

# PHF WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## VACCINE STATISTICS



## COVID-19 STATISTICS



Source: National Command and Operation Center (NCOC)

- Planning and Development Minister Mr. Asad Umar informed people about the beginning of the new wave of corona virus in the country. Mr. Asad Umar urged to the citizens of Pakistan to wear masks and followed the COVID-19 Sop's in true spirit.
- In last few weeks, 18 more cases of new COVID-19 strain "Omicron" have been reported in the federal capital, the District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Zaeem Zia has confirmed. It is pertinent to mention that the first case of the new COVID-19 strain Omicron case was reported in Pakistan on December 9, while the first case was detected in the federal capital on December 25.
- Two persons died of coronavirus and 38 new cases were recorded in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> December amid complaints by the health department regarding the slow pace of vaccination in private schools. Senior health officials told, we have been able to immunize only 90,000 (15 percent) of the total 600,000 students of private educational institutions in Peshawar so far. The situation throughout the province regarding private schools is not different where the health workers face the daunting task to inoculate the students.
- The COVID-19 "tsunami" threatens to overwhelm healthcare systems, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Wednesday, as record surges fueled by the Omicron variant dampened New Year celebrations around the world once again. Governments are walking a tightrope between anti-virus restrictions and the need to keep societies and economies open, as the highly transmissible variant drove cases to levels never seen before in the United States, Britain, France and Denmark. "I am highly concerned that Omicron, being more transmissible, circulating at the same time as Delta, is leading to a tsunami of cases," said WHO Chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

## Without losing courage and with steely determination Abida Parveen stitched her way to Success

By Welthungerhilfe



For a world without hunger

35-year-old Abida Parveen, resident of basti Meerani-4 Union Council Jhugi Wala Tehsil Jatoi District Muzaffargarh. Abida Parveen has always had a passion for tailoring; she decided to pursue her dream after enrolling on the tailoring course organized under BDRP Program Phase-II in Tehsil Jatoi, Abida Parveen developed her skills and equipped herself to stitched her way to Success.

Abida Parveen has two children, and her husband is a daily wage labourer. Abida look backed and shared that before the course, I did not know I had a purpose in life and I just look after my livestock & farming which was our only source of income. In my life, I faced many hardships that fate threw at me but now I can feel life is so purposeful.

“Tailoring was my interest in past, after receiving technical training from FDO & WHH under BDRP Program, Tailoring is my Source of Income” Abida Parveen shared about how she got enrolled for the training course, she shared that I was a member of Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC) formed under the BDRP Program by the Farmers Development Organization (FDO). One day, I came to know during VDMC monthly meeting that FDO is going to start skill development training. I showed my interest for the tailoring trade as UCDMC Jhugi wala also recommended me as per criteria.

During Training, a qualified trainer gave us opportunity to learn everything practical regarding modern tailoring. We were taught everything, right from sketching, drafting, cutting and stitching,” says Abida Parveen.



What was most interesting was how we girls, in this women-friendly space, learn each other’s traditional stitches specific to our community culture.

After completing course, she [Abida Parveen] worked as a tailor, stitching for male & female dresses in the neighbourhood. In beginning, she gained steady clients and experience as a good tailor. Abida Parveen wishes all unemployed young girls of her area could have the same opportunity as she did. Abida Parveen, showed compassion in replicating her skills to 05 of her neighbourhood girls in securing a good life for themselves. Abida Parveen said. “I charge them Rs: 5000/- each and will earn about Rs 25000/- after completion of their technical course from that too.

Abida shared that “this is a fact that I am now self-employed that has made me independent, Abida Parveen feeling proud to be able to contributing **Rs: 10,000/-** ensuring from tailoring in monthly expenses. She further added “Now I can contribute money for food and could purchase of school material for my 9th class daughter and son as well, which has actually meant a lot for my family.

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*My ambition is to be a well-known tailor of my area, for this purpose I want to expand my business. I also need working capital to buy new machines and raw materials. Subsequently, with my tailoring experience, I am going to tie up with local business unit in my locality to stich on order dresses for them. They will provide me material and labor cost for preparing dresses, so I need some financial support to grow my business and sustain my livelihood.*

*Moreover, I have realized I have the power to be a role model for the women of my village (Meerani). I think I have succeeded in opening a small door to opportunity for the other women of my area.* Says Abida Parveen.

# Internal Displacement, Conflict and Protection

This course provides insight into the phenomenon of internal displacement, a major humanitarian and development challenge in today's world. Taking a global perspective, you will learn about who internally displaced persons (IDPs) are and where they come from, as well as delving into the fundamentals of the global protection response for IDPs and potential 'solutions' for those who have been internally displaced. The course places you at the Centre of the learning experience through engagement with a range of robust and challenging activities, materials and online peer engagement.



This course has been developed by a specialized consortium of research networks and institutions working on IDP protection and research:

- Global Engagement Network on Internal Displacement in Africa
- Latin American Network on Internal Displacement
- Middle East Network for Research on Internal Displacement
- Internal Displacement Research Programme and Birkbeck at the University of London.



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Free Course

## KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ Explain the main trends in internal displacement, and why IDPs merit special assistance
- ✓ Assess 'protection' and 'solutions' for IDPs, including the links to development
- ✓ Evaluate the experience of internal displacement, drawing on research and creative source

## SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

- ✓ Practice evaluating on-the-ground problems to identify pertinent solutions
- ✓ Practice navigating online in order to engage with specialized resources
- ✓ Learn to apply technical legal and policy categories to factual scenarios
- ✓ Practice sifting complex information to identify important features and trends
- ✓ Learn to engage with technical concepts





A recent report by the Office of National Intelligence (U.S.) has identified the 11 countries most vulnerable to sociopolitical and geopolitical instability due to climate change – and Pakistan is one of them. According to different estimates, climate change could cost Pakistan a staggering \$3.8 billion annually. Given the importance of agriculture in Pakistan– it contributes 22 percent of its GDP and provides employment for almost 39 percent of its workforce. [Read more](#)

The climate change ministry will introduce a Scientific Management System to tactically address the issue of stubble burning that is mainly causing smog in the country. According to the details, a monitoring unit in the climate change ministry would utilize a Geographic Information System (GIS) that would provide real-time data about stubble burning anywhere in the country. [Read more](#)

The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has predicted "widespread rain and thunderstorms" in Karachi and other parts of Sindh between January 4<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) and January 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday) under a new weather system expected to enter the country through Balochistan by Monday. Under the influence of this weather system, the Met office said, widespread thunderstorms and isolated heavy rainfall are expected in Karachi, [Read more](#)

Pakistan has begun dispatching thousands of metric tons of wheat to Afghanistan as relief assistance, saying the humanitarian and economic situation in the neighboring country requires the urgent attention of the international community. Islamabad has pledged about \$28 million worth of humanitarian aid to Kabul, including 50,000 metric tons of wheat, winter shelter and emergency medical supplies. [Read more](#)

The Sindh Education Department has announced the re-opening of educational institutions across Sindh from tomorrow, Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> after the winter vacations. It is pertinent to mention that the Federal government wanted to delay the winter vacations but the Sindh government had already announced winter holidays in educational institutions from December 20, 2021, to January 1, 2022. [Read more](#)

Prime Minister Imran Khan Friday launched the distribution of Naya Pakistan Sehat Card for the entire population of Punjab at a ceremony held at the Governor House. The universal health coverage program would enable each family to avail medical treatment up to Rs 1 million a year. During his day-long visit to the provincial capital, the prime minister would also chair different meetings on administrative and political affairs, law and order as well as development projects. [Read more](#)

Pakistan is experiencing one of the most challenging periods in its history. During the last two decades, Pakistan's food security has been under persistent danger. The purpose of this research is to examine the impact of food insecurity and to look into the pillars of food security in Pakistan. This study asserts that Pakistan needs to concentrate on alternate food security solutions. [Read more](#)

# 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



**Post insights**  
5 December - 1 January · Last 28 days

48.3k	3.9k	2.6k
Post reach	Engagements	Link clicks

**Posts**  
40 posts published in the last 29 days.

MOST ENGAGING	RECENT
<p>Photos from Pakistan Humanitarian Forum P... 13 December</p> <p>Reach: 854 Engagements: 103</p>	<p>Photos from Pakistan Humanitarian Forum P... 15 December</p> <p>Reach: 786 Engagements: 80</p>
<p>Ms. Malra Imran, Vice President of Press Clu... 8 December</p> <p>Reach: 579 Engagements: 31</p>	<p>PHF celebrated Christmas with its ta... 24 December</p> <p>Reach: 439 Engagements: 30</p>
<p>Photos from Pakistan Humanitarian Forum P... 9 December</p> <p>Reach: 479 Engagements: 28</p>	



## PHF Provincial Coordination Meetings

▶ Provincial Coordination Meeting - Sindh, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022,  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

▶ Provincial Coordination Meeting - Balochistan, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

▶ PHF Provincial Coordination Meeting - Punjab, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022,  
11:00 am - 12:15 pm



## **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](#).

## **Vulnerability Risk Assessment (VRA) of Rice Value Chain January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



Oxfam GB is advertising following consultancy assignment, interested consultants/firms to share their proposals, CV's and quotations if you think you are right consultant for this assignment.

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



**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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