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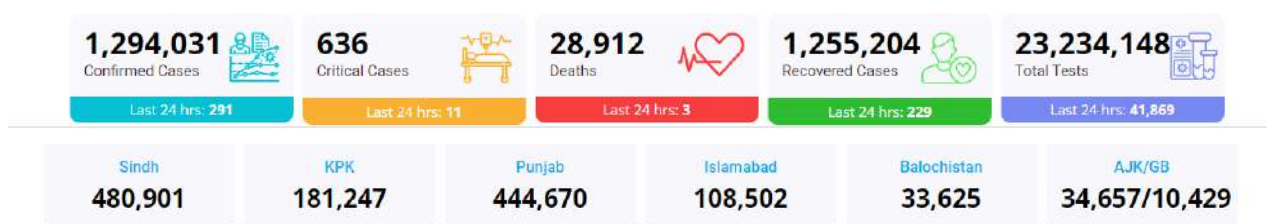
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VACCINE STATISTICS



COVID-19 STATISTICS



Source: National Command and Operation Center (NCOC)

- National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) Chief and Planning Minister Mr. Asad Umar revealed on Monday 27th December that the total Covid-19 vaccinations carried out in Pakistan have exceeded 150 million. Punjab leads the way in provinces with 68% of the eligible population having received at least 1 dose. KP at 57%, Sindh at 51% and Balochistan at 38%. Balochistan has done a great job in December and sharply increased vaccinations," the minister said in a tweet.
- The United States asked Santa to bring an additional 5 million doses of the life-saving Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility to Pakistan, just in time for the holidays. This donation, which should arrive on Christmas Day or shortly thereafter, brings the total number of COVID-19 vaccines donated by the US government to the Pakistani people to more than 37 million. US Embassy Islamabad's chargé d'affaires Angela P. Aggeler said, "Getting vaccinated is the best gift you can give your loved ones this holiday season. Celebrate the coming new year by getting your jab".
- The health department will begin the coronavirus booster vaccination for the fully immunized people in the province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from Monday December 27th amid a dip in deaths from the virus. According to officials, one-person lost life to Covid-19 and 37 were infected with it in the province on Saturday. The officials further said that the department had so far administered first dose of coronavirus vaccine to 13 million (50 percent) of the 24.47 million targeted population above 12 years of age, while the fully vaccinated population was 12 million (40 percent).
- Islamabad's first case of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus was confirmed on December 25th Saturday, a health official said. Islamabad District Health Officer (DHO) Zaeem Zia said that the case was detected in a 47-year-old male, adding that he was working in Islamabad and had travelled out of city for work-related purposes. The patient had no history of travelling abroad, he said.

Expanding MHPSS and strengthening GBV Prevention and Response for Afghan refugees in KP Province'

By International Medical Corps



Ms. Rana Afghanay, 24 years old, lives with her family in one of the refugee communities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. "I was born here, and I feel like this is my home", said Rana.

Her parents migrated from Afghanistan in 1979. "My parents still tell me tragic stories and the ordeal that they went through during the migrations". Said Rana.

She grew up in an environment where resources were inadequate. Her father used to do labor work on daily wages but by the time they became dependent on her uncle due to the father's deteriorated health conditions.

Rana has 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Being an eldest sibling, she always wanted to do something for her family and most importantly for herself. ***"I was only able to complete my high school, and then I kept on looking for opportunities to earn money respectfully and with dignity. It was my dream"***, she said.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS' ASSISTANCE AND HOW IT HELPED

Rana did few jobs as a teacher and a helping assistance in the healthcare center of the community, but she was not making enough money. She added, ***"There was no other opportunity to earn more. I had some ideas to start some ventures but there was no one with whom I can discuss my aspiration and get motivation to do something more than this. Also, I was afraid.... might be I shouldn't be thinking about it."***

In 2017, she got to know about International Medical Corps work around gender and other activities. ***"I attended the first session and I felt so good that at least there is a place where women can talk and discuss whatever comes to their mind"***, she said. She realized the lack of opportunities especially for women to interact, discuss and laugh in the community.



Photo by: IMC Pakistan/Gulnaz Farooq
Rana while dealing with the customer at her shop in Khyber Pakhtun Khwa province, Pakistan

Taking part in the Gender Support group gave Rana a chance to talk about some of the most difficult experiences she had in her life. This was in a safe, supportive, and non-judgmental environment, in the knowledge that her insights would be used for a positive purpose. ***"Getting to know about the misconceptions about gender roles set by the society made me realize that it is my basic right to take an initiative for the betterment of myself and my family"***, she said.

She decided to open a general store within the premises of her house. And when she told this idea to her family, she faced a severe criticism. ***"They did not welcome the idea because it was an insult for them to live on women's earning. But I was determined too, and I invested my total savings of 7\$ in buying basic household goods"***, she said.

Initially people from her community also did not like to go to her shop and made fun of her. Some people were looking at her as if she had failed. But gradually people started to come over especially women.

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Photo by IMC Pakistan/Gulnaz Farooq
Rana while showing one of the products to the customer at her shop.

“By seeing the positive response from women, I especially then added more accessories for them and received a great response” She added.

Her business is going well, and she is very grateful for the support provided by International Medical Corps to make her realize her potential. As a GSG volunteer, she thinks that she must speak to other women, sensitize them and show them the support that they can do wonders if they get a chance. She said, ***“If women are sitting behind closed doors, how will things change? Women need to be supported and empowered to speak about negative experiences for a positive change”***

On her request the name here has been changed as she prefers to call herself as Rana that means “bright light” in the local language.

The Changing Global Order

How are international power relations changing and how can global peace and stability be maintained? This course familiarizes you with some main theories of international relations, shows how the global order is gradually changing and discusses how selected international and regional organizations contribute to the maintenance of global peace and security. You learn what research findings tell us in terms of the capacity of international organizations and actors to help prevent or stop violent conflict, what tools are used to negotiate agreements, and how foundations for sustainable peace are best created. You will also focus on the role of the European Union in terms of diplomacy and efforts to prevent conflict, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the contribution of organizations such as the African Union to the prevention of conflict and war. You will study the United Nations Security Council and see in which ways its membership could be adapted to more accurately reflect the power relations of the current global order. Through quizzes and exercises testing your knowledge of these subjects, you will understand crucial concepts and get insights into how the academic study of international relations and international organization contributes to the search for global stability and peace in practice.



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“Climate change is affecting our country’s economy and health, floods are taking place, glaciers are melting, and less developed countries have different reasons to cause climate change as compared to more developed countries. There are several factors that are all working together to push the current climate change,” said experts during the 10th ZU Dialogues, [Read more](#)

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Climate Change Malik Amin Aslam on Friday said the country would get global funding in lieu of billions of trees planted across the country through the World Bank assisted Green Bond. Addressing a media debrief on an exposure visit to Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Plantation (TBTP) sites in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province organized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and facilitated [Read more](#)

Pakistan and Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday signed six financing agreements worth \$1,543 million for energy sector reforms, social protection, urban infrastructure, road sector, and water resources. Economic Affairs Division Secretary Mian Asad Hayaud Din and ADB’s Country Director Yong Ye signed the agreements in Islamabad today. Federal Minister for Economic Affairs Omar Ayub Khan witnessed the signing [Read more](#)

The Punjab Governor Mr. Chaudhary Mohammad Sarwar on Monday said efforts were being made to provide clean drinking water to 15 million people in urban and rural areas of Punjab by March next year in collaboration with welfare organizations. Inaugurating a two water filtration plants in Gujar Khan, the governor said 200 water filtration plants have been installed in urban and rural areas of Punjab by the Al-Sarwar Foundation. [Read more](#)

Pakistan on Thursday welcomed the UN Security Council resolution that eased the flow of aid to Afghanistan and expressed the hope that the world would urgently fulfil the needs of struggling Afghans. Pakistan welcomes the adoption, by consensus, of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2615, that has reaffirmed that provision of humanitarian and other assistance to the people of Afghanistan is not a violation of the Security Council’s Sanctions regime,” a statement issued by the Foreign Office said. [Read more](#)

The government on Monday cautioned about the impending risks of Omicron on the economy including the concerns of the policymakers about the inflationary effects and the resulting policy response. Omicron has forced economists across the globe to cast a shadow of doubt on the ongoing global economic growth recovery. [Read more](#)

Eleven trucks, loaded with medicines, blankets and food items were handed over to Afghan authorities at Pak-Afghan border at Torkham on Monday December 27th. Chief Collector Customs Asif Mehmood Jah handed over the trucks to the Afghan authorities who thanked Pakistan for providing the assistance to Afghan brethren. [Read more](#)

ExCom Meeting

PHF has organized a meeting for its Executive Committee. In that meeting, the newly elected members of the executive committee was briefed on the ongoing operations of the PHF and the roles and responsibilities for the upcoming activities. The members of the previous committee handed over the previous tasks to the new elected members and welcomed them with good gestures and thoughts, with best wishes for the future.



PHF EVENT CALENDAR



JANUARY

January 26, 2022

Bi-lateral consultations with the government bodies in Ministry of Interior to review the INGO Policy 2015, that was drafted for regulation of the International NGOs working in Pakistan.

January 28, 2022

Webinar on taxation issue with FBR focal point

FEBRUARY

February 15, 2022

Launch of annual report

February 18, 2022

Webinar on taxation issue with FBR focal point

February 28, 2022

Training on Humanitarian Coordination in Complex Environments Skills (targeting) at least 50 advocacy focal person of INGOs/NGOs

MARCH

March 4, 2022

Launch event of story booklet

March 16, 2022

Workshop to support INGOs/NGOs in Pakistan on the international humanitarian eco-system, and tips for effective engagement

March 22, 2022

Webinar on taxation issue with FBR focal point

APRIL

April 13, 2022

Workshop for government officials to sensitize them on the role of INGOs and their support to the GoP in humanitarian emergencies

April 20, 2022

Learning workshop for selected journalists/media houses on "reporting social and development issues in the media. They will be sensitized on international guidelines in reporting, contextualized with the socio-political dynamics in Pakistan.

MAY

May 10, 2022

Workshop for members on "good governance for PHF Staff and Executive committee, including different network models and structures, NGO network accountability and key components of a governance framework

May 17, 2022

Organize Field trips for selected journalists to member programmes for selected journalists to help establish trust and building a positive image of the INGOs.

PHF Social Media 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.](#)

▶ **Funding Opportunities for NGOs with U.S. Embassy Islamabad Public Affairs Section**

The U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section is excited to announce that they have posted several funding opportunities. They anticipate posting several more in the next few weeks. They encourage you to review our Notice of Funding Opportunities on Grants.gov by searching Pakistan in the search box. Please spread this message widely with your NGO contacts who may have an interest in partnering with the U.S. Mission to Pakistan.

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

▶ **Accountants**

Accountant operates the mission accounting practice in compliance with both the Pakistan legal framework and the framework defined by HI. She/ he strive to produce high quality of the missions accounting and that deadlines are met.

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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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