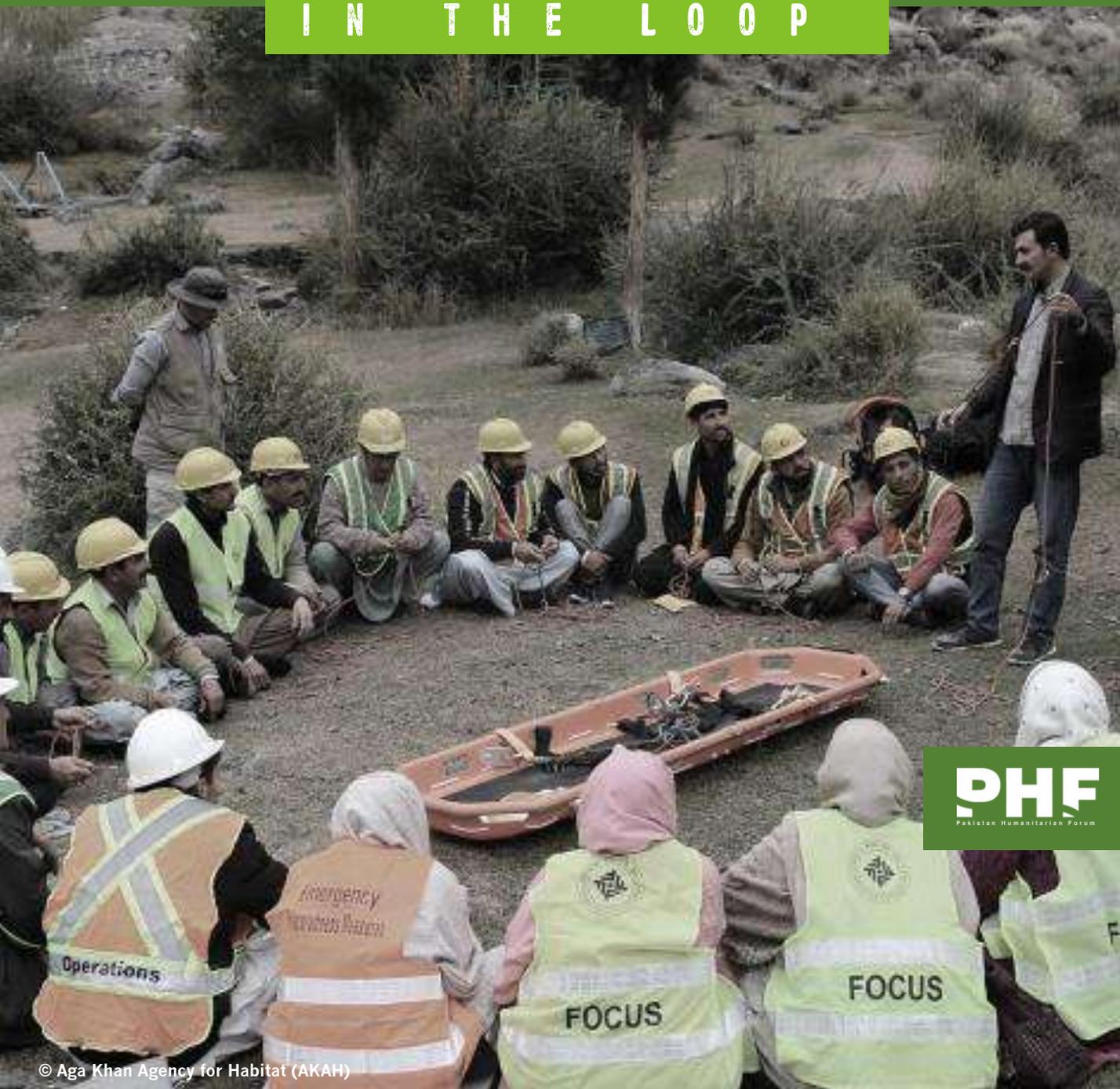


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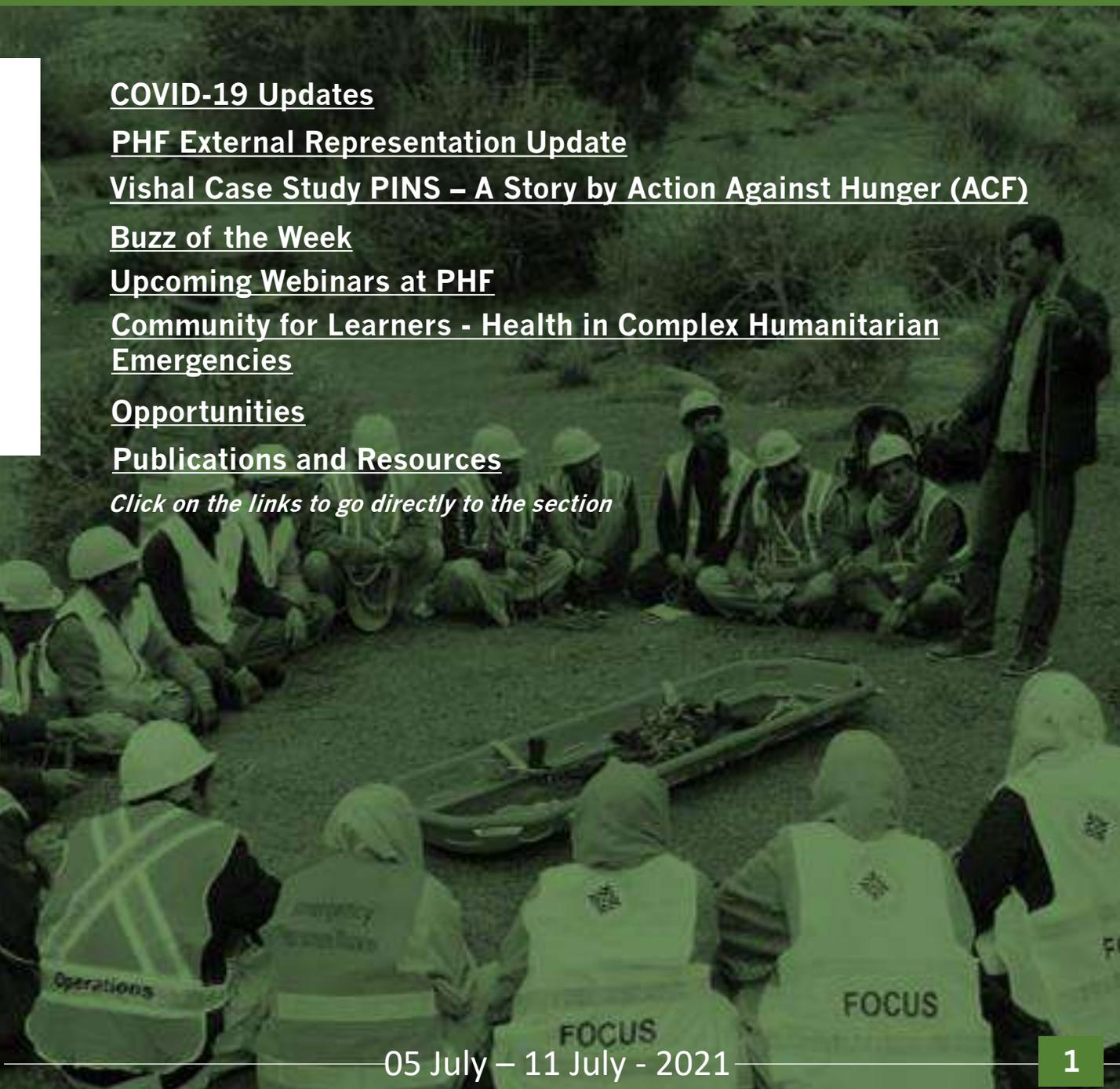
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COVID-19 UPDATES

Pakistan recorded the highest coronavirus positivity ratio at 4.09% in the last 24 hours since May 30, which was at 4.05%, according to the National Command and Operations Centre's (NCOC) data. According to a province-wise breakdown, the total cases reported in Sindh so far are 346,360, Punjab 348,085, in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 139,313, in Islamabad Capital Territory 83,647, in Balochistan 27,961, in Gilgit-Baltistan 6,851, and Azad Jammu and Kashmir 21,067.

Minister of Planning Asad Umar said on Friday that there are "clear early signs" of a fourth COVID-19 wave starting in Pakistan due to poor compliance with the standard operating procedures and the spread of the Delta variant.

After five more Delta variant cases in Rawalpindi surfaced on Saturday, the Deputy Commissioner Aamir Aqiq Khan has started contemplating imposing smart lockdowns in the hotspots.

Pakistan has witnessed a sudden rise in daily cases in recent days. According to the government's Covid-19 portal, the number of daily Covid-19 cases dropped from four digits to three digits on June 25. The daily cases being reported remained close to the 900 mark till June 27 and further fell to 735 on June 28. Then the number of cases gradually started increasing and doubled in just one week. The positivity rate, which stood at less than 2 per cent in June, crossed 3pc after a gap of 20 days.

The Provincial Health Department is starting Covid-19 vaccination of expatriate Pakistanis from Monday 12th July as the Coronavirus incidence and mortalities continue to dwindle in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

In a meeting on Friday, National Command and Operations Centre's (NCOC) announced that people who had not been inoculated would not be allowed to travel from Pakistan by air from Aug 1. It also made it mandatory for all adult students to get themselves vaccinated by Aug 31.

US top coronavirus adviser Dr. Anthony Fauci on Sunday characterized the Delta strain of COVID-19 as a "nasty variant". It is very clear that this is a nasty variant. It has a much greater capacity of transmitting from person to person," Fauci said, adding that the COVID vaccines that are being used in America to fight the coronavirus "are working very well" and do protect against the Delta variant.

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



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PHF External Representation



On Wednesday 7th July 2021, Ex-com members of Pakistan Humanitarian Forum represented PHF membership INGOs working in Pakistan with outstanding contributions to strengthen the humanitarian-development nexus in the country during various humanitarian crises and emergencies. They highlighted how PHF members have made outstanding contributions by adopting inclusive approaches prioritizing the vulnerable communities and marginalized groups in disaster preparedness and response.

Furthermore, Ex-com members also mentioned how PHF members provided all out support and assistance to the Government of Pakistan in close collaboration with disaster management authorities at Federal and Provincial Levels, despite restriction on movements associated with the pandemic.

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TRANSFORMING LIVES MEMBERS IN ACTION



Vishal Case Study PINS

By Action Against Hunger



Sakeena and her family hail from Bheel community Village Ram, District Tando Allahyar. She has four sons and 9 family members and their main source of livelihood is daily labor. Sakeena and thousands of families in Sindh are affected by malnutrition owing to extreme poverty, insufficient food intake, lack of dietary diversification, low purchasing power, poor sanitary conditions and hygiene practices.

Vishal the youngest child of Sakeena is 12-months old. The child was suffering from severe acute malnutrition as identified by the ACF trained community health worker, Parvati during home visits. In further examining Vishal's condition, it was observed that Vishal was deprived of the first milk (colostrum), a nutrient rich 'Pre-milk' that is produced from the mother's body after the delivery of newborn. Vishal's Mid upper arm circumference (MUAC) was 11 cm which is way below the threshold indicated for acute malnourishment.

Sakina was weak and did not produce enough milk to fulfil her child's feeding requirement and initiated complimentary feeding at the age of 3 months. Sakina's family had also inadequate access to clean drinking water and sanitation and open-defecation was widely practiced in her community including her own family, due to which, Vishal and the entire family was at risk of diarrhoeal infection.

"We thank everyone who has helped my son regain his strength and pray that he continues to grow and become a healthy child always".

Vishal was immediately enrolled at OTP site BHU Sultanabad in district Tando Allahyar. On the day of admission, Vishal's Mid upper arm circumference measurement was 11 cm and his weight was 6.2kg. He was discharged from the program after eight weeks with Mid upper arm circumference (MUAC) 11.9cm and a weight of 6.9 kg. During treatment, Vishal was provided Ready-to-use therapeutic food while Community health worker advised his mother on complementary feeding and nutritious diet, post-pregnancy diets, care during the first 1000 days - from conception to 2 years of age, life-saving vaccinations for infants, balanced diet and counselling on environmental and WASH practices for a profound impact on child health outcomes.

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Community health workers conducted recurring visits to follow-up with Sakina after her first visit to the OTP site to gauge the consumption of therapeutic food and nutritional supplements. The treatment at the OTP site reflected a visible improvement in Vishal's health. Within one month, Vishal went from severe acute malnutrition to moderate acute malnutrition. This experience gave Vishal's mother the confidence in OTP treatment and confided her trust in ACF's activities. She is now encouraging other mothers in village to visit OTP and screen their children as well.

ACF under the Program for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS) project has set-up Outpatient Therapeutic feeding Program (OTP) sites jointly in partnership with PPHI in Tandoallah Yar, to bring the services for the treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) children, closer to communities by making services available at decentralized treatment points. ACF under the Program for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS) project has set-up Outpatient Therapeutic feeding Program (OTP) sites jointly in

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ACF and its partner PPHI, have set-up operational OTP care sites for communities in seven other districts of Sindh as well including (Matiari, Tando muhammad khan, Thatta, Sujawal, Larkana, Qambar Shehdadkot, Shikarpur. These decentralised OTP care sites provide free of cost services and treatment, under the supervision of trained medical specialists, for malnourished young children.

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BUZZ OF THE WEEK



Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Food Security Jamshed Iqbal Cheema has said that the program “Agriculture Transformation Plan” as envisaged by the Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan is in fact a program of economic and social emancipation of the farmers. The goal of this program is self-sufficiency in food and eradication of poverty. He said that the Federal government would give loans to youth for food processing to cater food needs of the country. [Read more](#)

Parliamentarians pledge to work together for improved legislative framework. The workshop on “Ground Water Extraction Management, WASH Governance and Human Rights to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene” was organized by WaterAid Pakistan and attended by over 25 parliamentarians of National Assembly, Senate of Pakistan and provincial assemblies of Punjab and Sindh. [Read more](#)

In order to address the challenges of malnutrition, the government has installed over 2,333 micro feeders, besides initiated Food Fortification Program for wheat flour, edible oil and salt to ensure intake of sufficient intake of balanced food. [Read more](#)

German Ambassador Bernhard Schlagheck has said cooperation will be extended for mitigating climate change impact in Gilgit-Baltistan. He said the region has vast opportunities in tourism, minerals and power sectors. [Read more](#)

The European Union has announced renewed support for those most in need in Iran and Pakistan with 22 million euros in humanitarian aid. Of the 22 million euros, 7m euros will go to humanitarian organisations in Pakistan, focusing on the most vulnerable local populations, Afghans, as well as host communities. [Read more](#)

Pakistan calls for building global community for social protection. Sania Nishtar, special assistant to the prime minister on social protection and poverty alleviation, has told a United Nations meeting that efforts must be made to build a global government-to-government community of practice on social protection. [Read more](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT PHF

Food Security and Livelihood (FSL)
Working Group Meeting
13th July 2021, 2:30 pm to 3:30 am

Health Working Group Meeting
13th July 2021, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

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UPCOMING WEBINARS AT PHF

Sr.	Theme	Date	Time
1.	Women and mental health in times of COVID-19	29 July, 2021	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
2.	Taxation in Pakistan, and its implication on INGOs	9 August, 2021	3:00 AM – 4:30 PM
3.	Post COVID humanitarian business model for INGOs and humanitarian actors	18 August, 2021	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
4.	Implications of natural disasters on vulnerable communities in the midst of COVID-19	26 August, 2021	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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Free Course

Health in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies

The Center for Humanitarian Emergencies is a partnership between CDC's Emergency Response and Recovery Branch and the Rollins School of Public Health that drives global collaboration, research and evidence-based training to improve the lives and well-being of populations impacted by humanitarian emergencies.

This course covers the technical and management principles that are the basis of planning, implementing, and evaluating health programs for acutely displaced populations in developing countries. The emphasis is on refugees in camp situations.

Course Objectives:

- ✓ Describe a complex humanitarian crisis in terms of magnitude, person, time and place.
- ✓ Calculate basic epidemiology measures.
- ✓ Evaluate the strengths and limitations of epidemiological data within the context of CHE.
- ✓ Develop public health programs and strategies responsive to the diverse cultural values and traditions of the community being served.
- ✓ Identify the different technical areas in a public health response in CHes

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PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Safer and well-prepared communities through locally-led DRM actions!



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Development Aid News Digest

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



Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest, July 12th, 2021

InterAction has published “Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest” as of 12th July 2021. To access the digest, [please click here.](#)

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