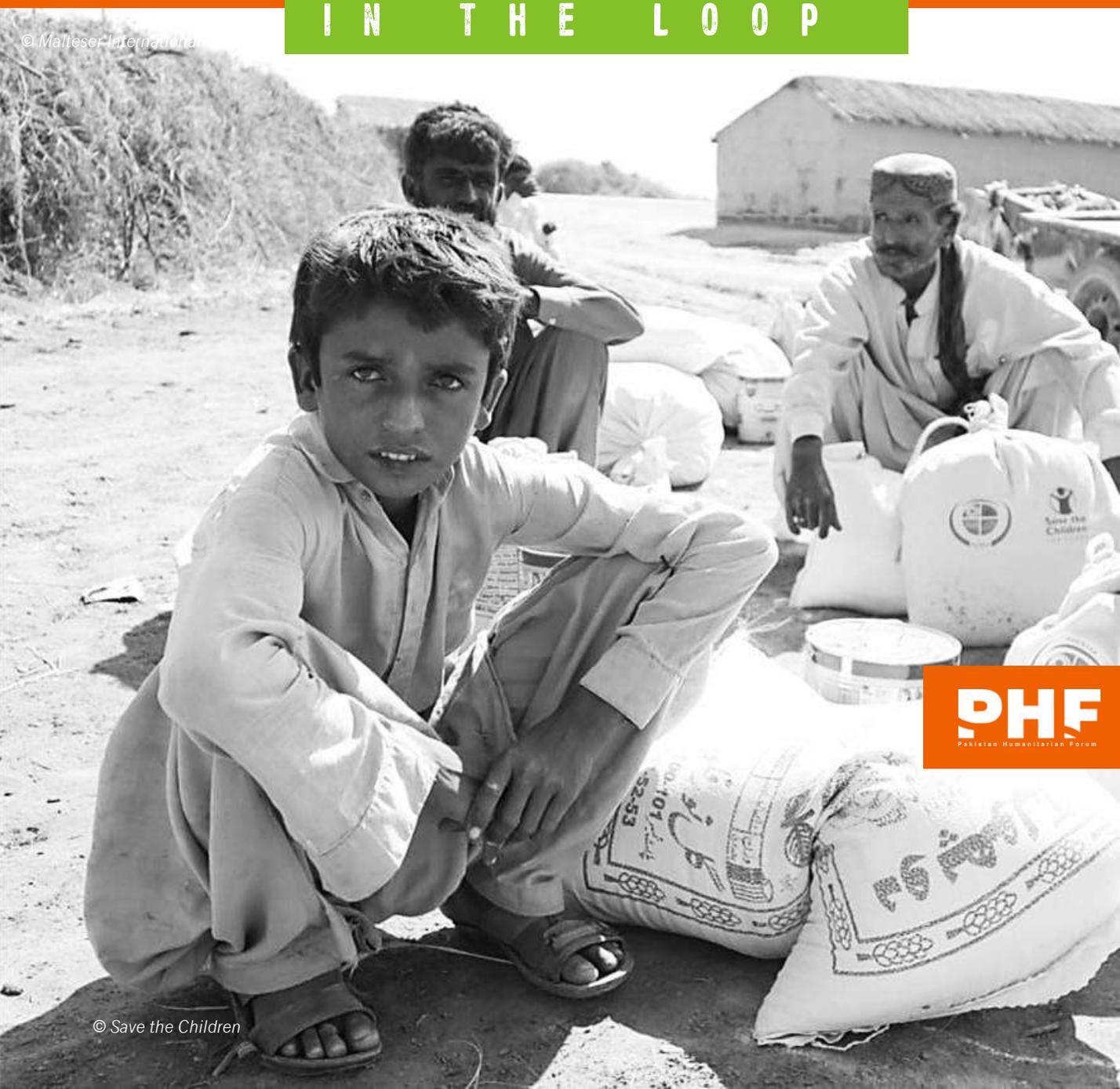


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COVID-19 UPDATES

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Health, Dr. Faisal Sultan said it is important to prepare the supply chain system in addition to the procurement of vaccines for Pakistan to achieve the target of vaccinating 70% of its population.

To contain the Coronavirus pandemic in Pakistan, the country's private sector will import the vaccine from the British company AstraZeneca, which is manufactured in neighbouring India.

The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) approved the Chinese Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use in the country. Pakistan has already pre-booked 1.1 million doses of Sinopharm's COVID-19 vaccine and the process of its import will start soon.

Russia's consumer health watchdog Rospotrebnadzor said the country's second vaccine against COVID-19 – EpiVacCorona developed by Siberia's Vector Institute - is 100% effective based on the results of clinical trials.

World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that the world was on the brink of a "catastrophic moral failure" on distributing COVID-19 vaccines, urging countries and manufacturers to share doses more fairly around the world.

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives said that provinces and the private sector were free to import vaccines subject to approval of the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Drap).



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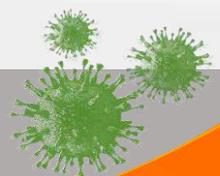


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The World Health Organisation (WHO) is imparting training to health workers of medical teaching institutions in Peshawar to reduce mortality due to COVID-19.

Tech giants including Microsoft Corp., Oracle Corp. and healthcare companies Cigna Corp. and Mayo Clinic are part of a coalition pushing for digital records of people who get vaccinated against COVID-19.

[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.

HEALTH WORKING GROUP UPDATES

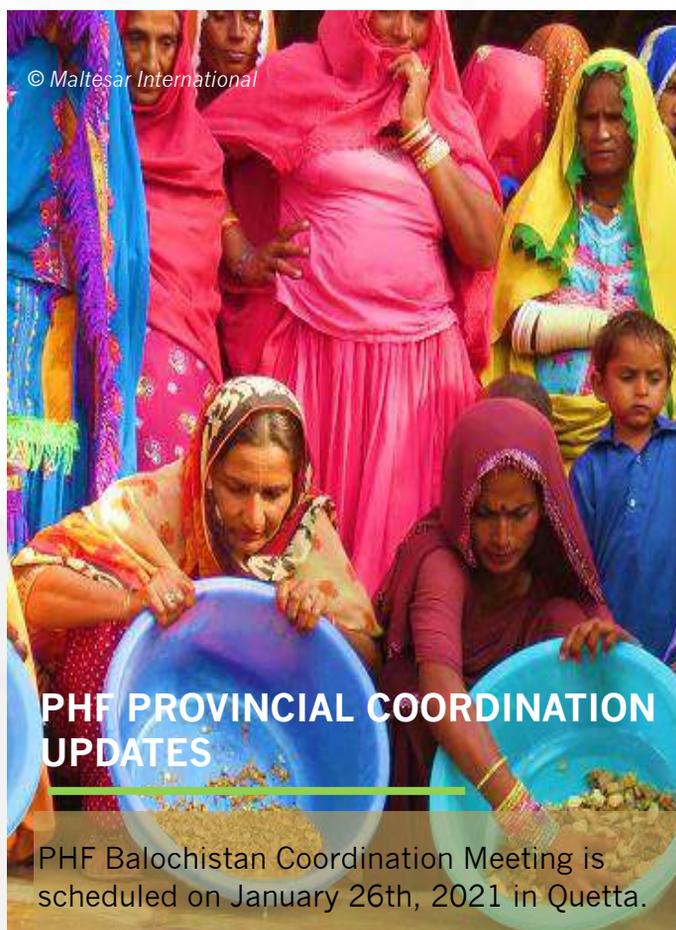


The working group is developing a briefing paper. For this purpose, volunteers from Mercy Corps, ACTED and Save the Children met in a dedicated meeting to discuss the roles and responsibilities for developing the paper and improve participant engagement. The group will meet again on January 26th, 2021.

FOOD, SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD WORKING GROUP UPDATES



FSL Working Group meeting was held on January 19th, 2021. The working group is in process of developing a briefing paper on the possible impact of COVID-19 on social workers and their learnings of first wave of COVID-19. The group is in process of reviewing the semi-structured questionnaire. The group is also discussing the possibility of inviting GAIN Country Director to speak about the Food System Summit which is scheduled to take place during last quarter of 2021.



PHF PROVINCIAL COORDINATION UPDATES

PHF Balochistan Coordination Meeting is scheduled on January 26th, 2021 in Quetta.

PHF Punjab Coordination Meeting is scheduled on January 28th, 2021 in Lahore.

Please confirm your participation at hina.tariq@pakhumanitarianforum.org

PHF EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

HCT meeting was held on January 15th, 2021. PHF CC, Ex-com Reps and few other PHF members attended the meeting. HRP project submission details and provisional budget details were shared in the meeting.

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TRANSFORMING LIVES
MEMBERS IN ACTION



EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE IN BALOCHISTAN

by Muslim Hands

Emergency was imposed in seven districts of Balochistan after a spell of heavy rain and snowfall across the province in January 2020. All transportation routes were blocked due to heavy snowfall leading to a severe crisis and shortage of food in the region. The spell of snowfall and rain left hunger, cold and disease in its aftermath. Due to rough & tough hilly tracks which made it inaccessible to reach the village. Majority of the population is daily wages labour and their livelihood is quite instable.

Gudda, is the Village of UC Ziarat, District Ziarat, which was one of the villages that were severely affected by the disaster. Majority of the population are daily wage labourers, deprived from basic facilities of life, voiceless and neglected due to extreme poverty and illiteracy. The village has a total of 45 Households and a population of 315 people living in miserable conditions. The rough hilly terrain rendered the area inaccessible. Muslim hands and ECHO provided the population with much needed humanitarian assistance through their emergency response interventions.

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TRANSFORMING LIVES MEMBERS IN ACTION

Muslim Hand's Initiatives and Activities in Village Gudda

Muslim Hand was the first and only organization who came forward for first emergency response in February 2020. At the time of crises Muslim Hands provided winterized kits to affected families and extended further help through another ECHO Funded Project "Emergency Response of the flood/snowfall affectees at Dist. Ziarat, Balochistan.



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Meanwhile the pandemic of COVID -19 occurred which adversely affected the traumatized community and compelled them to limit their movement and consequently restrict their earning sources due to lockdown. The newly emerged situation further pushed them towards extreme vulnerability. Most of the population was facing severe food crises due to one disaster after another.

Muslim Hands field team visited the area, initiated social mobilization activities and formed Local Community Support Group (CSG) with consensus of local affected community. Through active engagement of Local CSG, transparent identification of highly vulnerable families was carried out.

In village Gudda, 23 Households were finalized for intervention. These identified families were supported in term of Cash for work- 22000 per family- which helped them in repairing their damaged houses. Cash support for food was provided -5000 to each family- which enabled them in acquiring immediate food items for their families. One Shelter Tool Kit was given to each targeted household which was a significant addition to their household inventory.

At the time of first visit it was observed that no family had its own toilet and open defecation practice was the norm. Further, there were no sense of personal and domestic hygiene. Water scarcity was a major issue of the village. Habitants of the village fetched water for domestic use from a great distance, usually around 2 kilometers, on a slippery and dangerous terrain. Fetching water was the responsibility of women and children as majority of the male members work outside the village as daily wagers.



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Muslim hands addressed this immediate need by installation of submersible motor through solarized energy source, laid pipes and constructed a water tank for water storage along with water collection points and washing pad.

Due to these interventions, the village community has easy access to water for domestic use, this clean drinking water facility is benefiting 45 households and average population of 315 Individuals. Furthermore, 23 toilets were constructed. MHI provided toilet supplies and technical support for construction, whereas all construction cost was managed by households themselves through volunteer work.



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Hygiene sessions were conducted for females. 23 females attended the sessions, which resulted in personal and domestic hygiene improvement in the village. COVID 10 awareness was the part of these sessions which were conducted in local language. This was the first time that females of village Gudda received awareness and information about COVID -19 precautionary measures.

Impact of the intervention

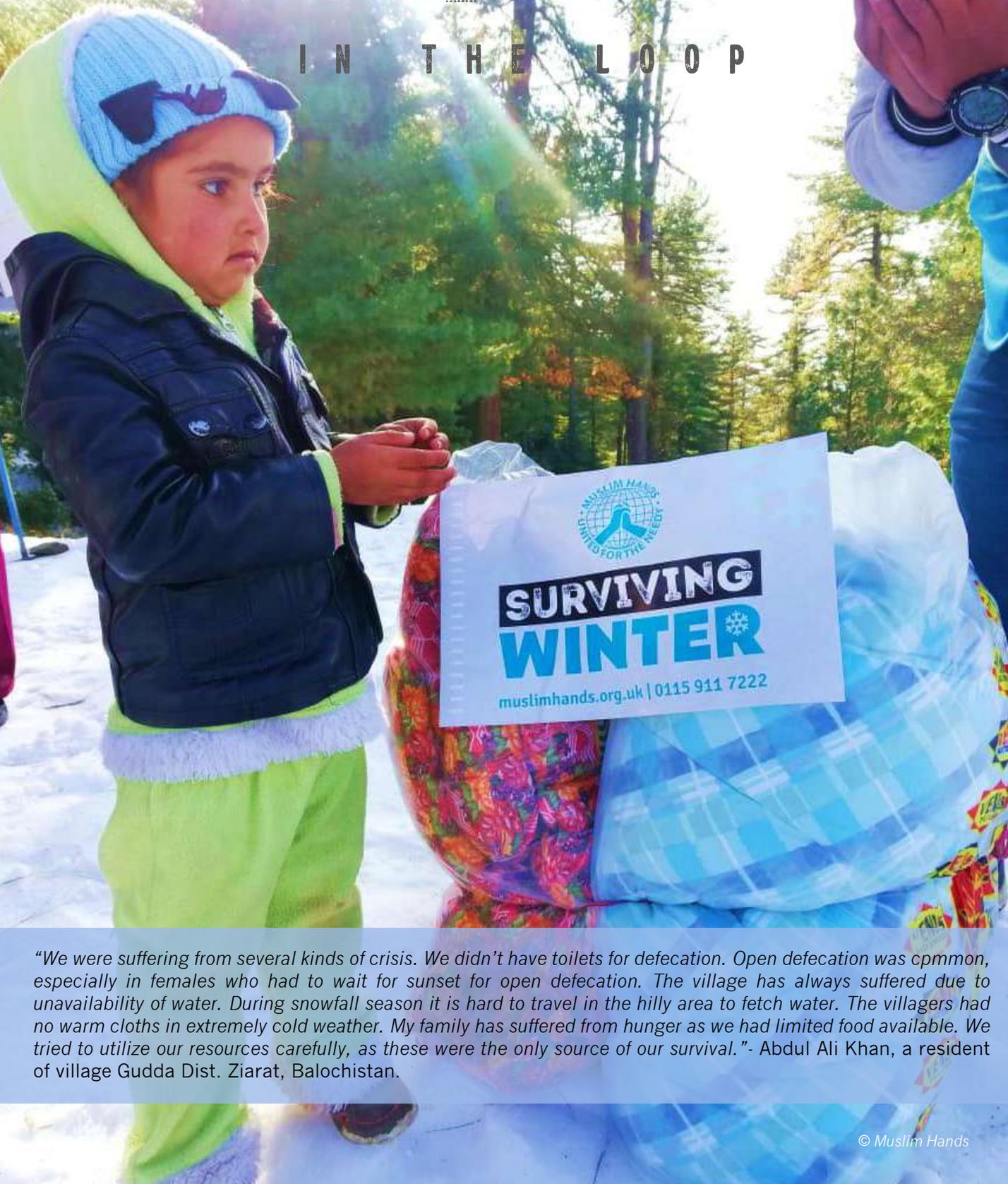
- 23 highly vulnerable households received cash for work, completed repair work and are now living in dignified, secure houses. After physical verification, work completion certificate was issued to each household.
- 23 Families received cash support for food at the time of crises
- 23 households received shelter tool kits
- 45 households (315 Individuals) have easy access to clean drinking water and water for domestic usage
- 23 households constructed low-cost household level toilets and open defecation is now significantly controlled and privacy of females is secured.
- Overall personal hygiene and domestic hygiene improved and positive change was observed in the community
- At the time of intense crises post snowfall and during COVID-19, the community got the opportunity to work at home for repairing purpose, hence sustaining their livelihood.



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"We were suffering from several kinds of crisis. We didn't have toilets for defecation. Open defecation was common, especially in females who had to wait for sunset for open defecation. The village has always suffered due to unavailability of water. During snowfall season it is hard to travel in the hilly area to fetch water. The villagers had no warm cloths in extremely cold weather. My family has suffered from hunger as we had limited food available. We tried to utilize our resources carefully, as these were the only source of our survival."- Abdul Ali Khan, a resident of village Gudda Dist. Ziarat, Balochistan.

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BUZZ OF THE WEEK



Climate change is limiting maize productivity In Pakistan. The extent to increase in temperature and the potential of more extreme events associated with climate change is putting agricultural productivity at risk. [Read more](#)

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on Thursday termed the Green House Gas (GAG) emissions data of Pakistan more scientific with better authenticity, as compared to the information shared by India at the global forum. [Read more](#)

According to a jointly produced report by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO), over 1.9 billion people In Asia-Pacific are unable to afford a healthy diet [Read more](#)

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister and Head of the Ehsaas Programme Dr Sania Nishtar said on Sunday that six centers would be opened for stunted children in Kalat and Zhob districts of Balochistan. [Read more](#)

More than 40 million children received vaccination during nationwide anti-polio vaccination drive. [Read more](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

Development and Broadcasting of Podcasts and Radio Messages- Oxfam

Closing Date: February 3rd, 2021

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Research Coordinator- Save the Children

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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.

PHF is updating the data regarding registration status of its member organisations. Members are requested to fill in the shared "PHF Members Registration Tracker" and send back to hina.tariq@pakhumanitarianforum.org by CoB Wednesday, 27th January 2021. The findings will be shared in the General Members Meeting (GMM) in February 2021.

COMMUNITY FOR LEARNERS

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Human Rights: The Rights of Refugees

Refugees have human rights. What are these rights? Who is responsible for upholding and protecting them? How can we hold them to account? This short course will enable you to find the answers and empower yourself to defend and promote the rights of refugees and discover how you can be part of the solution.

Learn from the experts, campaigners and activists at Amnesty International how to identify human rights violations and to claim, defend and promote the human rights of refugees.

You will be challenged to think critically and interact with participants. Together you will learn how to empower yourselves to create change.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AT PHF

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

February 2nd, 2020- 02:00 pm- 03:00 pm
Food Security & Livelihood WG Meeting

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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, 19 Jan 2021

InterAction has published “Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest” as of 19th January 2021. To access the digest, please [click here](#).

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