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Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) shares bi-monthly news bulletin to enhance information sharing, with a focus on highlighting PHF member organizations' contributions to humanitarian and development work in Pakistan.

Message from the Country Coordinator

Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) is playing a vital role in bridging the gap between INGOs, Government stakeholders, and underprivileged communities through proactive coordination, effective communication, and advocacy efforts. PHF member organizations have made an outstanding contribution to strengthening the humanitarian-development nexus in the country during various humanitarian crises and emergencies.

I am proud to acknowledge the efforts of the PHF team and member organizations to build **“a resilient and prosperous Pakistan.”**



Syed Shahid Kazmi

Country Coordinator - PHF

About PHF

Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) is an independent organization mandated to coordinate, collectively represent, and support INGOs working across Pakistan's humanitarian and development sphere. PHF currently represents 41 International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) delivering humanitarian assistance and development projects in Pakistan along with 8 Affiliate members, including the National Humanitarian Network (NHN) and IFRC/ICRC as well.



Each year, ICVA holds an Annual Conference, which provides an important opportunity for members to connect and discuss issues relevant to the humanitarian sector. This year, Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network (ADRRN), Community World Service Asia (CWSA), the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), collectively planned a **Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week (RHPW) 2022**, which was primarily face-to-face, with some hybrid sessions, in Bangkok this December. PHF Country Coordinator Syed Shahid Kazmi highlighted the role of Government Institutions & INGOs in Disaster Management in Pakistan. Moreover, he underlined the response activities of PHF Members in Pakistan's recent 2022 flood devastation. PHF Members significantly contributed towards disaster relief and rescue activities. Chairman NDMA, Lt. Gen. Inam Haider Malik while addressing the conference audience praised the INGOs and Donor Community's efforts in the relief, rescue, and rehabilitation of 2022 flood victims in Pakistan.



Day 3 - Sustainable Development in Unusual Times: Building Forward Better.

PHF in collaboration with SDPI hosted a panel discussion moderated by Country Coordinator Syed Shahid Kazmi on "Floods in Pakistan: Bringing local perspective through International Humanitarian Organizations" [read more](#)



PHF Secretariat team visited the **SDGs secretariat of the National Assembly** and met with Syed Ali Sardar Jafri, Program Officer/Parliamentary Research Fellow to discuss potential future collaboration. A huddle is planned between PHF member organizations heads and convener SDGs with the presence of the Honorable Speaker National Assembly to collaborate on future activities with the 2030 #SDGs Agenda.



PHF team members met with the Deputy Secretary of Economic Affairs, Mr. Aftab Ahmed Khan to apprise him of PHF Member Organizations' work and shared a letter proposing to host a collaborative meeting between the relevant government stakeholders and country directors of INGOs to discuss participation in the upcoming Pakistan Donor Conference in Geneva, Switzerland on January 10, 2023.

Team Orientation, Project Planning, Review & Strategic Planning 2023 (December 5th – 6th, 2022)

A two-day Team Orientation, Project Planning, Review & Strategic Planning 2023 workshop was organized by Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) at Highland Country Club and Resort, Islamabad. During the workshop team members were sensitized on PHF's scope of work, mandate, and goals. A detailed review of PHF's Strategic Framework 2021-2025, annual work plan, prioritization of activities for the ECHO/HIP project for 2023, and setting of communication goals, objectives, and timelines to implement project activities were the key deliverables of the workshop. The combination of methods, including interactive lectures, a participatory communication approach, group discussions, brainstorming sessions, practical exercises, and rigorous group work made the workshop distinctive. The team carried out SWOT Analysis to identify key strengths, and areas of improvement to seize opportunities and prepare effective communication action plans to improve the visibility of PHF members' work through traditional and non-traditional communication approaches.



On 8th December 2022, the PHF team participated in a brainstorming session on "Pakistan Floods Advocacy Strategy 2022". The session was held at Oxfam Pakistan's office. Representatives of Save the Children, Islamic Relief, LHDP, TKF, VSO, WaterAid, Mercy Corps, Care, Oxfam, SPO, and ACF attended the session.



PHF ExCom Elections 2023-24 – Results

PHF Executive Committee Elections 2023-2024 were held in the first week of December 2022. The voter turnout of election was around 90% for all positions. The Election Committee and PHF Secretariat extend congratulations to the winning organizations and wish them the best for their term at PHF.



Mr. Adil Sheraz
Chair ExCom



Mr. Khurram Gondal
Deputy Chair ExCom



Ms. Shabnam Baloch
Member ExCom



Mr. Sarfraz Lal Din
Member ExCom

PHF Members Highlights

Country Directors of PHF member organizations (WHH, Save the Children, IRC) met with Chairman NDMA, Lt. Gen. Inam Haider Malik. During these meetings, strategic collaboration opportunities were discussed for the rehabilitation of flood-affected victims. Chairman NDMA praised the INGOs' flood relief and rescue efforts in Pakistan.

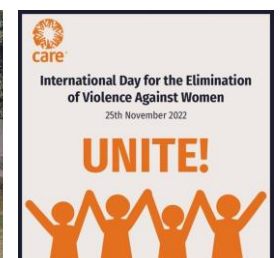
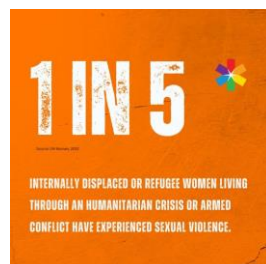


Mountain Day-11 December 2022, Agha Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) Pakistan and the global community are celebrating the theme "Women Move Mountains." AKAH, through its different programs, has empowered women to become disaster responders and decision-makers at the community-level development projects.



Islamic Relief Pakistan (IRC) signed an MoU with Islamabad Police to provide a safe environment for children, women, and persons with disabilities. A joint referral mechanism was established along with a skill enhancement program for youth.

#16DaysOfActivism



Chief Minister Sindh Murad Ali Shah said on Sunday Pakistan faced severe floods this year, which was a human tragedy and developed countries are responsible for it. The CM further said "We have been discussing climate change for 30 years and now is the time to face consequences has come in the form of tragic floods in Pakistan, developed countries of the world are responsible for this. UN Secretary General visited Mohenjo-Daro himself to see the disasters of water." [Read More](#)

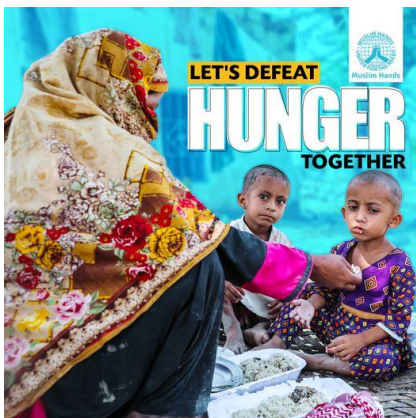
Representatives of civil society and human rights organizations on Tuesday demanded the government to expedite rehabilitation work of flood-affected areas in Sindh and devise a transparent mechanism for the distribution of funds and overall relief and rehabilitation process. Cleanliness should be improved at the relief camps and disinfection should be carried out on regular basis. The speakers said vulnerable communities work on the farms of landlords and receive their chunk [Read More](#)

With the arrival of winter, a humanitarian crisis is unfolding in the flood-hit areas of Pakistan and the woes of the affected children, particularly women and children are multiplying. The humanitarian needs of the flood-hit people have intensified, and more resources are urgently needed to deal with the situation, the UN Secretary General's spokesperson Stephane Dujarric stated in a news conference. [Read More](#)

Pakistan Businesses Forum (PBF) has called for adopting a multi-pronged approach to overcome the challenges posed by climatic changes and global warming. Pakistan has suffered climate-induced damages up to US \$14.9 billion, therefore effective and viable strategy is inevitable to cope with the challenges due to global warming. The PBF Additional Secretary General noted that around 30 million people had been affected in Pakistan and the potential damage was consistently on the rise. [Read More](#)

Pakistan's smog-hit Lahore will close schools for two days a week to protect children's health, with the city on Wednesday clocking in as the world's most polluted according to a global air quality index. Hospitals have warned of an influx of patients suffering from breathing problems as well as eye and throat irritation as a result of the grey blanket of smog that engulfs the city. Lahore High Court on Tuesday ruled that schools must close on Fridays and Saturdays, as well as the usual Sunday break [Read More](#)

Pakistan needed to deal with the issue of Afghan refugees on humanitarian grounds and enact domestic laws to become a signatory to the international conventions for being the largest host country of refugees, experts said at a panel discussion on Wednesday. Pakistan strongly needed legislation at a domestic forum to fill the legal vacuum created by the Afghan refugees' issue, he said [Read More](#)



Development and Humanitarian Publications

Pakistan floods: Six months on, humanitarian needs remain dire

It's been almost six months since flash floods battered parts of Pakistan, and hundreds of thousands of people are still reeling from the floods' effects. Homes, livelihoods, and farmlands were destroyed, and many parts of the country remain underwater. An estimated 33 million people have been affected, of which 20 million are still living in dire conditions.

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United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023-2027 for Pakistan

With this framework, the UN in Pakistan has prioritized five development outcomes to improve people's lives in Pakistan, especially the lives of those at the greatest risk of being left behind. The UN will support Pakistan to move forward on its pathway towards sustainable development [Read More](#)

UNHCR's financial requirements 2022

Unearmarked funding is allocated and reallocated multiple times during the year to allow UNHCR to fund prioritized activities. This funding update includes an indicative allocation of funds so as to accurately represent the resources available for the country.. [Read More](#)


Drowned: The Human Cost of Deadly Floods in Pakistan

Heavy rains and flooding between June and August 2022 have led to what the UN has termed an "unprecedented climate-induced disaster" in Pakistan, with deaths, injuries, large scale displacement, and a loss of livelihoods in the country. The flood waters are beginning to recede, and the medium to long term impact on people's economic and social rights in Pakistan are becoming clearer [Read More](#)

Pakistan: 2022 Monsoon Floods – Situation Report No. 12 (As of 5 December 2022)

Floodwaters continue to recede in many flood-affected areas across Pakistan. However, standing flood waters continue to be reported in Districts of Sindh and Baluchistan. United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT) imagery indicates an estimated 8 million people still potentially exposed to floodwaters or [Read More](#)





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FLOODS IN PAKISTAN**

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