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By HOPE'87



Nahida bibi, an Afghan refugee lives in Mohalla Sheikhan in Peshawar. Nahida bibi had lost all hope of educating her 10 years old son Usman. Born a healthy child, Usman suffered Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and lost his ability to walk at the age of three. As Usman grew older it was not possible for Nahida bibi to carry her son to the school more than two kilometers away. Nor did she have the financial resources to arrange transport for her son to go to a Government school or send him to a private school that was closer to her home. Usman would crawl into the street every morning to watch kids leave for school in the morning and ask 'when will I start school'. Whenever alone, Nahida bibi would despair about the fate of her son Usman.

HOPE'87 started the initiative of enrolling out-of-school children of Afghan origin in low-cost private schools in district Peshawar through an education voucher scheme as part of the AcCESS project. Nahida bibi was excited to hear about the education voucher scheme for out-of-school Afghan children. She borrowed a push-cart used for goods transportation from a neighbor and brought Usman to the HOPE'87 partner school.

HOPE'87 is supporting out-of-school Afghan children through its project Access for out-of-school Children to Education and Safe Schools in Pakistan (AcCESS). More than **1,200 Afghan children** are provided school fees vouchers that are redeemable by the families at a partner low-cost private school. In addition, the children also receive free books, school bags, and school uniforms. This has been made possible with the generous support of the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) and Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC).

HOPE'87 became a beacon of hope for Usman and other out-of-school Afghan children, as they have a right to get a quality education and follow their dreams. HOPE'87 offered to enroll these kids in private schools near their homes through an education voucher scheme so they can pursue their goals for education and a better future. A wheelchair was also arranged for Usman to overcome the mobility problem.

Usman along with 89 other Afghan kids, 45 girls, and 44 boys got admission to SANA Model School in district Peshawar through an education voucher scheme. Usman is going to school regularly and is very happy and excited to have found a new life.

"I love coming to this school and making new friends", said Usman. He is very happy and is pursuing his dreams now. Nahida bibi sums up her gratitude to HOPE'87 and its donors ***"the future of my son isn't dark anymore!"***.

Internal Displacement, Conflict and Protection

Internally displaced people (IDPs) are forced to flee their homes due to conflict, persecution, or war. Unlike refugees, they stay within the borders of their home countries because they are unable or unwilling to move to another country. In 2020, a record number of 55 million people were internally displaced. In this course by University of London you will learn about internal displacement as a major humanitarian challenge in today's world and explore strategies to alleviate human suffering caused by internal displacement.



What you will learn (excerpt)

- Outline the scale, causes and effects of internal displacement
- Reflect on IDP protection at global, regional, and national levels
- Describe challenges of IDP protection during conflicts
- Explain the role of advocacy in elevating issues of internal displacement

How you will learn

The self-paced course takes around 27 hours to complete. While the course offers videos, readings, and quizzes, it also includes peer-assignments. To successfully pass the course, learners must complete two quizzes and four peer-graded assignments. The course has been rated 4.8 out of 5 stars by previous learners.

Free Course



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Beginner Level



Approx. 27 hours to complete



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Climate Change experts have said that South Asia is the most vulnerable region in the face of Climate Change and thus, collective efforts are the need of the hour to deal with different threats posed by changing weather patterns and increased risk of natural calamities. Climate scientist Dr. Fahad Saeed, observed that the IPCC Report enforces the risk for South Asia as one of the hotspots. The report shows that the water has been the most stressed adding that Climate Change has ensued. [Read more](#)

Despite strict warnings, polythene bags continue to be used by vendors and shopkeepers in the federal capital. In March, the Ministry of Climate Change revived the campaign to check use of polythene bags in the city. Fines amounting to Rs220,000 were imposed on several shopkeepers for using plastic bags and violating law. [Read more](#)

Pakistan Meteorological Department on Sunday forecast hot and humid weather in Karachi with maximum temperature between 35 and 37 degrees Celsius. Maximum temperature in the city and adjoining areas will remain between 34–36 degree Celsius on Monday and 34 – 36 Celsius on Tuesday, according to the weather report. The wind direction will be westerly turning to southwesterly in the evening, according to the PMD. [Read more](#)

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has started facilitating enrollment of children of Afghan refugees in quality educational institutions of the province. KP Education Department officials told APP on Sunday that out of schools Afghan refugees' children were being prepared for enrollment in quality educational institutions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. [Read more](#)

Speakers at a seminar on 'Ramification of Food Insecurity in Pakistan' said that the looming food insecurity hovering in and around the region has posed an impending threat to all underdeveloped countries especially in South Asia including Pakistan. Meher Kashif Younis former senior Vice President Lahore Chamber quoting the world food program, said recently Pakistan's double-digit food price inflation, along with dwindling income, has left more Pakistanis food insecure. [Read more](#)

Amid speculations about the fate of the health card scheme, the Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) on Sunday claimed that in the last two days around 17,000 patients were admitted to hospitals across the country and availing free of cost treatment. [Read more](#)

Dr Palitha Gunarathna Mahipala, the country head of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Pakistan, on Saturday handed over two ambulances, 10 motorcycle ambulances and other medical equipment to the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) health department. Appreciating the cooperation of the UN agency, Prime Minister Sardar Abdul Qayyum Niazi expressed the hope that the assistance would continue in future as well. On the premier's request, Mr Mahipala pledged to provide two more ambulances to the AJK government. [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. Participants from National NGOs are particularly encouraged to apply. ICVA will not be conducting pre-selection, the application is directly to the UNHCR portal, and please direct your questions to **UNHCR's Global Learning and Development Center** at hqemtu@unhcr.org.

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 1st of May 2022, and contact breshna.belalkhel@unwomen.org for any questions.

Submissions also welcome to expand the [Good Practice Brochure on Gender, Climate Change and Humanitarian Action](#), developed in Q4 2021, that will include a think-piece on AAP, Gender and Climate.

WEBINAR: Saving Lives Together & UN/NGO Coordination for SRM – Quarterly meetings

12th April 2022 | 14:00 -15:30 London / 15:00 – 16:30 CEST / 9:00am - 10:30am ET

Register [here](#)

In collaboration with InterAction and ICVA, GISF will organise quarterly meetings to discuss Saving Lives Together (SLT) and NGO/UN coordination for improving Security Risk Management. These meetings will provide updates from the SLT Oversight Committee and Working Group along with other interventions on UN/NGO coordination which may be of interest. The aim of these meetings is to share the latest insights and developments and provide a platform to ask questions and exchange ideas. Please reach out to gisf-america@gisf.ngo for more information.

[WEBINAR] Report Launch: 'Nobody Helped Me' - Findings on Forced Migration and SGBV from the SEREDA Project

13 April 2022 | 3:00pm - 4:30pm Bangkok time

Register [here](#)

The SEREDA Project teams will be organising an online launch to share their findings from this multi-country research study this coming week. Following the launch, there will be a panel discussion presenting cross-country and country-specific findings from the UK, Australia, Sweden, Turkey and Tunisia.

Call for Proposal-Youth Ambassador Initiatives

Islamic Relief (Pakistan) takes this opportunity to request you to submit Proposals (Financial & Technical) for Youth Ambassador Initiatives. Interested firms are hereby advised to submit a detailed proposal including basic information of individual or firm i.e., qualification and expertise, relevant experience, availability and sample of similar project executed.



For more information [click here](#).

Proposals Sealed Bids addressed to "Procurement Committee" should be drop in quotation box placed at 2nd Floor, IRM Complex, Sunrise Avenue, Park Road, Near Comsats University, Islamabad on or before **April 14, 2022 @ 1700 Hrs.**

Humanitarian Programme Officer, Asia Pacific Application deadline: Friday, 22 April

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The Humanitarian Programme Officer Asia Pacific supports ACT members and country forums in the region to develop/implement emergency preparedness and response plans, and manages the implementation of the humanitarian mechanism based on the ACT Humanitarian Policy, and integration of holistic programming in humanitarian appeals. She/he works closely with the Secretariat regional and humanitarian team, ACT Alliance members and Forums at the national and regional level.

For more information [click here](#).

Interested and qualified candidates should send their CV and a cover letter, in English and by email only, to recruitment@actalliance.org by 24.00 CET Friday, 22 April 2022. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.



*Miss Anila Presenting during Teacher Training Swabi
@Relief International*

Lessons from Drought Response in Afghanistan

Under the FMR 69, Climate crisis and displacement: from commitment to action, Shahrzad Amoli and Evan Jones argued the drought response in Afghanistan provides numerous lessons for other States. Significantly, it is worth noting that, irrespective of the country's political context or the existing humanitarian architecture in place, humanitarian assistance cannot be delivered in a vacuum. Instead, the government, private sector and civil society must employ responses that straddle the humanitarian, development and peace nexus. Only by delivering urgent lifesaving support in tandem with long-term development programmes (that include preventive measures) will countries enable changes that can help people find their way out of poverty and a long-term solution to their displacement. [Read more.](#)

OCHA Internal Humanitarian Update 31 (March 19 - 26 Mar 2022)

Key highlights

- A charter to establish a Humanitarian Trust Fund for Afghanistan was signed by the Secretary General Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Head of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), as stated by the Pakistan Foreign Office. The bank will serve as a vehicle to channel humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan, including in partnership with other international actors. This development was followed by the 48th OIC Foreign Ministers conference on 22 – 23 March.
- From various parts of the country ruling and opposition parties are convening in Islamabad to hold rallies leading up to the vote of no confidence on 28 March. The federal government has decided to completely seal the Red Zone area and tightened security in Islamabad ahead of the processions. Majority of business activities in Islamabad and Rawalpindi remained suspended. Alternate open routes have been notified to the motorists by the police.



BARRIERS TO INCLUSION - SUDAN 2021 REPORT

Globally, an estimated 3.6 billion people lack access to appropriate sanitation, 2.3 billion lack basic hygiene services, and 2 billion people use water sources contaminated by feces causing a myriad of diseases (WHO & UNICEF 2021). This lack of access is further exasperated in conditions of humanitarian crises, where systems are either strained or non-existent. Muslim Aid is committed to ensuring its Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) programming in humanitarian settings is guided by evidence and knowledge, and supports the most vulnerable members of our communities including people with disabilities and older people.

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