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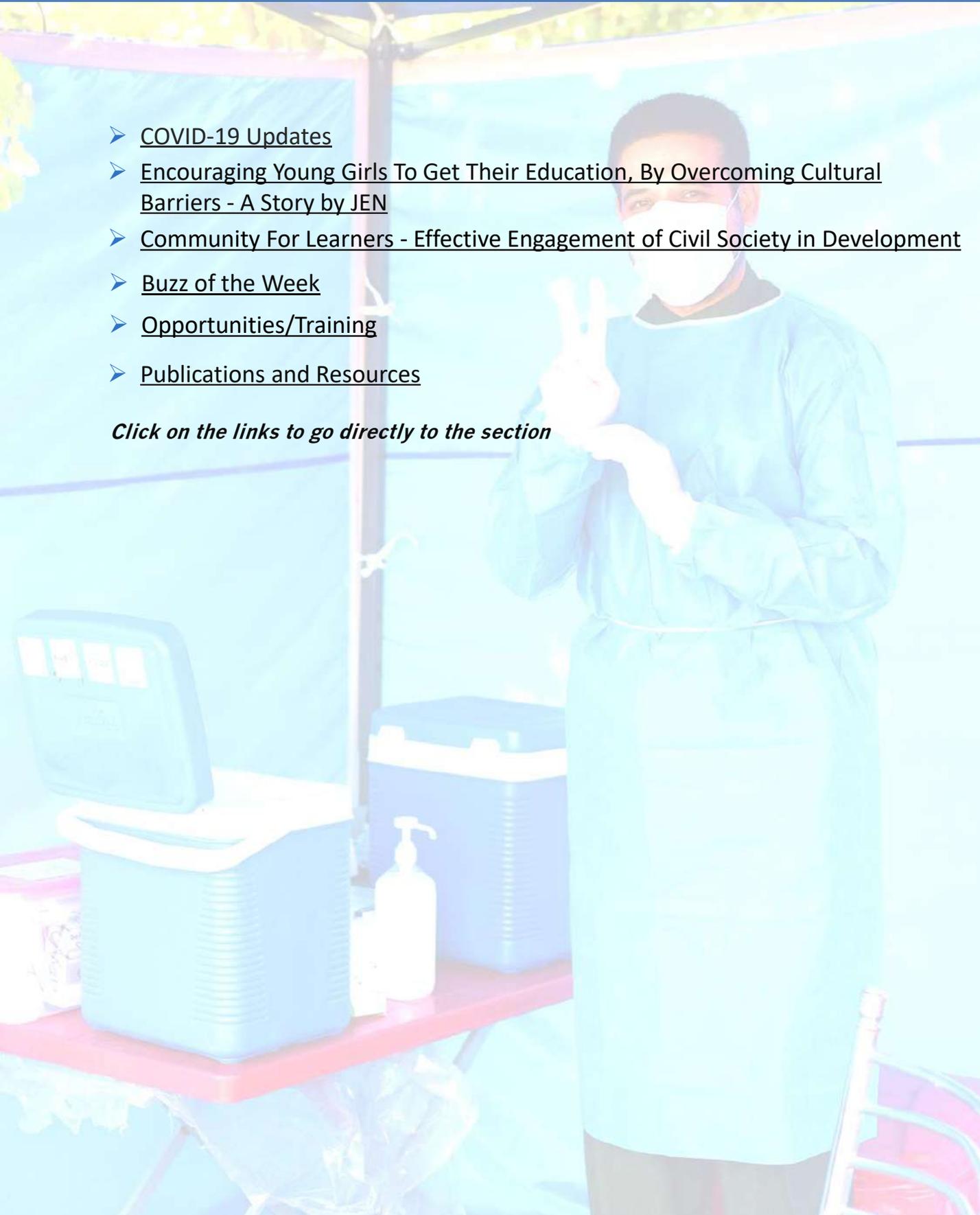
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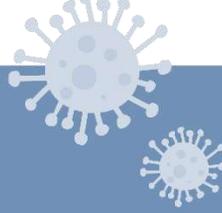
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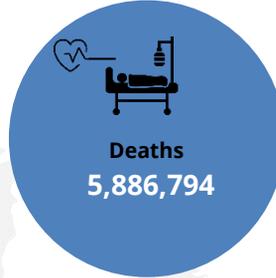
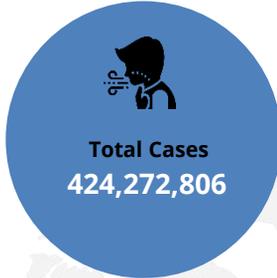
# COVID-19

## Situation Report



### GLOBAL UPDATES

As of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



Source: Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

- Bill Gates said on Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> that the risks of severe disease from Covid-19 have “dramatically reduced” but another pandemic is all but certain. He added that the world should move faster in the future to develop and distribute vaccines, calling on governments to invest now. [Read more](#)
- People with COVID-19 won't be legally required to self-isolate in England starting in the coming week, the UK government has announced, as part of a plan for "living with COVID" that is also likely to see testing scaled back. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said ending all of the legal restrictions brought in to curb the spread of the virus will let people in the UK "protect ourselves without restricting our freedoms." [Read more](#)
- As the world approaches the second anniversary of the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic by the World Health Organization, from March 11, more nations will roll out or will discuss the possibility of fourth doses of coronavirus vaccine for their most vulnerable. In the United States, leading public health officials say they are "very carefully" monitoring if or when fourth doses might be needed. [Read more](#)

### NATIONAL UPDATES

#### VACCINE STATISTICS

As of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



#### COVID-19 STATISTICS



Source: National Command and Operation Center

- The fifth wave of COVID-19 has lost steam in Pakistan as the country continued to record a decline in its daily coronavirus numbers, data showed on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. As per the latest stats of the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) issued on Saturday, the country reported 1,983 fresh coronavirus infections in the last 24 hours, making it the lowest number of single-day infections after almost a month. [Read more](#)
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has congratulated Pakistan on February 15, for administering 200 million COVID-19 vaccine doses in its fight against the pandemic. This achievement is a testament to the government's relentless efforts and perseverance for vaccine administration. [Read more](#)
- The COVID-19 situation in the city has significantly improved showing a 60 percent to 80pc drop in hospitalization, health experts told Dawn while underscoring the need for continuing vaccination efforts and encouraging the general public to follow the standard operating procedure (SOPs), particularly the use of face mask. [Read more](#)

## Encouraging young girls to get their education, by overcoming cultural barriers

By JEN



Aabida belongs to a rural village Shandawi in tribal district Kurram. She is twelve year old and the sister of three brothers and four sisters. She was the student of Grade seven in the Girls Middle School which was the only school in her village. So, girls from other hamlets and localities come to attend. Her father runs a small shop in the village. They are a middle-class family. They have a small market in the village where they can purchase grocery. They don't have hospital in the area. So, they use to go to the tehsil town Sadda or Parachinar to access general health facilities.

Her school is situated down the mountain slope. There are few agriculture fields and a road upward her school. People of her village especially men work in the fields and utilize the road for transportation to the main town of Sadda for routine tasks.

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“Provision of WASH facilities to returnees in Upper and Central Kurram areas of Tribal District Kurram, KP Province”. Having passion in mind, she aims to get higher education. But a strange thing stops her from going to school any more. It was the boundary wall of the school which was not proper and the girl who use veil avoid going to school because they don't want to show up themselves.

During the time, JEN was reconstructing toilets and water supply scheme in her school through their WASH initiative. The school head mistress informed about the situation and explain the main reasons of drop out of girls from school. The head mistress told JEN team that cultural barriers are so strong and that's why girl student are reluctant to attend the classes as their privacy is deteriorated due to the boundary wall.

JEN team realized the nature of the problem and communicated it to the headquarter. As the project activity was not planned in advance so JEN raised new funding from private donors in Japan. And after two months, JEN started work on the boundary wall and raised its height to an appropriate level. JEN do not only raised the height of the boundary wall but also installed playing equipment in the play area of the school like sea saw and badminton equipment. JEN also set up a library and equipped it with range of books and furniture. So that Aabida and her class fellows could enhance their intellect.

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Now Aabida and her friends feel safe and comfortable inside the premises of school.

After the project, JEN team interviewed Aabida and she told “I was depressed to quit education and lost my friends as we were forced by our families. So, we had to stop attending the school in the past due to the short boundary wall. With the new construction, we can now play sports and walk around freely. We have now a secure environment and our privacy is ensured. Besides, I am very excited to have new books in our new library. I am very keen for reading. The books have a diverse range and suddenly I am feeling so good. I have plan to study so many books of my interest to learn new ideas and skills.”

JEN also interviewed Aabida’s headmistress. The headmistress shared “It was like a dream that comes true”. Suddenly our school has transformed into a completely new shape. The school has now a protected environment. JEN has provided playground equipment and sports items. More importantly, JEN provided us books for library. Not only students but teachers can also read those books. As a teacher I am relieved to see smile and happiness on the faces of my students. The area was affected by the conflict in the past and these little children saw bad times in heir childhood which was very unfortunate. Now seeing them playing their favorite sports and reading nice stories is a blessing. These extracurricular activities will put positive impact on their behavior. And I expect a very good increase in the enrolment next year”.

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## Effective Engagement of Civil Society in Development

Civil society organizations (CSOs) are key actors in development that have valuable contributions to make. They play a multitude of roles - including in relation to humanitarian assistance, service-delivery, research and policy development, and pursuing accountability from governments and other stakeholders – all of which can significantly contribute to the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). CSOs are expected to play a critical role in implementing the SDGs and in monitoring their progress. It is therefore urgent that CSOs meaningfully and effectively engage in development processes.



### Learning objectives

Following the completion of the 5 modules of the Online Interactive Guidance, participants will be able to:

- Describe the rationale behind the need to engage civil society in development processes;
- Define the CSO enabling environment and CSO development effectiveness as key components to ensuring effective engagement of CSOs in development;
- Recall the international commitments on the CSO enabling environment and CSO development effectiveness;
- Distinguish the roles and responsibilities of different development actors in ensuring effective engagement of CSOs in development
- Identify practical ways in which governments, donors and civil society can engage to create a CSO enabling environment and ensure CSO development effectiveness;
- Identify good practices for a CSO enabling environment and development effectiveness;
- Indicate the benefits that can ensue from implementing good practices;
- Translate the international commitments and apply these to their own context.

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#### English

Subtitles: English





Pakistan will be facing absolute shortages of water after three years in 2025, as the situation is aggravating mainly because of climate change and massive fluctuations in patterns of severe weather conditions, experts said. They were of the view that Pakistan is not among the countries largely contributing towards carbon emissions, but Islamabad will have to take steps to keep itself within the desired limit over the coming years. [Read more](#)

Pakistan contributes less than one percent of the global greenhouse gas emissions but every year it keeps on climbing up the ladder of climate vulnerability. This was the crux of the interaction of the climate experts at the National Press Club, here on Wednesday. Among other experts, Khan Faraz, an expert from Peshawar said that the climate change has already impacted the economy of Pakistan in the form of increasing frequency [Read more](#)

WWF-Pakistan and Novumpack have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) aimed at collaboration for corporate sustainability and environmental awareness campaigns, a statement said. As a non-profit organization working in environmental and nature conservation in Pakistan, WWF-Pakistan works to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which people and nature can thrive. [Read more](#)

US Consul General in Lahore Mr. William Makaneole has said that the United States is a big market for Pakistani exporters and the relations between both the countries remained cordial despite ups and down and the US wishes a deep friendly relationship with Pakistan. He said the United States is a huge market for Pakistani exporters. Pakistanis exported 24pc more to the US this year than the last year but there is still room for improvement. [Read more](#)

A medical university in northwest Pakistan and the country's top education body have given their initial approval for setting up a campus in Kabul to help to rebuild Afghanistan's health sector, Pakistani and Afghan officials said on Saturday. Since the Taliban took over Afghanistan in August last year, the group has been making desperate attempts to rebuild key sectors, including health, education and banking. [Read more](#)

Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan has once again criticized the 18th Amendment, alleging that it has messed up the process of granting educational scholarships to deserving students. "Through scholarships, we can decide the future course of the country's development. The purpose of the education system should be nation building. [Read more](#)

Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan held a telephonic conversation with Austrian Federal Chancellor Mr. Karl Nehammer. "Our first concern is how to avert humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. We would also like to collaborate on developing northern areas tourism & furthering tech collab on model of Pak-Austria Fachhochschule IAST," the prime minister Imran Khan wrote in the tweet. [Read more](#)

## ▶ Finance Officer Partnership & Capacity Building (INT8264)

**Deadline: February 23, 2022**

Oxfam is a global movement of people working together to end the injustice of poverty. If you meet the requirements as cited in the Job Profile, please send your applications online at the link mentioned below.

OR visit our website [www.oxfam.org.uk/jobs](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/jobs) using the job reference number **as mentioned above**.

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

## ▶ WEBINAR: Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH)

**Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The RSH is holding a webinar on Understanding the intersections and differences between GBV, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Sexual Harassment, and Safeguarding. This webinar will provide an overview of the core concepts and aim to clarify similarities and differences between them. It will outline practical issues which may stem from the conflation between roles and responsibilities between GBV and SEAH practitioners and the practical harm which may come to survivors where this occurs – using case examples to ground discussion.

**Registration:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_pwA58mFKRJa4uUiYVlznzQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pwA58mFKRJa4uUiYVlznzQ)

**Language:** English, interpreted to Arabic, French and Swahili

To read more about the webinar and RSH, please [click here](#).

## ▶ TOR's Hiring of Consultant to develop high-quality video documentary for PHF Annual Report 2021

**Deadline: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The consultant will have to develop a very high-quality video documentary that will reflect all the contributions of the PHF member organizations in a very engaging and effective way. The details related to the scope of work is given below.

- Develop the video documentary overall film concept and scenario
- Develop the video documentary script and storyboard
- Plan and conduct the interview of the identified participants

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

## ▶ Invitation - Regional Expert Roundtable on “Gender Equality in Nationality Matters and the Prevention of Statelessness” on International Women’s Day. March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time: 10:00 – 12:00 BKK time**

The event, organized by the UNHCR Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (RBAP) and UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP), aims to explore the implications of gender-discriminatory provisions in nationality laws in the region, and ways to address prevailing norms and existing inequalities, especially how to create a conducive environment for ensuring legislative frameworks.

**Registration:** [https://unwomen.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kexHCRD9S76L6g4eveTNUQ](https://unwomen.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kexHCRD9S76L6g4eveTNUQ)

## The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) – 10 Internal Displacement Situations to Watch in 2022

The IDMC highlights 10 situations of concern globally that have the potential to displace millions more in 2022, including Afghanistan, Myanmar, and countries in the Pacific affected by severe tropical cyclones.

To view the watch list, please visit [here](#).

## Media Report-Qatar National Sports Day-Punjab

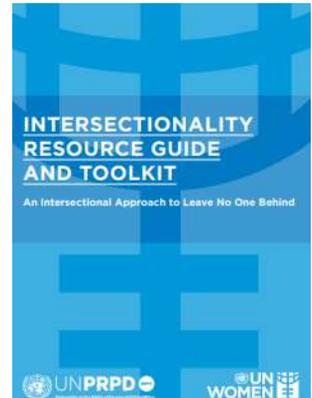
Qatar Charity celebrated Qatar National Sports Day with its registered 50 Orphans from district Rawalpindi in Islamabad. QC organized different sports and competitions for girls and boys. These sports were included cricket match, football competition, basketball, tug of war, running race, badminton competition and balloons blown. The objective of this day is to highlight the importance of sports and exercise in daily routine of life and raise awareness among children about physical and mental health. [Read more](#)



## INTERSECTIONALITY RESOURCE GUIDE AND TOOLKIT

### *An Intersectional Approach to Leave No One Behind*

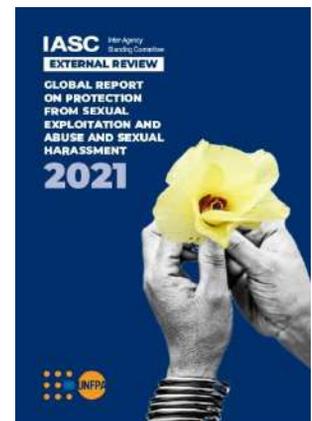
UN women and Partners have released a guide this guide and toolkit to help both organizations and individual practitioners and experts to address intersectionality in policies and in programmes. It may be used by individuals or teams to assess their own knowledge, attitudes and practice, at a programme level as a supplement to existing design, adaptation and assessment processes or at a policy level to better understand and address the different and intersecting effects of policy on marginalised persons. [Read More](#)



## 2021 IASC EXTERNAL REVIEW OF PSEA/SH

The IASC External Review of Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment was commissioned by the 2021 IASC PSEAH Champion, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem.

The purpose of the review was to provide an independent assessment of the progress since the IASC review of PSEA in 2010 and to consider the impact and effectiveness of the IASC approach to PSEAH. The scope of the review is global. [Read More](#)



## UN Migration Network Working Group 6 on Access to Services Promising Practices

The Thematic Working Group 6 has produced a new document on promising practices in the provision of essential services to migrants. The document provides practical examples on how migrants are included in the provision of services in the field of health, housing, education, vocational training, and basic public services such as water and sanitation. A dedicated section of the report also includes examples of multi-sector migrant services in the context of the pandemic of COVID-19. The case studies are contributions from national and local governments, partner agencies and other stakeholders. They focus on government policies, national or local legislation, international agreements, and programs or interventions with particular emphasis on local and grass-roots level.

[Read more](#)

## Asian Preparedness Partnership (APP) Private Sector Engagement Study

The APP established by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) is a multi-stakeholder regional partnership that includes countries from South and Southeast Asia to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. The study analyzes the potential of the private sector as an emerging actor in disaster risk reduction and management.

To access the study, please see [here](#).

## START Network Quarterly Learning Brief

The quarterly brief summarizes the network's key learnings from Q4 of 2021 and examines how START can improve evidence and learning through considering success from a community perspective and ways to make the network more agile.

To access the study, please see [here](#).



## START Network publication on drought impact-based forecasting

Drought is particularly susceptible to multi-hazard influences. Forecasting impacts and establishing relationships of drought can be challenging. To read about the START Network's work with local organizations and the academia on impact-based forecasting on drought, please see [here](#).



## Plan International Asia Pacific report - Life Through Letters: Experiences and Dreams from Young People during the Covid-19 Pandemic in Asia Pacific

This report from Plan International Asia Pacific explores the perspective of young people on the global COVID-19 pandemic. As news coverage has and continues to predominantly focus on responses by governments and organizations, this report brings to the fore the experiences, insights and efforts of young people as local agents of change.

To read the report, please see [here](#).





## 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.](#)



## Development Aid News Digest

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