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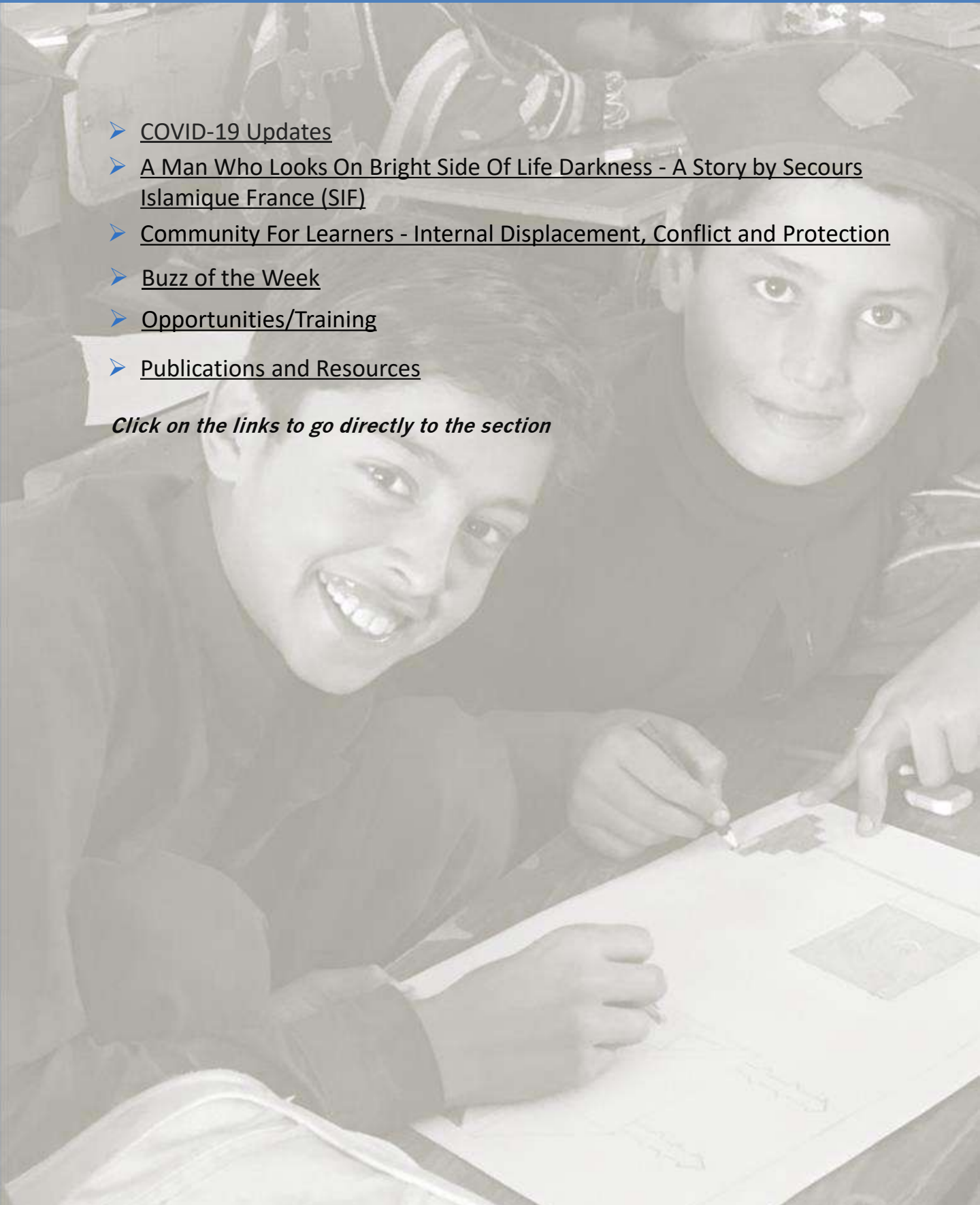


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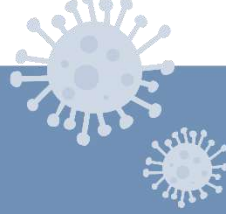
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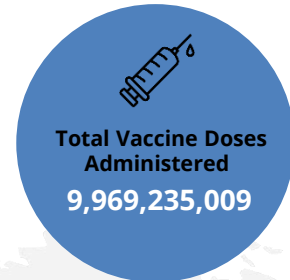
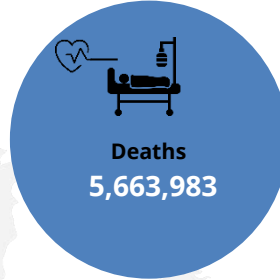
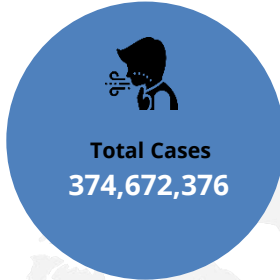
COVID-19

Situation Report



GLOBAL UPDATES

As of January 31st, 2022



Source: Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

- The World Health Organization on Friday said that the NeoCov coronavirus, was discovered by Chinese scientists. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can cause diseases ranging from the common cold to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The WHO said that it is aware of the development, but the virus requires further study to ascertain if it poses a risk to humans. [Read more](#)
- The risk level related to the Omicron variant remains very high, the WHO said late Tuesday January 25th, with the numbers of new Covid-19 cases hitting another record high last week. Over 21 million new cases were reported, representing the highest number of weekly cases recorded since the beginning of the pandemic," the World Health Organization said in its weekly epidemiological coronavirus update. [Read more](#)
- Moderna started a clinical trial to study the safety and effectiveness of a booster shot that specifically targets the omicron Covid variant. The first participant in the phase two trial has already received a dose of the omicron-specific booster shot. [Read more](#)

NATIONAL UPDATES

VACCINE STATISTICS

As of January 31st, 2022



COVID-19 STATISTICS



Source: National Command and Operation Center

- With no let-up in the number of COVID-19 cases in educational institutions in the capital, the health authorities on Friday, January 28th requested the deputy commissioner (DC) to seal 14 more schools and colleges after students and staff were found infected by the virus. [Read more](#)
- Pakistan Medical Association (PMA), Lahore, has hailed Punjab Healthcare Commission's (PHC) order to private hospitals, laboratories, and collection centres to reduce the COVID-19 PCR test fee from Rs6,500 to Rs4,800. They demanded the government provide a PCR test facility for COVID free of cost. [Read more](#)
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Saturday recorded 1,961 coronavirus cases, the highest in a single day since the outbreak of the infection in Feb 2020. The rising Covid-19 incidence prompted the Peshawar administration to lock down eight more areas in the district. [Read more](#)

ACCEPTING THE UNACCEPTED: TRANSFORMING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

By Secours Islamique France (SIF)



STORY OF A MAN WHO LOOKS ON BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE DARKNESS

We often read about or hear of how big suppliers and brands success stories started from a small shop or small workplace. The founders of these companies could not afford to start from a large workspace right off the bat. Over time, they built the companies into corporate behemoths with sprawling offices. Although there is a difference in scale, stories of in District Peshawar entrepreneurship are similar to successful businesses that started in small shops or tiny workspaces.

“Yes, I know that was hard and a lot of work to do but I never give up. At earlier I was scared about how to manage the resources. What can I say, that is life. Besides, look on the bright side: You get to do what you want, and you get to do it your way. There is just one catch. You have to start somewhere. Ideas and opportunities don’t just materialize out of thin air.”
Jehanzeb

Mr. Jehanzeb, the resident of village Azad Khan Kalay Union Council Panam Dheri District Peshawar KP. He has 2 wives and 14 children. He is running a small shop in front of his house and greasing his family palms by providing them food, clothing, and other daily routine use things.

SIF conducted a comprehensive assessment at different locations of district Peshawar i.e., Azad Khan Kalay, Chandan Qala, Hindu Kasay, KhanKhail Sarkha, Azeem Khan Sarkha, Neway Kalay, Ghari Sadu, Khat kalay, Dheray Kalay, Ghari Sherdad, Patwar Payan, Maghdarzai Palosi and Mushtarzai for selection of entrepreneur's shopkeepers selected from districts Peshawar. These livelihood beneficiaries were assessed and identified using a defined tool that was defined by the program team and vetted by the MEAL department through program staff. The tool was comprised of defined criteria and standards to choose and select the beneficiaries. Based on the defined criteria through a comprehensive exercise, SIF field teams identified and finalized 25-livelihood beneficiaries' shopkeepers and engaged them in the provision of the Ramadan Food Pack during 2021.



Mr. Jehanzeb started his shop business in 2001; He was working out of a very small shop. He was running his business in a mud house shop. He also had bad debts and faced a huge cash crunch. But when the SIF team visited him and discussed the project and modality and convinced by their idea that he could provide SIF Ramadan food items big chunks locally (with his village). SIF conviction and determination helped Jehanzeb overcome insurmountable odds and become the medium type of supplier of food commodities to SIF beneficiaries.

Mr. Jehanzeb now scales up his running business of shop and constructed two additional rooms one for shop and one for storeroom where he is currently running his shop. He earned a profit of 1,95,000/- PKRs. He got this profit by providing Ramadan food packs and investing 12.6 million PKRs. to SIF beneficiaries.

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One day, Mr. Jehanzeb heard that SIF going to implement the project to support livelihood beneficiaries' small businesspeople (shopkeepers) from target villages of Union Council Panam Dheri to providing their business opportunity by supplying Ramadan Food Packs with mobilization advance to project beneficiaries in his village.

Jehanzeb took the challenge upon himself, and with the help of close friends and family, Jehanzeb managed to collect the amount to make the initial deposit to purchased out the required and specified food commodities in the shop. In the process, he had to start to visited big markets it was the first time when he experiences bargaining with the big supplier as well as procuring the big chunks of supplies too. Putting his head and fortunes together he started to accomplish the with his son and procuring the food commodities as per SIF designated food packs caseload shop in Azad Khan Kalay, Jehanzeb began his journey as a supplying the food packs by investing 1.26 million PKRs.

Within three to fifteen days, Mr. Jehanzeb prepared Ramadan Food Packs as per SIF requirement and distributed them to Ramadan beneficiaries which leaving him amazed. From that point, there was no looking back. Jehanzeb grew his business as well as constructed two rooms one for shop one for storeroom and earned 1,95,000 PKRs profit too.

SIF initially brought these small level shopkeepers on board and their capacity built through business management & marketing strategies pieces of training and explored an exposure for them to develop and encourage their interest towards sustainable business. They motivated for incremental stages of business and provided a business opportunity to supplying Ramadan Food Packs for SIF-designed Ramadan activity. Their first journey started when they engaged to procure food commodities for Ramadan beneficiaries in district Peshawar.



"When a person does not have his heart in something, he doesn't have the necessary drivers for it."
said Jehanzeb.

SIF project core objective is to scale-up up these small level entrepreneurs' businesses, at a broader level in a systematic way. SIF capacitated them through technical support about marketing, business management, and bragging power. They guided and oriented how, where, and when to procure food commodities. SIF continued to refine these entrepreneur shopkeeper business art and made them skilled and capable individuals. One of the first breakthroughs for them occurred when they were provided the business opportunity to supply Ramadan Food commodities to SIF beneficiaries in 2021. This exposure and recognition allowed them to landed in enhancing their business through different parameters.

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 delve 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.



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 sources

Free Course



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



Flexible deadlines

Reset deadlines in accordance to your schedule.



Shareable Certificate

Earn a Certificate upon completion.



100% online

Start instantly and learn at your own schedule.



Beginner Level



Approx. 27 hours to complete



English

Subtitles: English





Pakistan is spending up to 10 billion dollar annually to deal with the negative impacts of the climate change, especially in the northern areas. It said Pakistan contributes less than one percent of the global greenhouse gas emissions but yet, every year it keeps on climbing up the ladder of climate vulnerability. Pakistan is highly vulnerable to climate change due to its geographic location, high dependence on agriculture and water [Read more](#)

Pakistan and Afghanistan Sunday agreed to form a high-level committee to address border issues as National Security Adviser (NSA) Moeed Yusuf concluded a two-day visit to Kabul. “Both sides agreed to establish a national-level coordination mechanism for enhancing facilitation at border crossing points and to expedite ongoing negotiations to conclude a new trade agreement,” [Read more](#)

Pakistan and Iran have shown unforgettable generosity in hosting millions of Afghans, says UN Secretary-General António Guterres while reminding the rest of the world to come forward and help Afghanistan. “I will never forget the generosity of countries like Pakistan and Iran, which — for decades — have hosted millions of Afghans in need,” the UN chief said at a Security Council debate on Afghanistan earlier this week. [Read more](#)

According to the details, the government has been spending money on tree plantation drives but now it needs the support of the international community to carry out its green initiatives. An official said that the government is currently using its own resources, but there is a need for the international community to make investments in the green initiatives launched by Prime Minister Imran Khan. [Read more](#)

Agriculture entrepreneurs are bringing the digital age to Pakistan's farmers, helping them plan crops better and distribute their produce when the time is right. Even making mobile phone calls can be difficult in many parts of Pakistan, but since October, farmers in Chak 26 and pilot projects elsewhere have been given free access to the internet—and it is revolutionizing the way they work. [Read more](#)

Minister of State for Climate Change Ms. Zartaj Gul on Monday said the government was likely to bring electronic-waste management law soon aimed at ensuring proper disposal of discarded-electrical or electronic devices and their recycling in an environmentally correct manner. “Our vision of Digital Pakistan is only complete through green and sustainable initiatives, and we are determined to control the impacts of climate change.” [Read more](#)

The Punjab Minister for Revenue retired Col Mohammad Anwar said every family of Rawalpindi Division would have the facility of ‘Naya Pakistan Health Card’ by the end of March. Talking to newsmen in Attock, he said under the facility they will be entitled to free of cost medical treatment worth Rs1 million annually. [Read more](#)

Community-led Project Management, Cross Learning and Sustainability Workshop for the BRUC Project stakeholders February 1, 2022

Oxfam GB is advertising the above consultancy assignment, interested consultants/firms to share their proposals, CVs, and quotations if you think you are the right consultant for this assignment. Please send your detailed technical Proposals and financial Quotations to the following Oxfam official email address within the closing date. Email ID: oxfampak@oxfam.org.uk



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

WEBINAR: The Impact of a TRIPS COVID Waiver on Trade and Investment Agreements February 4, 2022, | 10am EST | 3pm GMT

More information, including an abstract of the paper, is available at: [Click here](#)
For Registration, please [click here](#).

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 – registration for Side Events 23 to 28 May 2022, in Bali, Indonesia, and hosted by the Government of Indonesia and UNDRR- Application for side events: 31st January 2022

The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction is a multi-stakeholder forum providing an avenue to share knowledge and discuss the latest developments and trends in reducing disaster risk. It is a critical mechanism to review progress on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. During the Platform, governments, the UN system and other stakeholders convene to identify ways to accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

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



Prize distribution during World Children's Day at GPS Shamlo Dand District Swabi @Relief International

Operations & Response Director, WV Afghanistan February 5th , 2022

The Operations & Response Director provides overall humanitarian leadership to the operations team in WV Afghanistan (WVA). He/she has primary responsibility for directing the response from strategy to implementation, inclusive of performance and oversight of all aspects of the response.

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

Call for Registration and Contributors for the 2022 Asia-Pacific Humanitarian Partnership Week

31 January 2021 to 4th February 2022

Registration for the 2021 Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week is open. This virtual 5-day event follows up on the recommendations made in the 2020 Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week, which examined the future of humanitarianism in the Asia Pacific region. This year we ask you to share your experiences and thoughts on key humanitarian questions from inclusion, protection climate, and humanitarian action and risk. Don't hesitate to invite your networks.

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

Sign up to ICVA's Regional Working Groups



ICVA has a range of working groups for members covering our focus areas of Forced Migration; Humanitarian Financing, Humanitarian Coordination, climate change, etc. The working groups are listed on ICVA's website. If colleagues from member organizations in the region are interested in joining any of the mailing lists, please reach out to the ICVA secretariat (secretariat@icvanetwork.org), with your contact focal point, and which group you would like to join. Your contributions would be much valued. If you have any contact updates for the Asia Pacific Mailing list, please don't hesitate to reach out to: keya.sahachaudhury@icvanetwork.org

For more information, please visit ICVA's [website](#).



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IASC RG4 Podcast series The Nexus Collection

In the latest in the podcast series on the nexus Financing the Nexus: Is it Really All about the Money? listen in on Jeremy Rempel, co-chair of IASC Results Group 5 (Financing) as he looks at the nexus financing question from the humanitarian point of view. Hear from Jo Scheuer, Representative of UNDP in Mali, about what sort of development financing enables development actors to engage with a nexus approach in protracted crises (and what type of financing makes nexus-ing really difficult). And listen to Cushla Thompson from the OECD, talking about what donors are already doing to walk the walk on the nexus – and what she would like to see them do next.

For the newly launched podcast in the series, see [here](#).

Research on integrating climate change adaptation & disaster risk reduction in law & policy

Research from IFRC Disaster Law and the School of Law of University College Cork explored how climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) can be effectively integrated through law and policy.

The research conducted in Fiji, the Philippines, Dominica, and Kenya – all countries vulnerable to climate change, informed the drafting of a final Global Synthesis Report, consolidating the findings and providing recommendations for law and policymakers. [Read More](#)

Launch of the UNHCR Operational Strategy for Climate Resilience and Environmental Sustainability

UNHCR has launched its Operational Strategy for Climate Resilience and Environmental Sustainability 2022-2025. The overarching objectives of this strategy are to mitigate the impact of the climate crisis on the people we serve, strengthen their resilience to climate-related and other environmental risks – including by preserving and rehabilitating the natural environment in displacement settings – and minimize the environmental footprint of our assistance.

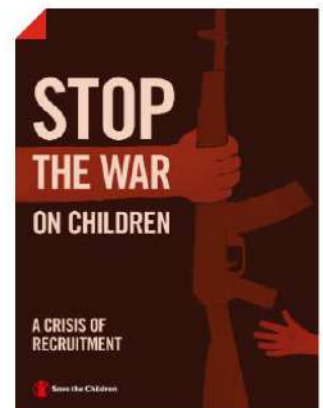
This strategy is grounded in our Strategic Framework for Climate Action, launched earlier this year, and aims at operationalizing its second Pillar of Action – Operations. This will feed into the realization of regional Climate Action Plans that will ground our ambitions in context-specific needs and realities.

[Read More](#)

Stop the War on Children series: A crisis of recruitment

Save the Children has launched its latest report in its series Stop the War on Children series: Children at risk of recruitment and use by armed forces or armed groups.

There has been a rise in the number of verified incidents of children recruited and used by armed forces and groups, and the number of groups recruiting children has also increased. This report focuses on investigations from Afghanistan, Syria, and Yemen. [Read More](#)





Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest, Tuesday, January 25, 2022

InterAction has published “Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest” as of Tuesday, January 25, 2022. To access the digest, [please click here.](#)

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