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# Taking an action to combat climate change



Covering herself in the blue veil Hurmoocho and Green Chorda (traditional bangles), one can see Rajkumari eagerly tendering the newly planted sapling on the farm she works. She is the mother of five and lives in a small house with her husband and five other family members in Yaqoob Kapri village of Tehsil Jhuddo. She supports her husband and family on the farm. Rajkumari was concerned about the no barn or shelter on her farm for livestock and often found herself in despair because of it.

Pakistan is ranked in 7th position , with a death toll of 523.1 lives per year i.e. 10,462 lives lost in 20 years and economic losses worth US \$ 3.8 billion — equivalent to 0.605 per cent of the GDP in the 20 years. During this time, Pakistan had suffered from 141 extreme weather events such as cyclones, landslides, storms, floods, Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) and heatwaves. In Mirpurkhas, the air is 6.4 times above the WHO annual air quality guideline value. It does not only need support from outside, but also from the community which can play a vital role in containing local carbon emission levels to contribute to better air quality and climate change mitigation.

Keeping the same spirit alive, Rajkumari took initiative to take part in CESVI led Mass Afforestation drive in her village. CESVI under its "Strengthening Resilience of Populations Vulnerable to Recurrent Disasters and Emergencies in Sindh" initiative distributed 50,000 saplings in village Mirpurkhas to fight against declining forest in Sindh. Rajkumari is also one of the beneficiaries who received 600 Saplings (including Lemon, Guava, Jujube) for her farm and now she is a guardian of 600 fruit trees on her farm. She along with her other community member have also received orientation from CESVI on sapling management. Belonging from a marginalized community and underprivileged background, people of her community frown upon women for leading an initiative. Women are supposed to work in the shadow of male family members and the situation was not different for Rajkumari. Although she is contributing as unpaid labour on her family's farm, she was not allowed to take part in other businesses and a livelihood of her own and thus breaking the traditional barrier was a serious challenge for her. With the support from CESVI led Afforestation drive, Rajkumari has a hope to build a shelter under trees for her livestock and earn a livelihood from fruit trees she is tendering.





Rajkumari made a silent prayer, "I make a promise to myself to take care of trees (saplings) and will not let them wither". She added, "After taking a class (orientation) from Cesvi, I am confident that I will better manage these fruit trees". Her husband is very supportive of her new engagement, he shared that "I feel happy to see a smile on her face".



# Internal Displacement, Conflict and Protection (University of London)

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

#### **Free Course**



#### 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.

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### **BUZZ OF THE WEEK**



Economic costs from the combined impacts of the disaster-climate-health nexus estimated by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) show that Pakistan will have the highest losses as percentage of GDP at 9.1 percent. The increase in mean temperatures in hyper arid and arid areas will have a significant impact on dryland agriculture in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Read more

Pakistan is importing massive amounts of hazardous waste from several countries, including the United Kingdom, Iran, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, a parliamentary committee was informed on Thursday. Pakistan itself generates 30 million tonnes of municipal solid waste each year, 10 to 14 per cent of which is hazardous waste, including e-waste, hospital waste and pesticides. Read more

The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) Saturday announced that there is no more forecast for thunderstorms in the metropolis. Chief meteorologist Dr Sardar Sarfaraz said that light rain is expected in the city today, adding that the Met Office will issue a forecast for tomorrow after a survey. Earlier, PMD chief meteorologist had said that there are chances for Karachi of receiving heavy intermittent rainfall starting on the evening or night of July 2. *Read more* 

Minister for Health, Mr Abdul Qadir Patel has urged nation to strictly follow health guidelines during Eid-ul-Azha holidays and avoid unnecessary movements to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The Minister also appealed to religious scholars to ensure social distancing at mosques and urged the public to avoid hugging and shaking hands after Eid prayers. *Read more* 

Amid fears of a resurgence of Covid-19, Pakistan on Friday reported nearly 700 new cases as the positivity rate rose to 3.9 percent. According to the National Institute of Health (NIH), 694 new coronavirus cases were recorded during the last 24 hours, up from 641 a day earlier. The number is the highest since March 10 when 723 infections were detected. Read more

Education experts at an advocacy forum while projecting the vitality of education towards an educated society and national progress have emphasized on the need for girls education with more focus on the increased allocation of budget for this sector especially in Punjab. The advocacy forum was arranged by the Awaz CDS Pakistan here with a major focus to highlight the importance of education without any gender bias and raise demand for sufficient budgetary allocation for education sector. *Read more* 

Amid the power outages in Pakistan, the telecom operators on Thursday warned to shut down their mobile and internet services. Pakistan is facing an escalation of its power crisis after it failed to agree on a deal for natural gas supply next month. Tenders for July were scrapped due to high price, and low participation as the nation is already taking action to tackle widespread blackouts.

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# Pakistan: Project Development Manager – Islamabad

Organization: ACTED Closing date: July 8, 2022

ACTED endeavors to respond to humanitarian crises and build resilience; promote inclusive and sustainable growth; co-construct effective governance and support the building of civil society worldwide by investing in people and their potential. We go the last mile: ACTED's mission is to save lives and support people in meeting their needs in hard to reach areas. With a team of 4,600 national staff 400 international staff. *Read more* 

#### How to apply

Send your application (CV & cover letter) by email (jobs@acted.org) Ref: PDM/PAK Please note that ACTED does not charge any fee at any stage of the recruitment process

## **Project Officer (Child Protection)**

Organization: International Organization for Migration

Closing date: July 7, 2022

Applications are welcome from first- and second-tier candidates, particularly qualified female candidates as well as applications from the non-represented member countries of IOM. For all IOM vacancies, applications from qualified and eligible first-tier candidates are considered before those of qualified and eligible second-tier candidates in the selection process. <u>Read more</u>

#### How to apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications via PRISM, IOM e-Recruitment system, by 07 July 2022 at the latest, referring to this advertisement. IOM only accepts duly completed applications submitted through the IOM e-Recruitment system. The online tool also allows candidates to track the status of their application. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

For further information please refer to: www.iom.int/recruitment

# Now Accepting Expressions of Interest: 2022 Operational Readiness Training Program for Major Disease Outbreak Response

Closing date: July 12, 2022

READY is welcoming Expressions of Interest for the next cohort of the Operational Readiness Training Program for Major Disease Outbreak Response, beginning in Q4 of 2022.

The Operational Readiness Training Program is a collaborative and bespoke training program to strengthen NGOs' operational capacity to respond to current and future major disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings, through a blended and co-designed learning approach.

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## Pakistan Humanitarian Fund Annual Report 2021

Pakistan faces some of the highest disaster risk levels in the world and is ranked 18 out of 191 countries by the 2020 Inform Risk Index. This risk ranking is driven particularly by the country's exposure to earthquakes and the risk of internal conflict. Pakistan has high exposure to flooding, as well as some exposure to tropical cyclones and drought. Risk in Pakistan is also driven by its social vulnerability. Pakistan has been hosting Afghan refugees for the past four decades, making it one of the largest recipients of refugees globally. Following the events in Afghanistan in 2021, the situation remains uncertain and may evolve rapidly in 2022. The upsurge of violence across the country in 2021 and instability has had a serious impact on civilians and, combined with hardships caused by political turmoil, economic instability, and poor food security, may cause further displacement, both internally and across borders. *Read more* 



Pakistan: Food Security & Agriculture Working Group Newsletter (Volume 1, Issue 2), May 30, 2022

The country overall received slightly below normal (-21.6%) rainfall from January to April 2022. Due to a good amount of rainfall during January, the previous drought conditions became normalized. The intermittent rainfall spell for the rest of the months helped to sustain the normal conditions in the country.

Due to an abrupt increase in daily maximum temperature, the heatwave situation was observed from mid of March till the date and land surface temperature remained very high which affected the low rainfall region i.e., Sindh



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## Pakistan: Dengue Response - Final Report, DREF Operation n° MDRPK022

Dengue fever is a year-round and nationwide risk in Pakistan. According to the National Institute of Health (NIH)

Islamabad, 22,938 dengue fever cases were reported in Pakistan in 2017, more than 3,200 in 2018, 24,547 cases in 2019, and 3,442 cases in 2020. From 1 January to 25 November 2021, a total of 48,906 cases including 183 deaths (Case Fatality Ratio (CFR): 0.4 per cent) were reported in the country. The year 2021 saw a rise in the cases, particularly in Lahore and the twin cities (Rawalpindi and Islamabad). During the latter half of 2021, Islamabad faced a continuous rise in dengue fever cases, leading to severe pressure on public and private hospitals amid the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the District Health Officer (DHO). <u>Read more</u>





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