

# PHF WEEKLY BULLETIN

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December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## VACCINE STATISTICS



## COVID-19 STATISTICS



Source: National Command and Operation Center (NCOC)

- On Sunday December 19, though health experts have been claiming that COVID-19 has proved less lethal among Asians, global data shows that Pakistan's mortality rate is far higher than many regions. Member of the Scientific Task Force on COVID-19 Dr Javed Akram was of the view that more Pakistanis died because they visited hospitals due to complications arising from COVID-19 rather than the infection itself. He also pointed out poor health and diagnostic facilities for the high number of casualties.
- Pakistani health authorities have confirmed on Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> the detection of the country's first case of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus, a week after the South Asian country expanded travel restrictions in an attempt to slow its spread. The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) confirmed the detection of the Omicron variant, which is suspected to have higher transmissibility rates than other variants. The National Institute of Health, Islamabad has been able to confirm that a recently suspected sample from Karachi is indeed the 'Omicron variant' of SARS-CoV2. This is the first confirmed case, but continued surveillance of identified samples is in place to identify trends.
- The number of patients being tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 and the number of deaths caused by the illness from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district has shown a significant downward trend in the last one week as the virus has claimed only three lives in the last seven days while 217 new patients have been reported from the twin cities. The same was the trend recorded in the last 24 hours as the virus did not claim any life from the region while 39 new patients were reported from the region though the positivity rate of COVID-19 from Rawalpindi was recorded as 1.03 percent in the last 24 hours that was significantly higher as compared to the positivity rates reported from major cities all across Pakistan.
- Pakistan has given a first dose of a coronavirus vaccine to more than 87.5 million people, Minister for Planning and Development Mr. Asad Umar said Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>, adding almost 60 million people have been fully vaccinated against the pandemic. "With arrival of omicron variant, the need for vaccination [is] even more urgent," the Minister, who also heads the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), announced.

## Reaching to unreached during harsh weather condition

By Islamic Relief Pakistan (IRP)



The remote Leepa Valley in AJ&K known for its astounding landscape and snow-clad rice paddies. Surrounded by high mountains, Leepa valley is not only hard to reach during winters but also a challenge to bear extreme weather. With the fears of cross border firing under harsh weather conditions, the struggles of local communities are unimaginable.

Hajra Bibi, who is a mother to three and also a widow has been through the most painful realities of life. All her children carry different types of disabilities. The eldest son Rafique is intellectually disabled while Rubeena who is 22 years old has speech impairment while the youngest Mehwish has stunted growth.

*“Have you seen this area? Look at the surrounding mountains and the snow, what I can do under these circumstances? There are no crops, no other source of income for us. It’s either the relatives or the neighbors who help me.”* said by Hajra.

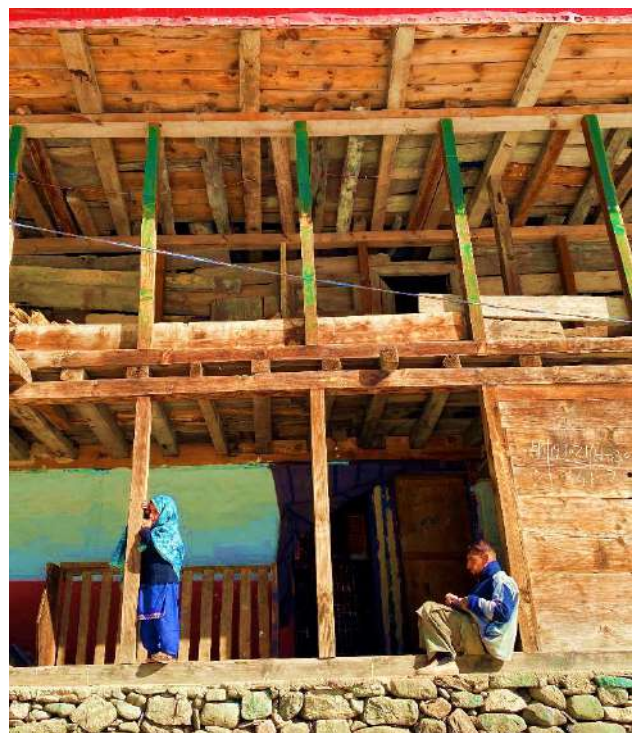
The local communities migrate to other areas during the winters; however, that is also connected to the financial stability of the household. Families like of Hajra solely rely on home fed chickens and some maize crop. Water availability is a huge issue as women have to fetch water from a spring at a 20 mins walk from the village.

*“In this freezing cold weather, I go and fetch water twice a day. Whenever the firing starts, I take my children and rush to the nearby bunkers.”* said by Hajra.

Traumatized, wearing a white shawl and teary eyes, Hajra seeks help with basic necessities of life so her children can live a better life. “You came to us with all these blankets, jackets, mats and shawls, believe me no one comes here and thinks about us.”

Islamic Relief Pakistan through its winterization project reached out to more than 600 families in Leepa with the support of local administration with warm clothes, blankets, floor mats, sweaters and shawls to provide comfort in such testing times.

Hajra and many other households are in need of development efforts and initiatives in Leepa and other remote parts of AJ&K.



# The Sustainable Development Goals – A global, transdisciplinary vision for the future

Within this course, you will get a historical overview of how sustainability has been understood, as well as a thorough introduction to the SDGs – what they are, how progress can be measured, and how the SDGs are relevant for the management of the global systems supporting humanity. The course will examine how various societal actors are responding to and implementing the SDGs.

While all of the SDGs are essential to sustainable development, SDG 13, Climate Action, is usually perceived as the most urgent in terms of the need for a swift implementation on a global scale. Therefore, particular focus is given to this SDG. Through the course, you will gain up-to-date knowledge of the current understanding of human impacts on the Earth at the planetary level. Progress towards establishing global management of human interactions with the climate system within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is also discussed.



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The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Sunday set up a humanitarian fund to be operated by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to help avert the humanitarian and economic crises in Afghanistan, as Prime Minister Imran Khan warned that the neighbouring country could potentially become the “biggest man-made crisis” if the world did not act. [Read more](#)

Sindh Minister for Health Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho held a meeting on the roadmap for the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine. The meeting was also attended by Project Director EPI, Sindh, Dr Irshad Memon, Dr Fauzia Assad Country Director JHIEPGO, Dr Arshad Chandio Consultant. The meeting detailed that there are several different types of HPV that affect women as it can cause cervical cancer. [Read more](#)

The risk of reinfection with the Omicron coronavirus variant is more than five times higher and it has shown no sign of being milder than Delta, a study showed, as cases soar across Europe and threaten year-end festivities. The results of the study by Imperial College London were based on UK Health Security Agency and National Health Service data on people who tested positive for Covid-19 in a PCR test in England between Nov. 29 and Dec. 11. [Read more](#)

Germany will provide a grant of €13.5 million to Pakistan for growing a billion trees in a bid to ramp up the South Asian country’s fight against the adverse impacts of climate change, threatening food security and ecosystems. Mian Asad Hayaud Din, Secretary Economic Affairs Division and Sebastian Jacobi, Country Director, KfW signed the agreement in Islamabad. [Read more](#)

The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) and the federal education ministry, it seems, are not on the same page regarding winter vacation in educational institutions, as the former at its meeting on Wednesday recommended the vacation start in the middle of January, a day after the federal education minister announced the holidays would commence on Dec 25. [Read more](#)

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister, Prince Faisal Bin Farhan Al Saud, on Sunday said that the world must look at the Afghanistan issue from a humanitarian perspective because the people of Afghanistan are looking forward to receiving assistance from the international community. The minister's statement came during his address at the ongoing summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Islamabad. [Read more](#)

Pakistan on Tuesday sent another consignment of relief goods to Afghanistan as part of its efforts to ward off looming humanitarian crisis in the war-torn country. The Pak-Afghan Cooperation Forum (PACF) and Khadija Welfare Trust on Tuesday handed over seven truckloads of relief goods to Afghan officials at Torkham Border, taking the total assistance dispatched so far by the country to four C130 loads, 115 trucks load comprising 1,722 tons of food, medicines, and shelters for [Read more](#)

## “TAX Management Workshop”

Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) has organized a “TAX Management Workshop” for its member organizations on December 14th, 2021, at PHF Islamabad. The workshop was led by Mr. Sharif Uddin Khilji, Chief Executive of Khilji and Co-chartered Accountants, possess staggering professional profile with over 16 years of working experience. He presented a detailed presentation on “Tax management” and its implications for INGO’s

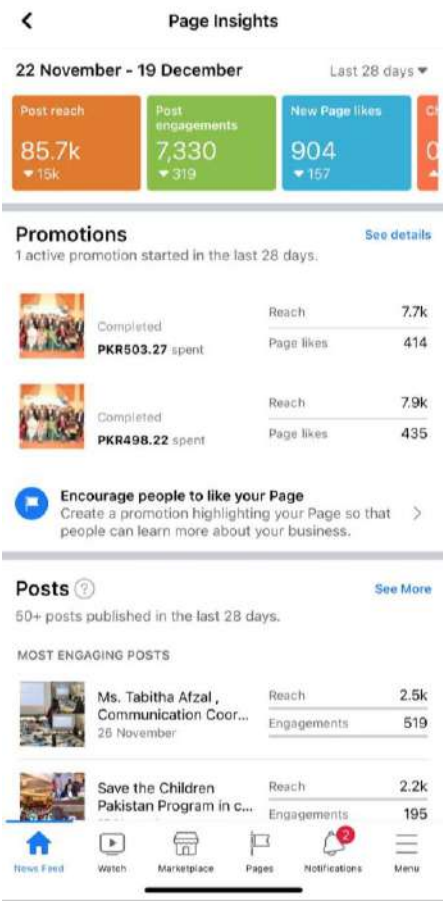
The workshop was attended by the financial experts of INGO’s who appreciated PHF’s efforts for organizing workshop on such significant aspect.



# PHF Twitter December's Analytics



# PHF Facebook December's Analytics





## ▶ UNHCR NGO Innovation Award 2022 for Women-led Organizations

**15 January 2022 (23:59 CET)**

The UNHCR's NGO Innovation Award ("the Award") celebrates the efforts and accomplishments of NGOs who developed innovative approaches for protection and delivery of services to refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR. This award is for partners who have developed innovative approaches for protection and delivery of services to refugees and other persons of concern to UNHCR. The 2022 Award will focus on women-led organizations and girl-led organizations working with or supporting refugees, internally displaced persons, returnees, stateless persons and host communities.

For more information, please [click here](#).

## ▶ Art Curator for Gender Justice Event and Panelist for Digital Art Competition

**Closing Date: December 23, 2021**

Contract Type: Consultancy

Location: Pakistan

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**Email ID:** [oxfampak@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:oxfampak@oxfam.org.uk)

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## ▶ Consultancy Announcement - Production of Documentary for Oxfam in Pakistan

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## ▶ Finance Officer -Haryali Hub

**Closing Date: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

Any interested candidates must send an updated CV and a cover letter to [pakistan-jobs@tearfund.org](mailto:pakistan-jobs@tearfund.org). Applicants must clearly state the position being applied for in the subject line of the email.

For more information, please [click here](#).



## Strategy 2022-2023 - Asia-Pacific Regional Cash Working Group

The Asia-Pacific region is marked by an increased number of climate-related disasters which point to the need for greater emphasis on inter-agency preparedness and early action. In this context, along with global commitments of increasing the use of Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) and establishing links with national social protection systems, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, political and economic crises in the region, CVA is a key component in humanitarian and development [Read More](#)

## World Migration Report 2022

The vast majority of people continue to live in the countries in which they were born —only one in 30 are migrants. In most discussions on migration, the starting point is usually numbers. Understanding changes in scale, emerging trends and shifting demographics related to global social and economic transformations, such as migration, help us make sense of the changing world we live in and plan for the future. The current global estimate is that there were around 281 million international migrants in the world in 2020, which equates to 3.6 percent of the global population. Overall, the estimated number of international migrants has increased over the past five decades. The total estimated 281 million people living in a country other than their countries of birth in 2020 was 128 million more than in 1990 and over three times the estimated number in 1970. [Read More](#)

## Disaster Risk Insurance: 5 Insights From The Philippines

The Philippines is expected to incur, on average, \$3.5 billion in asset losses each year from typhoons and earthquakes alone, and 74% of the population is exposed to multiple natural hazards. Building on a decade-long partnership with the Philippines to reduce the economic impact of disasters, in 2017 the Bank helped the country transfer \$200 million of typhoon and earthquake risk to a panel of international reinsurers. In 2018, the government renewed this insurance program and doubled the amount of coverage. [Read More](#)

## Weathering The Storms: Covid-19, Disasters And Internal Displacement In The Asia-Pacific In 2020

With a focus on the Asia Pacific region and based on the experience of four case study countries during 2020 – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines and Vanuatu – this report collates knowledge on how COVID-19 and disasters affected IDPs and internal displacement. The report describes how IDPs, and efforts to address displacement and assist and protect IDPs, were affected by the pandemic and government responses as COVID-19 and disasters converged. [Read More](#)

## Youth Leadership In Climate Policy Workbook And Facilitator's Guide

A recent Plan International global climate change survey found that young people are very concerned about climate change and yet are often not taught how to engage in climate policy processes. Many don't know about the Paris Agreement or how to get involved in climate processes in their country. This prevents their voices from being heard.

The Youth Leadership in Climate Policy Workbook and Facilitator's Guide aims to address this gap and strengthen young people's knowledge and skills so they can engage in climate policy. [Read More](#)







## Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest, Thursday, December 9, 2021

InterAction has published “Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest” as of Thursday, December 9, 2021. To access the digest, [please click here.](#)

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