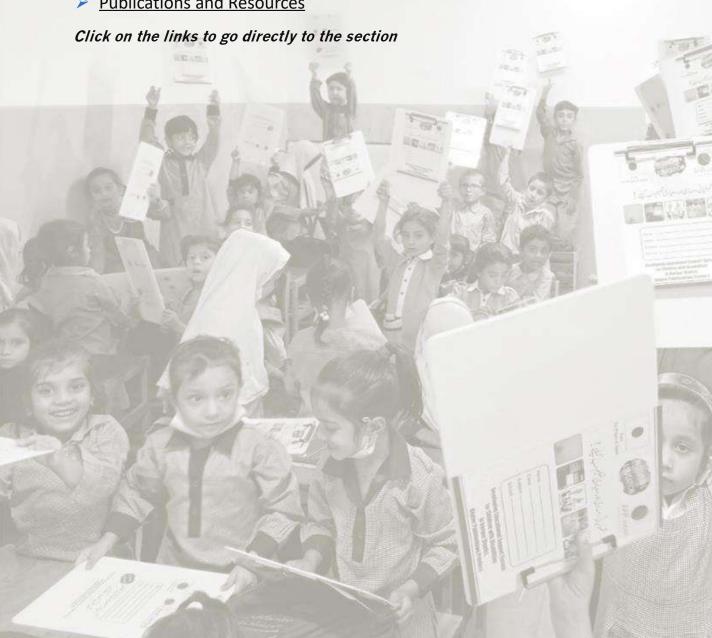
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GLOBAL UPDATES









Source: Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

- South Africa, the country in Africa worst affected by coronavirus, has relaxed some of its remaining COVID-19 restrictions, dropping mandatory negative results for inbound fully-vaccinated travellers, a move expected to boost tourism. On Tuesday 22nd March, President Cyril Ramaphosa made the announcement to scale down restrictions imposed since March 2020 – as new infection rates slow and death rates decline. Read more
- Several European nations are facing a new spike in COVID-19 cases because they scrapped pandemic restrictions too soon, a senior World Health Organization (WHO) official has warned. On Tuesday 22nd March Officials said that the coronavirus is back on the rise in 18 European countries, including the United Kingdom, France, Italy and Germany, Hans Kluge, WHO's regional director for the continent. Read more
- South Korea's latest COVID-19 wave has pushed the country's total infections past 10 million since the pandemic began, as funeral homes struggle to keep up with a sudden surge in deaths. The recent spike in deaths has seen a demand for funeral arrangements rise. The health ministry on Monday instructed crematories nationwide to operate for longer hours. Read more

NATIONAL UPDATES

VACCINE STATISTICS

As of March 28TH, 2022











COVID-19 STATISTICS



420 Critical Cases

30,346

1,485,426 Recovered Cases



27,388,40

Last 24 hrs: 186

Last 24 hrs: 28,159

- For the first time in two years, there have been zero reported deaths from the coronavirus in Pakistan for two consecutive days on March 22 and 23. Prime Minister Imran Khan congratulated his government for its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. "I want to congratulate my government for the way we handled the COVID pandemic — better than all the countries in South Asia," Read more
- There is almost no need of following Standard Operating Procedures particularly Non-pharmaceutical Interventions except wearing mask in the country including the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi as all COVID-19 related restrictions have been removed for vaccinated individuals. Read more
- Pakistan's performance battling the Covid-19 epidemic remained much better than other countries as it not only demonstrated a better strategy in the field of health but economic indicators have also been better than other countries. Punjab Finance Minister Makhdoom Hashim Jawan Bakht said that the smart lockdown policy proved effective in controlling the spread of the epidemic. Read more

TRANSFORMING LIVES, MEMBERS IN ACTION

Life became Successful

By Qatar Charity



2005 earthquake was the most horrible disaster in Pakistan which destroyed thousands and thousands of houses and more than 86000 mortality.

Mr. Saleem Khan, son of Mr. Muhammad Hanif Khan was also the victim of this disaster, he lost his father in this earthquake who was only the bread winner of his family. Mr. Saleem was only 08 years old at that time. His two brothers and one sister was younger than him.

Mr. Saleem said, I was very young, I stopped my studies due to my father death even we lost our house. It was very difficult time for all of us. One of our neighbour told us about Qatar Charity. I continued my studies. I worked hard and obtained 74% marks in M atriculation examination. After that I wanted to continue my higher studies, QC supported me till Masters Education, I did MSC. In Science subject. Along with higher studies, I completed Bachelors in Education and Masters in Education for qualifying lectureship.

After completion of my studies, I could apply for lectureship in any college or university but I preferred to serve in my own village. I still could not forget that disaster which spoiled each and every thing. I applied in government school of district Bagh. I wanted to serve my own children.



"I am proud to say that Qatar Charity was an angel in my life who saved my life and did not let me scattered. QC support gave me a new hope of life, which show me path to serve others as well".

I do serve in school in morning and also teach the orphan children in evening free of cost. I teach them to make a chain of serving and never break this chain.

I am really thankful to Qatar Charity and its team who made the lives of so many orphans who deserve the support. May Allah give them a special place in Jinnah. Ameen.



Global Diplomacy: the United Nations in the World

Founded in response to the atrocities of the second world war, the main goal of the United Nations is to foster international peace and security, protect human rights and deliver humanitarian aid. To strengthen these goals the UN engages in diplomatic agreements, negotiations, and conflict resolution. Offered by the University of London, this course introduces the UN system, its bodies, functioning and mandate. Participants of the course will develop practical skills to analyze current UN affairs and explore important UN themes.



What you will learn (excerpt)

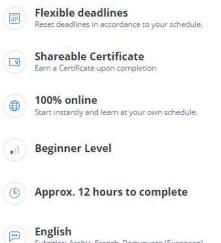
- Outline the core values of the United Nations
- Differentiate between crucial UN bodies, their functioning and mandate
- Analyze the connection between human rights and the United Nations
- Recognize key UN agencies and their role in providing crises response

Free Course



How you will learn

The self-paced course takes approximately 12 hours to complete and is taught entirely in English. To receive a passing grade, learners have to submit 5 peer-graded assignments on the UN today, the origin of the UN, the UN security council, human rights and crisis response.











The plantation ratio is 63 saplings per second in ongoing campaign that is somewhat above the pace required to achieve the target of planting 3.2 billion saplings till 2023. According to the statistics, the ratio of assisted natural regeneration has also increased considerably. It was 1,400 plants per hectare but now after introduction of certain measures it has increased up to 2,500 plants per hectare. Read more

Climate change and increasing population are affecting water security around the world. The theme of this year's World Water Day – observed on March 22 – was 'Groundwater – Making the invisible visible'. This is a good time to be reminded of the fact that water levels are fast depleting and are likely to result in a situation whereby most areas of the world will come under stress in terms of water usage. The water use habits of people across the globe need attention and improvement. *Read more*

Global education foundation Education Above All (EAA) has partnered with the Asian Development Bank to enroll 960,000 out-of-school children in the country into primary education over the next four years. The FAA project, with financial contributions from Qatar Fund Development and implementation by *Read* more

The World Health Organization (WHO) has extended restrictions on travel from Pakistan for another three months for 'transferring' the poliovirus to the African nation of Malawi. The WHO had imposed travel restrictions on Pakistan in May 2014 due to increasing cases of poliovirus in the country. "The genomic sequencing indicates the closest matching virus to that found in the case is a virus found in 2019 in Pakistan," it said. Read more

Pakistan has huge Tuberculosis burden being fifth in the world. We could not reach the three million positive cases that are missing. Each positive case spreads the disease to around 10 persons. If not detected and treated, he or she may die in two years' time. It is such a sad story that people are dying due to a disease that is 100 per cent treatable and curable. *Read more*

Dry weather gripped Karachi on Sunday under the influence of a high pressure area in the upper atmosphere on Pakistan, resulting in an extremely hot day in the city with mercury touching 40.5 degrees Celsius and relative humidity (RH) dropping to as low as 8 per cent, said Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) officials on Sunday. *Read more*

A new video shows how rising temperatures are increasing health pressures on pregnant women, new mothers, and their families in Sindh and Punjab provinces in Pakistan. Rising heat is also exacerbating existing inequities in maternal and newborn health. Extreme heat is experienced unevenly. Women in the video note how they have limited access to electricity due to outages and high electricity bills, compounding the challenges of coping with extreme heat. *Read more*

Stakeholder Engagement Assistant- Tearfund

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Deadline: April 10, 2022.

The Stakeholder engagement Assistant is responsible for maintaining and developing a good relationship with the key stakeholders including local and district government and support in managing stakeholders' expectations and relationships in order to ensure that the project and its activities receive consistent support, ownership, participation, contribution and facilitation.

For more information, please click here.

Social Mobilizer-Tearfund

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Deadline: April 10, 2022.

The Social Mobilizer is mainly responsible for community mobilisation activities including awareness raising sessions and rolling out the remote social mobilisation campaign on solid waste management. The Social Mobilizer is a field-based position and responsible to directly engage with community's groups identification and mobilise the community groups, volunteers and influential on sustainable solid waste management.

For more information, please click here.

Communications and Program Intern-Save the Children



Deadline: April 03, 2022.

Communications and Program Intern will support the organization and implementation of the Zero-Waste Eco Festival. The position holder will provide support to the communications team in content development and coordination for the project.

For more information, please click here.



PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability

The Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report assesses the impacts of climate change, looking at ecosystems, biodiversity, and human communities at global and regional levels. It also reviews vulnerabilities and the capacities and limits of the natural world and human societies to adapt to climate change. *Read more*.

Women's Resilience to Disasters Knowledge Hub

UN Women, in collaboration with the Australian Government just launched the WRD Knowledge Hub, which includes:

- Searchable <u>Library</u> and <u>Toolbox</u> for accessing tools, guidance and publications
- WRD Policy Tracker to monitor national and regional progress on achieving genderresponsive and inclusive DRR laws, policies, strategies and plans
- <u>WRD Expert Register</u> to help identify experts on women's leadership and gender equality in disaster and climate risk reduction and resilience from different regions

Read more

Partnerships and Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

This study commissioned by the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR) and International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) focusses on the important role played by partnerships in addressing allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) against aid workers. This study contains number of recent cases analysis; it was reviewed by GCPS Consulting and UNHCR provided technical support.



The objectives of the study were as follows:

- To examine in what ways the nature of relations between partner organizations (UN, NGOs, donors) has affected the quality of the response to allegations of SEA, in particular the impact on survivors, communities, and programme continuity.
- To identify and document good practice and learning in partnership response to SEA cases.
- To provide findings that may inform ongoing efforts by donor governments, UN Agencies and NGOs to collectively strengthen the framework for prevention of SEA.

This report can be accessed <u>here</u>

Gender Responsive Conflict Analysis (GRCA)

Gender Responsive Conflict Analysis guidance note was developed simultaneously to an extensively GRCA process conducted by United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and for the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) on the behalf of United Nations Country team (UNCT). The analysis process started in March 2021and concluded in September 2021, it initially developed for the UNCT in Afghanistan; the guidance note has global applicability.

The guidance note can be accessed <u>here</u>





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