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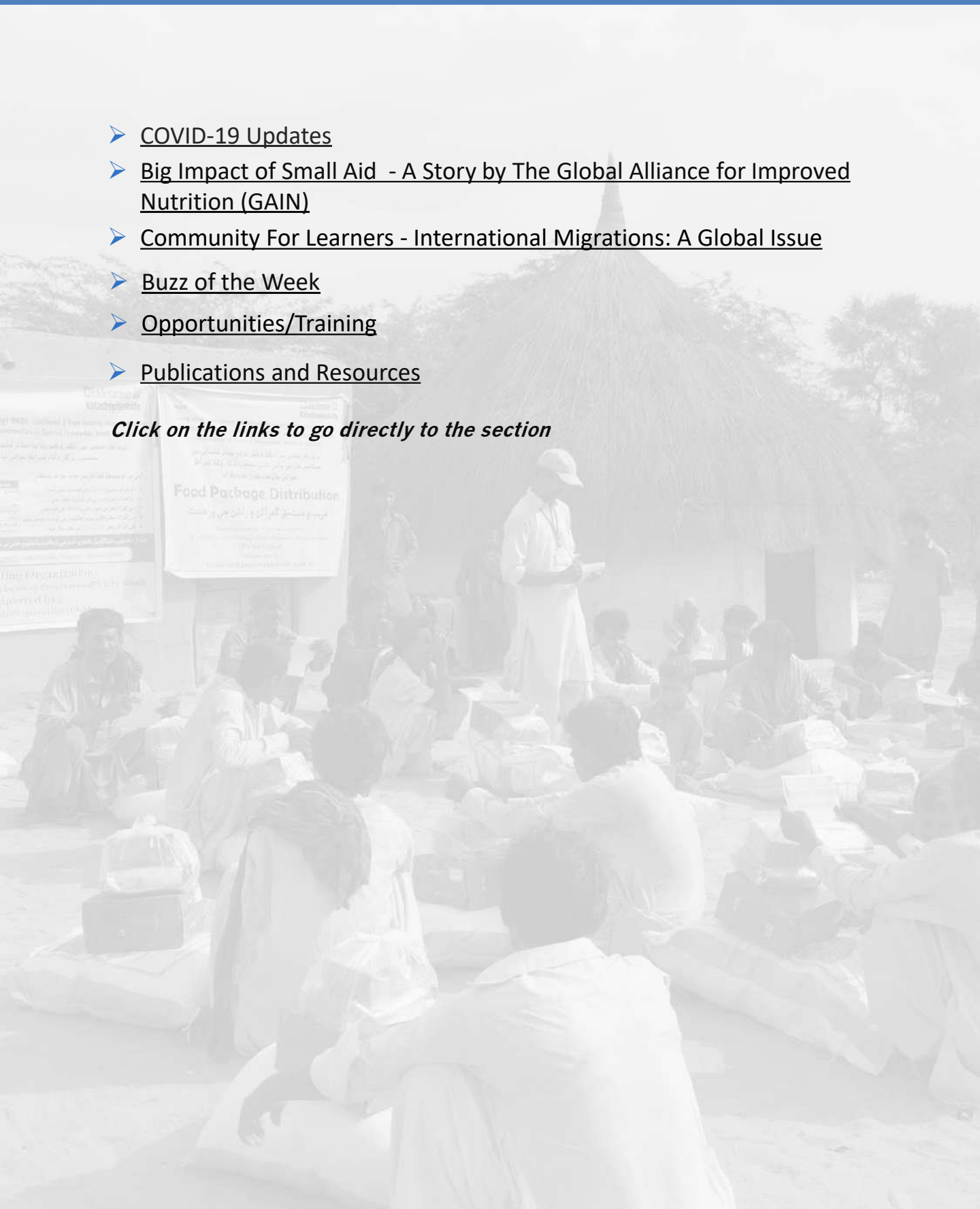
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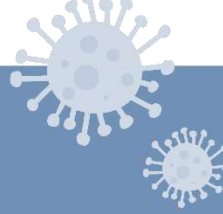
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COVID-19

Situation Report



GLOBAL UPDATES

As of February 6th, 2022



Total Cases
394,884,473



Deaths
5,739,131



Total Vaccine Doses Administered
10,050,720,143

Source: Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

World Health Organization (WHO) chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Saturday that he stressed greater cooperation in investigating the origins of the novel coronavirus during conversations with Chinese officials. Tedros said he also spoke with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang about the global goal of vaccinating 70 percent of the world's population this year. [Read more](#)

Almost two years after the government closed Australia to the world, the international border is set to reopen to those who are fully vaccinated. Prime Minister Scott Morrison said after new medical advice, the new border rules would come into place on February 21. "The condition is you must be double vaccinated to come to Australia," he said. [Read more](#)

More people got reinfected during the Omicron wave in the UK than before it emerged, data shows. It means people who've had COVID-19 could get sick again. The rate of reinfection in the UK was fifteen times higher during a time when Omicron was dominant, compared with a pre-Omicron period, data from the Office for National Statistics showed Wednesday. [Read more](#)

NATIONAL UPDATES

VACCINE STATISTICS

As of February 6th, 2022

Partially Vaccinated

110,213,721

LAST 24 HOURS:
1,059,292



Fully Vaccinated

86,200,581

LAST 24 HOURS: 743,571



Booster Doses

3,033,174

LAST 24 HOURS: 94,090



Total Doses Administered

185,979,557

LAST 24 HOURS:
1,842,955



COVID-19 STATISTICS

1,463,111

Confirmed Cases



Last 24 hrs: 3,338

1,684

Critical Cases



Last 24 hrs: 3

29,516

Deaths



Last 24 hrs: 38

1,344,403

Recovered Cases



Last 24 hrs: 4,905

25,422,966

Total Tests



Last 24 hrs: 44,779

Source: National Command and Operation Center

Planning Minister Mr. Asad Umar Tuesday, February 1st announced that the government has launched a massive door-to-door vaccination campaign to administer over 35 million COVID-19 shots as the country battles the fifth wave of the virus. He said under the first phase of the campaign, 55,000 mobile teams will vaccinate people at their homes for the next two months. [Read more](#)

As of February 1, the United States has provided, without any cost to the Pakistani government or people, more than 47 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines. And we are not done. There are millions more free doses coming in the next several months. [Read more](#)

Pakistan will get 40 million more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in the first quarter of the current year under the COVAX facility, said the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) Pakistan on Wednesday February 2nd. Pakistan has already received over 91 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine under the COVAX facility. [Read more](#)

Big Impact of Small Aid

By The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)
STORY OF FARZANA ASHRAF, WHO IS THE OWNER OF RFWU.



Farzana Ashraf, 38 years old is living in Village Naran Mughlan, Tehsil & District, Chakwal, Punjab, Pakistan with her parents. She is a progressive farmer and change maker. Her struggle to change the lives of women farmers dates back to 2005 when she started organizing and training them. In her area, women have a major share in the workload but often disregarded from participation in any kind of agriculture schemes, awareness sessions and economic benefits. The plight of women was calling for a change and Farzana decided to be that change maker.

A Chinese proverb says that “Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins with a Single Step” and Farzana took the first step of changing lives by forming women committees in 10 villages of Chakwal. Each committee comprised of 10 women farmers. Assisted by a team of five people, they started exploring about the problems behind low productivity of women farmers.

After sequence of interviews with (women) farmers, her team found out that wheat is major crop of the area and farmers are heavily reliant on this. However, wheat production remains very low due to low quality seeds and lack of access to the markets. Since women farmers lacked land ownership, only males participated in the agriculture’s scheme/projects introduced in the area. Women farmers were dejected and thinking about to have some other business as agriculture was falling well short of fulfilling their needs.

Farzana Ashraf and her team started holding meetings and awareness sessions with the female farmer committees improving their knowledge and skills for better productivity. In 2007, she was able to register the women farmer committees at the district level and linked them with a seed distribution scheme/project. Most promising feature of this scheme/project was that wheat seeds were distributed directly to the women farmers (instead of males), they grew the Wheat/Seeds and then at the end of the season they had to return the same amount of Wheat seed to RFWU for distributing among more women farmers in the next season.



Good quality seeds not only multiplied but also improved wheat production. It also enhanced the confidence of women farmers to grow more.

Farzana Ashraf and her team thought about reducing the reliance of women farmers to grow only Wheat and came up with idea of growing the organic vegetables. Farzana’s team trained the women farmers on growing vegetables. Along with this they were provided trainings on rainwater harvesting techniques and marketing including exploring new markets. Women were trained that how they can sale their products directly to the consumers in high end markets like Lahore and Islamabad to fetch better prices and avoid exploitation of middleman which would purchase the yield at much lower than the market rates.

This was not all Farzana had to offer to her fellow women farmers. She wanted all her initiatives to be sustainable and scalable which were not possible without adding a commercial aspect. With this idea, she established RFWU in 2008, a platform to facilitate, train and support female farmers.

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Farzana also established a farm and started a small farming business which works with women farmers and train them on organic farming using organic fertilizer and compost. The farm consists of 10 kanal of land and practically demonstrates importance of crop diversity in the agriculture with a focus on growing and marketing of organic vegetables, fruits and crops grow by female farmers.

The piece of land was smartly zoned to grow citrus over 5 kanals, seasonal vegetables over 2.5 kanals and grapes on the remaining 2.5 kanals. Grapes section is home to 140 plants. Through this smart agriculture, Farzana is able to raise income which is also sufficient to fund salaries of staff which has now grown to 25 comprising 20 females and 5 males. Farzana was managing her farm successfully with her team and selling organic vegetables and fruits at good rate in big markets of Islamabad and other cities.

Besides being a business, RFWU serves as a training center for women farmers on picking, sorting, grading, storing and packaging of fruits and vegetables.

RFWU is also supporting other 1400 women farmers (members of women committees) of her village as well as living in nearby villages by providing them seeds, technical trainings, marketing trainings and other support etc.

International Migrations: A Global Issue

ABOUT THE COURSE

The world is moving, but not all opinions and governments are willing to accept this poorly understood reality. The issue affects both states and the planet, in a process of globalization and of regionalization of migrations, and raises new questions for international relations, now including the South. This course aims at improving knowledge of the subject, addressing the key issues raised by international migration, and assessing the trends of tomorrow.



FORMAT

The MOOC lasts 7 weeks and focuses on various themes related to migration. It makes use of various types of documents, such as maps, news articles, and scientific papers.

The text is in English, and the videos are in French with English subtitles.

[Free Course](#)

COURSE OUTLINE

- Session 1: Globalization of migration
- Session 2: Refugees and environmentally displaced persons
- Session 3: Europe
- Session 4: France and international migration flows
- Session 5: Citizenship and migration
- Session 6: Borders
- Session 7: Right to mobility and global governance

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Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid gave away Naya Pakistan Qaumi Sehat Cards to residents of UC-51 and UC-61 of NA-125 here on Friday. The minister said that Prime Minister eagerly wanted to provide free healthcare to all citizens as top-quality health facilities was a basic right of every citizen. Prime Minister Imran Khan desired that everyone must have free health insurance. [Read more](#)

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Health Dr Faisal Sultan said on Saturday that the spike in the cases of the Omicron-driven fifth wave of Covid-19 has slightly fallen. But at the same time, he made it clear that it cannot be called a declining trend, saying that the graph of cases has just straightened. “After a sudden spike in cases, the graph has straightened, but we cannot say that the wave has declined. [Read more](#)

Pakistan is among the 10 countries worldwide with the largest damages from climate-related disasters since 2000 - highly affected by climate change while only contributing about one percent of global greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), reveals the latest report by International Monetary Fund (IMF). “Relative to peers worldwide, Pakistan stands out in terms of frequency and material damages, while human losses are sizable too. [Read more](#)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pakistan, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the International Cooperation- Directorate-General for the Development Cooperation (MAECI-DGCS) formally launched the project “Glaciers & Students—A Scientific-Based Approach to Monitor Climate and Glaciers in Pakistan Mountain Regions to Support Hydrogeological Risk Prevention”. [Read more](#)

Under the School Education department’s initiative of “School Khana Programme”, the District Education Authority Lahore in collaboration with Allah Wallay Trust (a local charity organization focused on providing free meals to students of primary schools), and Honda Pakistan started the programme at CDG Primary School Bhabara. [Read more](#)

Pakistan on Wednesday, February 2nd sent another consignment of relief goods to Afghanistan as part of its efforts to ward off a looming humanitarian crisis in the war-torn country. The Pak-Afghan Cooperation Forum (PACF) handed over 13 truckloads of relief goods to Afghan officials at the Torkham border. The relief goods included 353 tonnes of winter and hygiene packs and food items. [Read more](#)

The Al-Khidmat Foundation Pakistan (AKFP) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Humanitarian Assistance Society (HAS), a leading Afghan welfare organization, for the establishment of Aghosh Home for the sponsorship of orphans in Afghanistan. Initially, an Aghosh Home will be set up to support 150 orphans. The AKFP had already established centers for Syrian orphan children in the border town of Gaziantep, Turkey. [Read more](#)

Final Evaluation of Gender Transformative & Responsible Agribusiness Investments in Southeast Asia (GRAISEA) Phase 2 in Pakistan Deadline: February 15, 2022



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Research Fellowship Programme “Views from Within Asian Minorities: Young Scholars and Social Workers Promoting Interfaith and Interethnic Understanding for Peace”

Deadline: March 15th, 2022

The fellowship program will include online workshops and consultations where the fellows will be mentored and guided in their field and desk research by the program’s advisory team.

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



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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.

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Focusing On Creating A Robust Complaint Response Mechanism In The Humanitarian Aid Sector

“Over the last two years, we have offered different webinars covering various aspects of Safeguarding. We also continue to raise more awareness in key aspects of Accountability such as establishing efficient and transparent complaint systems and protection from and prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment. Safeguarding is a key pillar to any accountability measures that organizations must integrate into their programs and working cycle,” said Palwashay Arbab, from Community World Service Asia (CWSA), [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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