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TRANSFORMING LIVES, MEMBERS IN ACTION

People of village Bhope Jo Tar have improved their lives through Water & Sanitation facilities





Bhope Jo Tar is a small village located in Union Council Vejhiar tehsil Mithi of District Tharparkar, there are near about 100 households settled. All the families belong to a minority community. The majority of villagers work as daily wage workers and mainly depend on livestock, rain to cultivate their agricultural land. Before the project intervention, there was the only one dug well that was used by the local villagers to fetch water. Normally, water collection is a heavy task in any drought-affected village of Tharparkar as it requires 4 to 5 people to collect water. As beside one person who collects water, the other 4 people stretch the rope until the water pot touches the water level to fetch water. Women and children are mainly responsible to fetch the water for the family. Each day water collection takes normally takes more than 2 hours of their time for each family.

PVDP selected this village keeping in view their vulnerabilities and challenges related to fetching water was the main concern due to which the family members had to sacrifice their daily wage while collecting the water for the family.

In response to COVID-19, PVDP has successfully implemented an integrated project on "Emergency Response through WASH, Livelihood & Food security interventions to COVID-19 and 20 drought-affected communities in District Tharparkar, Sindh-Pakistan. PVDP has installed 10 solar submersible water pumps, distributed 2500 food packages, 1000 vegetable seeds for kitchen gardening, and provided 800 latrines through the provision of latrine construction material and labor costs.

Through effective social mobilization and training, the village-based committee has established a mechanism to collect 150 Pak rupees (monthly) from each family to ensure operations and maintenance of the solar submersible water pump. The villagers have also ensured that each household avoids open defecation by using the latrine provided by the project.

During the implementation of project PVDP has provided the food package for one month to most deserving, COVID-19 and drought vulnerable families, there was the peak time of lockdown, and the people were not allowed to move for any purpose, by the provision of food assistance the vulnerable and deserving families were facilitated and the spent lockdown period with relaxation, during the provision of food assistance, COVID-19 sessions were conducted with the community at hamlet level and pamphlets about COVID-19 prevention measures were also distributed.

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PVDP in this project have to pay 150 PKR per month for the operation and maintenance, before this activity a MOU was signed with villagers regarding the proper management and maintenance of the water facility, at the initial stage of the fund collection villagers has made functional one existing nonfunctional water facility, while one new water scheme have been provided to same village and now 3 major water facilities are in the village and water management committee is also play a strong role in collection of community contribution on monthly basis, run the water scheme and look after the overall things related to this, in addition PVDP has provided latrine material to 28 families and the labour cost of 1500 PKR also have been provided for construct the latrine in their house premises and stop the open defecation while rest of families has constructed latrine from their own resources, for improve the food security, PVDP has provided the seed to 38 women for installation of Kitchen Gardening and conducted the proper Kitchen Gardening management Session with these selected Kitchen Gardening beneficiaries. The several families has benefited from the household level Kitchen Gardening.



For the capacity building, PVDP has trained water management committee members to run the water scheme and identifying the minor/ major fault in the scheme when a manual printed in local language also have been provided, including this to improve the hygienic conditions PVDP has conducted Health & Hygiene sessions with Male, Female and School Children and CLTS triggering session and did follow up to construct the latrine and stopping open defecation by using the latrine.

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The Village committee members are playing their active role to look after the schemes have been provided by PVDP organization and they are also considered Water Management committee by the villagers, now days the Water Management Committee members named Shankar Lal, Lachaman Singh and other are directly responsible to ensure the collection the monthly contribution and its consumption.

Shankar shared that it was wonderful that the complaints response mechanism was exists during the project implementation period and we were helped by the communication through the CRM and several households got benefited through food packages and latrine material by the mechanism Now days, the KGMC is functional and playing active role for sustainability of the project activities in village Bhope Jo Tar, currently there sanitation and water problems have been permanently resolved of whole village and they experienced in Kitchen Gardening. Mr. Lachman Singh, Shankar Lal and others are very satisfied with PVDP and they hope that PVDP will continue these types of assistances to the most vulnerable and deserving communities and grow more and more.



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.





Free Course

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.

- 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.
- Beginner Level
- (L) Approx. 27 hours to complete
- English
 Subtitles: English





BUZZ OF THE WEEK



The unusual, early heat waves sweeping India and Pakistan in 2022 were made 30 times more likely due to the direct impact of climate change, a new study showed. Thirty scientists from 10 countries in The World Weather Attribution Network conducted a rapid analysis of the link between climate change and heat waves based on observations from 20 models. Read more

The government has issued special instructions to all the national and provincial health authorities to remain on high alert for any suspected case of Monkeypox. According to an official of the Ministry of National Health Services, the situation is being closely monitored by the health authorities and as per reports of the National Institute of Health (NIH), no case of Monkeypox has yet been diagnosed in Pakistan. Read more

Health Minister Abdul Qadir Patel said on Friday that the government has ordered testing kits for to diagnose monkeypox — a viral disease that has been spreading in Europe and elsewhere in recent days — but he was quick to dispel reports that some cases of the disease had been reported in Pakistan. On Tuesday, the National Institute of Health (NIH) had also clarified that no monkeypox cases had yet been detected in Pakistan. Read more

The Department of School Education has reduced the timing of the schools across the province. According to the letter issued by the Department of School Education, the off-time of schools is reduced to 11 o clock. The timings have been reduced from May 27, the new school timings will be effective till May 31. The letter further stated that, the summer vacation will start from June 1, the vacation will last till July 31 <u>Read more</u>

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has indicated chances of dust/thunderstormrain in Gilgit Baltistan, Kashmir, upper Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Potohar region during the next 24 hours. The highest maximum temperatures recorded during the period were Mohenjodaro 49 C, Larkana, Jacobabad 48, Dadu, Shaheed Benazirabad and Khairpur 47 C. Read more

The unabated fire that turned chilgoza pine trees — the green gold of Shirani district of Balochistan — into ashes and smoke, has snatched the livelihood of the local community, which earned Rs3.5 billion through the sale of chilgoza nuts last year. According to government estimates, 31 kilometers of forests have been damaged and burnt. Read more

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pakistan, in collaboration with the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi has initiated a pilot study on urban resilience for Karachi's informal communities of Azam Basti and Rehri Goth. This challenge Cup will prove itself pivotal towards enhancing the quality of life in these settlements. This would specifically contribute towards developing social cohesion,

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Opportunity to Showcase Human Impact Stories and Program Interventions -Journalists visit to Field Areas of PHF Member Organizations



PHF is engaging renowned journalists, anchors, beat reporters, analyst, editors, and social media influencers to do a very informed advocacy about the humanitarian and development sector and highlight the role and interventions of PHF member organizations in an appropriate manner. PHF is releasing that there is a high need to tell public at large about the transformational change its partners are bringing to people's lives in Pakistan and to better highlight and promote the unsung heroes which are making difference to their communities through their innovative approaches and leadership.

To better capture the changes stories of our communities, PHF is planning a field visit of electronic and print media journalists in your respective program and project areas. In this regard, we would highly appreciate your cooperation and support in identifying potential stories in twin cities (Islamabad and Rawalpindi) that needs to be captured by mainstream media. Please note currently we are arranging field trip for twin cities but in case you want to highlight the story and program interventions from another area so please write us back and we see the possibility at our end. Please note we will arrange the visit of journalists between **June 20th -30th**. We do have some flexibility in the dates as well as we can also arrange such field visit in first week of July in case you require more time for arrangements.

Please note while shortlisting the program interventions and impact stories, carefully assess content at your end in term of its scope and impact. The consent of the beneficiaries and program participants is highly important to avoid any sensitivities later. PHF team will also get back to you and provide any kind of support in term of shortlisting striking stories so together we would be able to tell the world about the impact work of development and humanitarian sector. Upon finalization, we will also share details of journalists and media house as well.

Please note the date to share your consent and the striking intervention for this exciting opportunity is June 9th, 2022. We would like to hear back your suggestions and comments for this activity. In case of any further clarity, please feel free to contact us anytime.

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PHF Annual Showcasing Event, 8th June 2022 at Serena Hotel



Pakistan Humanitarian Forum annually organize showcasing event to effectively communicate and portray the work and impact of its member organization by engaging the relevant stakeholders. This year, an annual showcasing event of PHF is significant as the forum has developed its 5-year strategic roadmap which is going to be launced in the annual event. The 5-year strategic roadmap of PHF would highly contribute to take strong position in dealing with humanitarian and development sector challenges and provide immense support to government of Pakistan to strengthen humanitarian and development sector in the country.

The most important element of the event is going to be the launch of PHF annual report which highlights the achievements and contributions of PHF member organizations of the year 2021, both in development and humanitarian sector. In year 2021, Overall PHF member organizations implemented 275 projects including 144 development and 131 humanitarian projects across Pakistan with total funding volume of 25.31 billion PKR. The humanitarian and development interventions played a substantial role in uplifting the state of marginalized, and underserved segment of the society across Pakistan, especially in hard-to-reach areas of the country. The annual event will gather all the relevant stakeholders including Donors, UN agencies, Government representatives, Ambassadors, Professionals from private and corporate sector, and the representatives from media and civil society.

In this regard, PHF would like to invite you to participate in the annual event. The event is going to be scheduled on June 8th at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. The detailed agenda and the concept note of the event along with invitation card are attached for your review and participation. Please confirm your participation by COB Monday, 6th June 2022.

Click here for registration

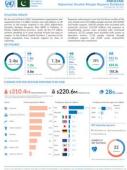
DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PUBLICATIONS

SIXTH CASE OF WILD POLIO REPORTED IN NORTH WAZIRISTAN

Two more wild polio cases have been confirmed from North Waziristan, leaving young boy and a girl paralysed. Both children are 18-months old and belong to Mir Ali. The female child had onset of paralysis on 10 May and the male child on 11 May. Both cases were confirmed by the Pakistan National Polio Laboratory at the National Institute of Health, Islamabad on Thursday, 26 May. This is the sixth case in North Waziristan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, this year. The southern districts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa that include North and South Waziristan, DI Khan, Bannu, Tank and Lakki Marwat, are at highest risk of wild poliovirus. While no human transmission has been reported outside North Waziristan, two positive environmental samples between April and May were reported from Bannu. Read more

PAKISTAN - AFGHANISTAN SITUATION REFUGEE RESPONSE DASHBOARD FIRST-QUARTER (JAN - MAR 2022)

By the end of March 2022, humanitarian organizations had supported some 1.3 million women, men and children, or 38 percent of the people targeted in the 2022 Afghanistan Situation Refugee Response Plan (RRP) in Pakistan. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, nearly all the 0.9 million persons identified as in need received at least one type of support. In the Federal Capital Territory, 1 percent of the target population have received support by time of reporting. <u>Read more</u>



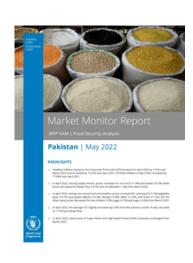
PAKISTAN REPORTS FOURTH WILD POLIO CASE

In the fourth case this year, a 13-month-old boy has been paralyzed by wild poliovirus in North Waziristan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. The child had an onset of paralysis on 5 May in Mir Ali. The case was confirmed by the Pakistan National Polio Laboratory at the National Institute of Health, Islamabad on Monday, 23 May. This is the third case from Mir Ali this year.

"Another child in North Waziristan has been paralyzed by wild poliovirus. This 13-month-old child will live with disabilities for the rest of his life because of a virus that is entirely preventable. This is a collective loss for Pakistan," said Federal Health Minister Abdul Qadir Patel. <u>Read more</u>

PAKISTAN MARKET MONITOR REPORT - MAY 2022

- Headline inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased in April 2022 by 1.61% over March 2022 and increased by 13.37% over April 2021. CPI food inflation in April 2022 increased by 17.04% over April 2021.
- In April 2022, among staple cereals, prices increased for rice Irri-6 (+1.4%) and wheat (+0.3%) while prices decreased for wheat flour (-4.7%) and rice Basmati (-1.3%) from March 2022.







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