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Pakistan Humanitarian Forum

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**Community Well**

Poonch Division Azad Kashmir  
On behalf of:

**Tunç Family**  
Supporter ID: 2773236

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**Pakistan**

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### COVID-19 UPDATES

Pakistan fears 4th COVID-19 wave next month. Minister of Pakistan Asad Umar on Friday warned the country could be hit by the fourth COVID-19 wave next month, asking people to adhere to safety measures and get vaccinated

As of 27 June 2021, Pakistan has a total of confirmed 954,743 coronavirus cases. Of the total 900,291 patients recovered, while 22,211 lost lives battling the disease.

Daily cases and deaths continue to decline in Pakistan. However, effective R is above 1 in two provinces which indicates that the situation remains fragile. Mobility is high and mask wearing is low; this combined with low vaccination rates and the circulation of the escape variants could lead to a surge. Efforts to contain transmission should focus on increasing vaccination levels and imposing restrictions to control the virus.

As Covid-19 cases and mortalities continue to decline in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, health department has intensified efforts to enhance vaccination prior to the onset of the fourth wave.

The National Bioethics Committee of Pakistan (NBC) has refused to allow at least five double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase-III clinical trials of mRNA and conventional COVID-19 vaccines on "ethical grounds".

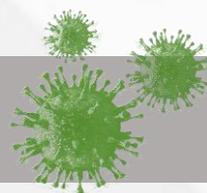
Pakistan is likely to receive an "unspecified number" of Moderna's mRNA-1273 coronavirus vaccine doses in the coming months, say officials from the country's health ministry.

The global Covid death toll is still rising with a figure of 3,900,469 according to researchers at Johns Hopkins University. Meanwhile, infections exceed 180 million worldwide.

To enter Pakistan, travellers are obliged to install the COVID-19 app PassTrack on their smart phone or register online for PassTrack. Travellers have to proof the registration to the respective airline during check-in. In case of website registration, a printed copy of the registration is required. All international travelers from Germany to Pakistan will require a mandatory negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test that has to be taken within 72 hours of the travel date. Passengers tested positive will not be allowed to travel.

International students will not only need to understand their school's coronavirus vaccination policy, if there is one, but also be prepared for potential quarantine procedures.

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



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### PHF EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

#### PHF and EU representatives meeting

The meeting took place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June Virtually on EU Roadmap for Engagement with Civil Society, which was a joint initiative between the EU and its Member States to define key priorities and objectives for the period 2021-2017. The meeting attended by PHF Excom and few member organizations including Helvetas and Islamic Relief. Following points were discussed:

- ✓ legal and institutional framework in which CSOs operate
- ✓ Institutional dialogue and structured participation
- ✓ Capacity of CSOs and cooperation
- ✓ Perception on challenges/trends
- ✓ Key lessons learned from activities.

#### Update from NDMA National Monsoon Preparedness Conference 22 June 2021

The purpose of the conference was to review the ongoing flood preparedness activities by the various government departments. They shared these updates amongst the participants and suggested recommendations for improvement. The departments shared their presentations (bilingually) which were followed by Q & A session and remarks from the Chairman NDMA.

PDMA and other departments mentioned that they were conducting mock exercises and flood simulation mapping and projecting figures (number of effected people/damages according to the extent of flooding).



### PHF PROVINCIAL COORDINATION

PHF provincial coordination meeting in KP was held virtually on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. It was agreed to conduct Needs and Gaps Analysis for KP chapter.

PHF provincial coordination meeting in Sindh was held virtually on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. PHF Sindh chapter Action plan was presented in this meeting.

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TRANSFORMING LIVES  
MEMBERS IN ACTION

Diakonie   
Katastrophenhilfe

Cash grants offer support to vulnerable people during Covid-19 lockdowns

By [Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe](#)



Venus BiBi - a widow - is the only bread earner in her family and has 5 daughters. She lives in Islamabad and works at MCI-Islamabad as a sanitary worker. During COVID-19 she lost her job for 3 months. Nonetheless, she continued to inform people about the SOPs to protect against the disease. As job opportunities became scarce due to lockdowns she was overwhelmed with an all-consuming despair and hopelessness.

It was during this time that Help in Need took the initiative of disbursement of cash grants to the most vulnerable households in order to meet their food needs. 2,300 families were identified and verified, of which 1,500 households were recommended for cash grants of 7,500 PKR per family.

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Venus Bibi's family was one of the 1,500 households. Although her job was retained later, but she was not paid her salary for 3 months. Venus Bibi received the cash grant in December 2020 which helped her purchase month's ration for her family.

She said during the time when her daughters slept hungry without a morsel of food all day, she felt so helpless that the only thing she could do was look up to the sky and ask God to send help for her family.

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## BUZZ OF THE WEEK



Officials from the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) reported that significant changes in the sea surface levels will increase the frequency of tropical cyclones in the Arabian Sea by as much as ten times. This shows the severity with which the country could experience the effects of climate change—a multifaceted problem with a diverse range of repercussions for the world. [Read more](#)

A webinar was arranged by the forestry, environment, and wildlife department in collaboration with the Sub-National Governance (SNG) Programme, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, to provide a collaborative platform to discuss the issues and challenges related to climate change planning and governance and make actionable recommendations to address them, according to a statement issued here. [Read more](#)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Shah Farman on Wednesday highlighted the need for collaboration between China and Pakistan in the field of agriculture and research to meet the challenge of food security. [Read more](#)

World Bank approves US\$442 million to upgrade water supply, sanitation in Pakistan. [Read more](#)

With per capita annual consumption of 125 kg, vis-a-vis global average of 68 kg, wheat fulfills 72% of Pakistanis' daily caloric needs. Thus, its sustained supply is integral to the country's food security. [Read more](#)

The Pakistani government has allocated eight billion rupees (\$50 million) to provide a cash stipend and nutritious food to mothers across the country to help fight malnutrition and stunted growth in children. [Read more](#)

Insufficient intake of balanced diet rich in proteins, vitamins and micronutrients (Fe, Zn), folates, and unaffordability/inaccessibility to food rich in nutrition, along with adulteration, lack of education about healthy food and imbalanced food habits are main reasons for stunted growth in children and due to Iron deficiency anemia in women, which is increasing at alarming rate, said National and International experts while speaking at International Webinar on "A Way Forward to Food Quality and Food Safety". [Read more](#)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AT PHF

PHF Provincial Coordination- Punjab  
29<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

General Members Meeting (GMM)  
08<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### Project Support Officer and Community Mobilization Officer – HOPE'87

Deadline to apply: 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

[Click here to Apply Now!](#)

### Supply Chain Intern – Save the Children

Deadline to apply: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

[Click here to Apply Now!](#)

### Call for Applications for the 2021 round of the Interagency PSEA Outreach and Communication Fund

Deadline to apply: 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

[Click here to Apply Now!](#)

### Elect to Sign on Joint 2021 Civil Society Statement - BUILDING BACK BETTER FOR STATELESS PEOPLE

Deadline to sign on: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

[Click here to Apply Now!](#)

### The Asia-Pacific Action Plan 2021-2024 for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction- survey

Deadline to apply: 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

[Click here to Apply Now!](#)

## Webinars and Events

### **GISF 2nd series: Partnerships and Security Risk Management**

When: 7<sup>th</sup> July- 13:00 – 17:00 Afghanistan time /15:30-19:20 BKK time

[Click Here to Register](#)

## COMMUNITY FOR LEARNERS



**HARVARD**  
UNIVERSITY

Free Course

### **Humanitarian Response to Conflict and Disaster**

#### **What you'll learn:**

- ✓ Legal and historical frameworks shaping the professionalization of the humanitarian field
- ✓ An applied understanding of the principles guiding humanitarian response and the tensions that arise when operationalizing these principles in modern crises
- ✓ How to recognize and adapt to major trends affecting the scope and implementation of humanitarian work

#### **Who should join:**

Non-profit professionals who want to secure more and diverse funding streams.

[How to Register](#)

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## PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES



### Development Aid News Digest

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



### Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

InterAction has published “Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest” as of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. To access the digest, [please click here](#).

### Climate and Environment Charter – Open for Signatures

The Charter is now available for signatures with tools and guidance to the commitments. You are invited to consider signing on and explore the resources available! To read the full report, [click here](#).

### Gender and COVID-19 Vaccines: Listening to women-focused organizations in Asia and the Pacific

This report highlights the emerging gendered barriers to COVID-19 vaccine uptake and supply, as well as the importance of engaging women-focused organizations (WFOs) and youth/girl-centred organizations to maximize the reach of prevention efforts so that women and girls can access immunization services and the information they need. To read the full report, [click here](#).

### Shared Tools and Analyses for Humanitarian Practitioners

This toolkit is resulted from the Asia Pacific Gender in Humanitarian Action working group meeting in Q2. It outlines various tools, frameworks, resources and national/regional approaches that your organizations have advanced. To read the full report, [click here](#).

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