmonologist, cardiologist, pediatrician, general physician and paramedical staff, but due to insufficient stock of essential medical equipment, they were unable to cater to the full load of COVID cases in their area. Due to this, majority of the serious COVID cases were referred to Peshawar.

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## TRANSFORMING LIVES MEMBERS IN ACTION

Upon receiving request from the Director General Health (KP), Cesvi, through its ECHO-funded COVID-19 response, strengthened the health facility and provided them 10 BiPAPs, 10 Cardiac Monitors, 15 Oxygen Concentrators, 02 ABG Machines and 02 Defibrillators along with due orientation and training of relevant staff exclusively for management of COVID cases.

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## BUZZ OF THE WEEK



Pakistan held a consultative workshop to address the issue of climate change beyond 2020 by gathering valuable feedback on targets within the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and to identify opportunities for its successful revision.

[Read more](#)

Action Against Hunger Is Helping Women in Pakistan Grow Saline Tolerant Crops.

[Read more](#)

The government plans to establish 48 nutrition centres under its Ehsaas programme to overcome common health problems like stunting, underweight and overweight in children under five years of age, [Read more](#)

Forty percent of Pakistani households are facing moderate or severe food insecurity in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, as per a survey conducted by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

[Read more](#)

The federal government is preparing to launch a laudable new initiative, “Koyee Bhuka Naa Soyai” (no one goes to sleep hungry) by end of the first quarter of this year under its multi-sectoral poverty alleviation and social security Ehsaas programme. [Read more](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

### Senior Officer- Advocacy & Innovations - Save the Children Pakistan

Closing Date: January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

[Click here to Apply Now!](#)

### Country Finance Manager - Oxfam

Closing Date: January 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 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 members is ongoing.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AT PHF

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

January 26th, 2020- 11:00 am- 12:30 pm  
Health Working Group Meeting

### COMMUNITY FOR LEARNERS



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Free Course

#### Online Course The Health Effects of Climate Change

Created with support from the Harvard Global Health Institute, this course will explain how climate change impacts people around the globe, but also how it directly affects you and your life. Though your risk rises with the rising global temperatures, climate change is a solvable problem, and there are things you can do to mitigate that risk.

By looking at air quality, nutrition, infectious diseases, and human migration, this course will show you how increases in greenhouse gases impact public health. Experts working in a variety of settings will present their recommendations for responding to these challenges and interested students will have the opportunity to learn about the research methods that measure the health effects of climate change.

This course is not an elegy for the planet, but a call to action. Enroll now to learn what you can do to reduce the harm caused by global warming.

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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 January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. To access the digest, please [click here](#).

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