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# Adding to Aid to Have a Home Sweet Home Malteser International



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### TRANSFORMING LIVES, MEMBERS IN ACTION

### Adding to Aid to Have a Home Sweet Home



#### By Malteser International

Livestock is the most precious asset a vast majority of villagers possess in Jam Nawaz Ali. So precious that they don't even think about selling their livestock short of a need as big as a life-saving effort. But Meena and her husband Raju - both farm labourer — sold their only cow six months ago. "Must have been done to meet a dire need," Meena was asked. "O yes," the jolly middle-aged woman responded in a resounding affirmation. "We decided to sale our cow the very day we received Rs. 36,000/- from Malteser International to rehabilitate our house, which was fully demolished in last monsoon's torrential rains," Meena divulged the details.

Although Rs. 36,000/- is quite a hefty sum as humanitarian aid considering the local socio-economic conditions and prevailing practices, still it is not enough to rehabilitate a partially or fully demolished home, no matter how modest. Therefore, the beneficiaries had to add to aid from their own resources, which most of them did diligently — Meena and Raju met the extra expenses by selling their cow. "Having a roof over our kids' heads is most important thing for us. We miss our cow but Raju is now working day and night, so hopefully, we'll be able to buy another cow in a year or so," she expressed her strong resolve.

"Would it not have been better had the Malteser International paid you full sum required to rebuild your house," Meena was teased to eke out a negative remark for the aid agency. "Oh no, not at all," she dismissed the idea without a second thought. "Look, nobody else – not even the government – came to our rescue last year when we were forced to spend nights under open sky. Malteser International's Village Committee first provided us with a reasonable tented shelter along with food and necessary NFIs and then this cash aid to rehabilitate our house, without which we'd not have been able to achieve the feat in foreseeable future. This amount enabled us to think about it and then the decision to sell our cow was a very straightforward one. So we just don't have words to express our gratefulness for Malteser International," Meena concluded with gratitude in her firm tone.

### **Causes of Racial Inequity in Healthcare**

Length: About 5 weeks (weekly hours vary) Provided by: The University of Michigan

This course – which is the second part of the Addressing Racial Health Inequity in Healthcare specialization – explores the causes of racial inequity in healthcare. Issues include how the United States finances healthcare and how this impacts race-based inequities. Students also learn how access to healthcare works, the historical framework of racial mistreatment, modern racism in healthcare, and what implicit bias is. By the end of the course, you'll have a fuller understanding of what creates racial inequities in healthcare.





Free Course

This intermediate course spans five weeks. You can expect to spend about 3-5 hours studying each week, though the unit on the history of racial mistreatment will take 7 hours. You can audit the course for free or pay a fee to earn a shareable certificate.

#### What you will learn

- ✓ What constitutes access to care, how geographic variation in healthcare contributes to racial and ethnic healthcare disparities
- ✓ History of mistreatment of racial and ethnic groups within biomedical innovation and healthcare systems
- ✓ The role of implicit bias in contributing to healthcare disparities
- 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.
- Course 2 of 3 in the
  Addressing Racial Health Inequity in Healthcare
  Specialization
- Intermediate Level
- Approx. 22 hours to complete
- English
  Subtitles: English





#### **BUZZ OF THE WEEK**



Every year, we are seeing new undeniable climate events, clear evidence that accelerated climate change is here. Droughts are intensifying, oceans are acidifying and with the fast melting of the glaciers, we are now witnessing millions of climate refugees in the making. Pakistan, one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, has not even done the bare minimum to make the climate change narrative mainstream, *Read more* 

EARTH can host humans owing to its climate. However, the damaging human footprint has jeopardized the environment and is, consequently, a threat to the human race itself in a multitude of ways. High temperatures resulting from global warming increase the mosquito population that is responsible for vector-borne illnesses such as malaria. Read more

he Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has planned to establish education city in militancy-stricken South Waziristan tribal district. It will be the first-ever such initiative of its kind in the province. The "South Waziristan Education City" will comprise schools, colleges and campuses different universities of established in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and other parts of the country. Read more

Pakistan's prime minister says he will chair an emergency meeting of a national task force for polio eradication after authorities detect the country's first case of the debilitating neurodegenerative disease in 15 months. Pakistan is one of two countries, alongside neighbouring Afghanistan, where polio remains endemic, although case numbers have dropped drastically in recent years. <u>Read more</u>

Highlighting the role of vaccination in a healthcare system, health experts on Monday said there was still a large pool of unimmunized or under-immunized children in Pakistan where a vaccine-preventable disease like pneumonia claimed lives of 71,000 children every year. A total of 174,000 children died of pneumonia in India, 121,000 in Nigeria and 71,000 in Pakistan. Read more

Climate change continues to be one of the most important global issues confronting the international community. For Pakistan, it is a reality we can no longer ignore. Climate change is currently the biggest unmitigated external risk to the water sector. Read more

The UAE Pakistan Assistance Programme (UAE PAP) has announced the start of commercial production at Dates Processing Factory Punjgur in Pakistan, which was built in Panjgur district, Balochistan province by UAE PAP and funded by the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) at a cost of US\$6.36 million. It comes within the framework of the continuous support of the UAE to Pakistan by implementing a number of humanitarian and development projects. *Read more* 

## [Call for Applications] Virtual Emergency Team Leadership Programme (ETLP)

UNHCR's Global Learning and Development Center /DHR in collaboration with the Division of Emergency, Security, and Supply, on behalf of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee is pleased to invite your organization to nominate participants for the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Emergency Team Leadership Program (ETLP), which will take place virtually. The ETPL online course is scheduled from 16 – 20 May 2022, from 12h30-17h30 (GMT +2) on Zoom. Applications can be submitted using the online course application platform available here: https://application.unhcrlearn.org;4431/node/668 latest 13 April 2022.

### Call for submissions: GiHA Good practice brochures

The Asia-Pacific Gender in Humanitarian Action Working Group (AP GiHA WG) is working on the first **GiHA Good Practices Brochure** for 2022, which will focus on **Internally Displaced Persons**, especially those with intersecting vulnerabilities and linked with climate crisis. Please share lessons learned and good practices to be included in the advocacy product. Please reach out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2022, and contact <a href="mailto:breshna.belalkhel@unwomen.org">breshna.belalkhel@unwomen.org</a> for any questions. Submissions also welcome to expand the <a href="mailto:Good Practice Brochure on Gender, Climate Change and Humanitarian Action">Good Practice Brochure on Gender, Climate Change and Humanitarian Action</a>, developed in Q4 2021, that will include a think-piece on AAP, Gender and Climate.

### Request to share the online survey link on Safeguarding with PHF members

#### Application deadline: Wednesday, 27th April 2022

The Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub (RSH) <a href="https://safeguardingsupporthub.org">https://safeguardingsupporthub.org</a> has been set up recently in Pakistan, with support from the FCDO to help organisations in the international aid sector to strengthen their policies and practices on safeguarding with a particular focus on protection against sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment. Since the aim is to reach out as many organisations (including less resourced organisations) to develop a Hub in Pakistan that really responds to priorities from people within the aid and development sector

English version: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HQ3SFQW">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HQ3SFQW</a>
Urdu version: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZXGNF7C">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZXGNF7C</a>

### Application Deadline For The Next EMDRCM Intake Application deadline: JULY 1, 2022

Students are equipped with leadership skills and taught how to assess their organization's performance, formulate strategies, and make evidence-based decisions. The students are given tools for implementing and measuring interventions and are taught to integrate the multi-sectoral and inter-disciplinary aspects of disaster risk and crisis management. The program design aligns with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030, Agenda for Humanity, and the 2015 UN Climate Change Conference Agreement.

For more information *click here*.

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### UNICEF Pakistan Humanitarian Situation Report No. 33: January to February 2022

In January and February 2022, Pakistan witnessed a fifth wave of COVID-19 cases with a new high of 8,183 positive cases on 27th January and positivity rate as high as 13 per cent on 23rd January across the country. Through UNICEF supported health sites, 19,663 children (9,371 girls) have received treatment for severe acute malnutrition. UNICEF supported 842,993 people in benefitting from continuity of primary healthcare services at UNICEF supported health facilities. UNICEF supported 162,718 people in reaching with handwashing and behaviour change programmes. Read more.



#### Pakistan Crisis Response Plan 2020 - 2022

Pakistan is amongst countries that face high risk of humanitarian crisis and disasters – out of 192 countries, it ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> overall and 18<sup>th</sup> for hazard exposure (ECHO/IASC INFORM Risk Index). In recent years, the country has experienced floods, droughts, earthquakes, glacial lake outbursts, heatwave and cyclones, which have resulted in approximately 512 fatalities on average, displaced thousands, destroyed livelihoods, and damaged personal property and public infrastructure. As the country continues to experience effects of climate change, it is expected that occurrence of disasters caused by natural hazards will increase over the crisis response period.

#### Read more



Objective

Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection



\$5,000,000 FUNDING REQUIRED





15 ENTITIES TARGETED



Internal migrant, Internally displaced person, International migrant, Local population / community

PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS





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