

PHF WEEKLY BULLETIN

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December 13th, 2021

VACCINE STATISTICS

First Dose

84,783,151

LAST 24 HOURS: 539,918

December 13th, 2021



Fully Vaccinated

56,861,225

LAST 24 HOURS: 741,226

December 12th, 2021



Total Doses Administered

133,901,703

LAST 24 HOURS: 1,263,193

December 13th, 2021



COVID-19 STATISTICS

1,289,293

Confirmed Cases



Last 24 hrs: 244

731

Critical Cases



Last 24 hrs: 0

28,836

Deaths



Last 24 hrs: 6

1,251,409

Recovered Cases



Last 24 hrs: 308

22,564,577

Total Tests



Last 24 hrs: 39,387

Sindh

478,017

KPK

180,696

Punjab

443,886

Islamabad

108,128

Balochistan

33,532

AJK/GB

34,608/10,426

Source: National Command and Operation Center (NCOC)

- Pakistan has three suspected cases of the deadly Omicron variant while the National Institute of Health (NIH) said on December 13, that one case of Omicron variant in Pakistan has been confirmed. However there has been no death reported of Omicron.
- Pakistan has approved the administration of coronavirus vaccine boosters to people of three groups from December 1, as the country braces for the Omicron variant. In a bid to prepare ahead of the virus' emergence in the country, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has approved these guidelines for booster shots:
 - The booster dose will be administered to three groups healthcare workers, individuals above the age of 50, and those having a weak immune system — from December 1.
 - The booster jab will be given six months after the administration of the last dose.
 - The administration will be voluntary and free of charge.
 - The selection of vaccine will be as per individual choice/availability.
 - In case a person has tested positive for COVID-19, the booster dose will be administered after 28 days
- 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.

Making Difference with Passion & Zeal

By Tearfund

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Shabana happily working in her shop

Thankfully, things have changed for Shabana. Today, her small home-based business is flourishing, and she is earning more profit. It was not like this a year ago. Shabana Sarfraz, a differently abled woman living in Rahim Yar Khan with 5 children and husband, who works as a welder in an ice factory. Her husband earns a very little amount.

As part of Tearfund's efforts to revive the affected businesses, Shabana received a cash grant to upscale her business under Covid-19 response project, implemented by Tearfund's partner REEDS based in Rahim Yar Khan. She used financial support for adding new items in her shop, catering to more customers.

"I lost hope during the lockdown in 2020 as there was no source of income. My family had no means of surviving as my husband's factory was also closed. I became so pessimistic during that time. I am happy to see the change in my circumstances. I have started to overcome poverty gradually and hope to do best for my children"

-- Shabana.

Shabana was imprisoned by her negative mindset and was incredibly stressed for months. The small contribution not only helped Shabana with financial gains but also gave her peace of mind.



Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) organized a media roundtable discussion where in COVID-19 snapshot was launched highlighting the contributions of INGOs to combat pandemic in Pakistan. There ceremony was participated by eminent journalists from all the mainstream news channels and by the government dignitaries along with representatives of INGOs, UN and donor agencies, said a press release [Read more](#)

Pakistan has reported the first suspected case of the new COVID-19 variant Omicron, Sindh Minister for Health and Population Welfare Dr Azra Pechuho said Thursday. A genomic study is being conducted which will confirm the exact variant but for now getting both doses of the vaccine is the best precaution," she said in a video statement issued by the provincial health ministry". [Read more](#)

The Minister for Education and Professional Training, Pakistan Shafqat Mahmood signed agreement for "Skills Verification Program" with Dr. Ahmed Abdul Jabbar Yamani, CEO Takamol, M/o HR&SD. The agreement will pave legal arrangements for ensuring skilled and certified labour export to KSA by providing the workforce with necessary skills and certification for facilitating their employability abroad. [Read More](#)

Prime Minister Imran Khan has stressed the need for evolving a collective regional approach to deal with the shared challenges including global warming, peace and trade. Addressing the inaugural session of Islamabad Conclave 2021 in Islamabad on December 9, he said the major issues of the region, including Afghanistan and Kashmir, can only be resolved through dialogue. [Read more](#)

The employees of the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) have called off a nine-day long protest and agreed for the conditional re-opening of educational institutions across Islamabad from December 9. [Read more](#)

Sindh's food department plans to start procuring wheat from March 15 instead of its usual procurement exercise schedule that begins from the middle or by late April. "We have serious plans to start the procurement drive by March 15 instead of April in order to capitalise on the early harvesting trend in the Mirpurkhas zone of lower Sindh," Haleem Shaikh, the provincial food secretary. [Read more](#)

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Saturday said Pakistan would host a session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) Council of Foreign Ministers on December 19 with a focus on highlighting the need for urgent assistance and mobilization of resources to avert a humanitarian crisis and economic collapse in Afghanistan. "If we don't pay timely attention, half of [Read more](#)

PHF - UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER- DECEMBER 2021



PHF Workshop on Tax Management

December 14th , 2021

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

To confirm your participation, please contact:

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Agenda:

- How FBR works
- How to manage tax notices and general troubleshooting
- Income tax filing guidance for present tax year
- IRIS form submission



DEC
14



10:00 AM-
12:00 PM



Sharif Uddin Khilji is a senior Chartered Accountant and an expert in Pakistan taxation matters. He has working experience with professional firms since start of his article ship in 1998. Currently he is the Tax Partner and Chief Executive of Khilji & Co Chartered Accountants, as well as the Principal of the Millennium University/ College and visiting Faculty at School of Business Management. Mr. Sharif Uddin is very active in professional bodies and in the academic area. He has served ICAP as Member Continuing Professional Development Committee, Rawalpindi Islamabad.

PHF NHN Health Working Group Meeting

December 12th , 2021

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

PHF NHN Food Security and Livelihood Meeting

December 12th , 2021

02:30 pm – 03:30 pm

Roundtable Discussion with the Media & the Launch of COVID-19 SNAPSHOT

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Hiring Consultant for Development of video documentary entailing 50 years of Gender Justice Pillar in Pakistan

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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.

If you are interested, please [click here](#).



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

InterAction has published “Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest” as of Thursday, December 2, 2021. To access the digest, [please click here](#).

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