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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 42 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.



Dear Readers,

Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) wishes for you and your loved ones this holiday season. Have a safe and warm winter. Greetings for the new year, and best wishes for a happy and prosperous one!



PHF – Monthly General Members Meeting – 22nd December 2022

PHF hosted a monthly general meeting of its members' organizations (INGOs) at the PHF Secretariat. Overview of the flood response situation, needs and challenges were the key discussion points of the meeting.



Dr. Fauzia Asad (Country Director JPHIEGO) presented overview of her organization's work in Pakistan JPHIEGO's unopposed induction as a PHF member organization.

JPHIEGO was unanimously elected as newest PHF Member Organization in this meeting.



PHF Team met with Deputy Chief of Protocol Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the upcoming Donor Conference at Geneva, Switzerland



Team PHF had a fruitful meeting with Majid Shabir, Secretary General Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry earlier today to promote the Industry-INGOs linkages.

PHF Updates

Policy dialogue on Inclusive Development and Emergency Response - Flood 2022 and People with Disabilities. A great panel discussion between the representative of UNHCR, PHF and Step Pakistan in Islamabad.



Team Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) led by County Director Syed Shahid Kazmi paid a visit to the Prime Minister office to meet SAPM on Political Affairs/Convener National Parliamentary Taskforce on SDGs, Ms. Romina Khursheed Alam. During the meeting various proposals regarding promotion of necessary linkages between PHF Secretariat & SDGs Secretariat along with future plans of collaboration were discussed in detail.



PHF Dashboard Training – 22nd December 2022

Inhouse training by PHF team to all member organizations for data collection for Annual Report 2022. PHF has created a dashboard for efficient and secure data collection and consolidation for its member organizations.



PHF Members Highlights

Establishment of Al-Kubra Training and Education Center by **Muslim Hands** in Mirpur, where technical and vocational education and training will be imparted to female students so that women can gain a respectable position in the society.



Qatar Charity office in Pakistan was able to install several stations and water pumps in two areas (Khairpur & Sinjar) in Sindh province, to provide clean water to its residents, and it is expected that more than 3,000 people will benefit from it.



Qatar Charity celebrated Qatar National Day with orphans in Islamabad, H.E Mr. Nayef Mohammed Al Hajiri - 3rd secretary of Qatar Embassy in Pakistan graced the event as chief guest.

Islamic Relief Pakistan: Climate change remains our top priority as Pakistan battles with disasters. Provincial Consultation on National Climate Change Policy with Mr. Hamza Shafqaat (Secretary Info Balochistan) was aimed at bringing all stakeholders together to take decisive action.



PHF Members Highlights



Shabnam Baloch Meeting with NDMA. "Climate financing for WASH brief – Pakistan scoping brief" undertaken by IRC researchers led by Habib-ur-Rehman here at a ceremony jointly organised by the **IRC** and the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (**SDPI**). The study calls upon international donors to allocate at least 35% of climate-related budget for WASH raising it from the existing 22% for Pakistan and prioritise allocation of WASH and climate-related funding to the countries which are currently unlikely to achieve the WASH SDGs.



Islamic Relief Pakistan: While visiting flood-affected areas, First Secretary @lottaericsdotter @swedeninpakistan ^{SE} shared her thoughts on the damages & needs that could take years to rebuild. [Read More](#)

Relief International introduces an Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) for left-behind children aged 10-14 who have never been to school or never completed their primary education. 40 centers are established with 40 trained facilitators in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for 1600 Afghan Children, furthermore, they will be provided with school kits & ALP student packages. The project objective is to 'Improve equitable access to safe, quality formal and non-formal education for Afghan and host community children to increase empowerment, dignity, and life opportunities in Pakistan'.



Chairman NDMA, Lieutenant General Inam Haider Malik presided the special session of National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) today. National Institute of Health (NIH) team was called on for updated monitoring of regional trends of new variant of coronavirus and trajectories development for Pakistan without creating undue alarm. NCOC showed detailed statistics on COVID management, vaccination administration data and low risk of new variant in Pakistan. It was informed that current COVID [Read More](#)

Having spent about \$1.5 billion equivalent from its resources so far on flood rehabilitation, Pakistan would be seeking concessional loans from international development partners during the upcoming 'donor conference' in Geneva to build a resilient future with over \$16bn worth of recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities. Secretary Ministry for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Syed Zafar Ali Shah said that the reconstruction and rehabilitation was an ongoing process and besides the about \$1.5bn worth of expenditure so far, [Read More](#)

National Assembly Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf said that overseas Pakistanis have always proved themselves as an asset to Pakistan and their welfare is the top priority of the incumbent government. Talking to UK/USA based Humanitarian group here he said the welfare of expatriate Pakistanis was a priority of the government. Appreciating the role of overseas Pakistanis, he said these are overseas Pakistanis who always come forward to support Pakistan in difficult times. [Read More](#)

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday and briefed him about preparations for the upcoming Climate Resilient Pakistan conference.

The International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan will be held in Geneva on January 9. The event will be co-hosted by the Government of Pakistan and the United Nations. [Read More](#)

As many as 149 people have so far been killed in the country due to dengue fever in 2022, of which the highest number of deaths, 62, were reported in Sindh, officials said on Tuesday. "Around 78,554 confirmed dengue cases have been reported from entire Pakistan till December 27, 2022, while 149 people died due to complications of dengue in the country", an official of the National Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad said. The official said 62 people died due to complications of dengue in Sindh, 50 people died in Punjab, [Read More](#)

Months after devastating floods in Pakistan, millions remain homeless and need shelter, an aid volunteer says. Up to 33 million people were affected earlier this year amid widespread devastation in monsoon season. A UN report said about eight million are still potentially exposed to floods or live close to affected areas. Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has urged the international community to provide "urgent assistance". [Read More](#)



Development and Humanitarian Publications

JICA extends its support to the Flood Affected Districts of Punjab and KP

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Pakistan Office extends its support to the flood affected districts of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Provinces by providing in total 9000 mosquito nets, 80,000 ORS and 400,000 water purification tablets. On the request of Government of Punjab and KP, the Government of Japan and JICA Pakistan Office decided to extend its support to the worst affected districts of both the provinces. [Read More](#)

UNDP Pakistan: Flood Recovery Programme (FRP)

The devastating floods of 2022 have extracted a heavy toll from Pakistan especially on the poor and vulnerable segments of the society. In addition to causing more than 1,700 deaths and affecting around 33 million people, the floods have caused damages and losses to the national economy to the tune of over US\$ 30 billion and would need a sum of US\$ 16 billion to ensure resilient recovery. [Read More](#)

UNICEF Pakistan Humanitarian Situation Report No. 8 (Floods): 15 December 2022

Around 5.4 million people remain displaced as per the latest available data. In some locations of Sindh province, and in parts of Balochistan, water has yet to recede and may remain for several months into the new year, protracting the dire humanitarian situation for people in these areas.

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Government of Pakistan and UNHCR open 11 PoR smartcard modification centres for Afghan refugees in Pakistan

The Government of Pakistan with the support of UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has opened 11 Proof of Registration (PoR) card modification (PCM) centres across the country. The PCM centres located in Peshawar, Quetta, Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad,. [Read More](#)

Helping Adolescent Girls Transition to Post-Primary Education in Pakistan

For many adolescent girls in Pakistan, going to school remains a major challenge. 16-year-old Firdous Bhutto is no exception. "I went to school when I was younger," the adolescent tells. "But as I grew up, I had to drop out -- not once, but twice." Firdous lives in Qadirpur, a small, underprivileged village of only 40 houses located in Ghotki, a rural district of Pakistan's southeast Sindh province [Read More](#)

Pakistan: World Bank Approves \$1.692 Billion for 5 Projects to Support the People of Sindh in the Flood-Affected Areas

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors today approved \$1.692 billion in financing for five projects to support people living in flood-affected areas of Sindh Province in Pakistan. Three projects support rehabilitation and housing reconstruction and the restoration of crop production for vulnerable communities, while another two projects support health services for mothers and children. [Read More](#)

UNHCR receives €1 million from L'Oréal Group to support flood affected communities in Pakistan

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, today welcomed the announcement of €1,000,000 [One Million Euro] donation by the L'Oréal Group, the world's leading beauty company, to provide emergency support for flood affected communities in Pakistan as well as help rebuild community infrastructure such as schools, hospitals and shelters. [Read More](#)

People remain stranded as winter approaches flood-hit Pakistan

It has been more than three months since devastating floods caused vast damage across Pakistan and displaced millions, but only in recent weeks have waters started to recede and people been able to return home. Those returning to their villages are finding destroyed houses and land still surrounded by stagnant water. Meanwhile, those [Read More](#)



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