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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.



PHF Delegation met with Senator Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister for Climate Change: A delegation of Pakistan Humanitarian Forum, including Executive Committee members from ACTED, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Mercy Corps, Welthungerhilfe (WHH), Muslim Aid Pakistan, Muslim Hands Pakistan, Country Coordinator Pakistan Humanitarian Forum and representative of Aga Khan Development Network and Oxfam met with Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister for Climate Change for consultations on resilience adaptation as well as the International Geneva Donor Conference on Climate Resilient



Syed Shahid Kazmi, Country Coordinator Pakistan Humanitarian Forum, talked on the Role of INGOs in Humanitarian and Development in Pakistan during a morning show "Subha e Pakistan" on PTV News.



DG PDMA Mr. Sharif Hussain chaired the 4th Core Coordination Committee Meeting at PDMA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa attended by representatives from PHF, International and National NGOs, UNICEF, UNOCHA, WFP Pakistan, and SRSP. The purpose was to strengthen coordination, financial resource mapping, and assessment of public-private partnerships and community-owned projects. DG PDMA emphasized the efforts for better and early reconstruction and rehabilitation in the 17 flood-affected districts of KP.



PHF Country Coordinator, Syed Shahid Kazmi in an interview with Daily Dunya News highlighted the global impacts of Climate Change. He also emphasized on the collaborative and sustainable efforts between the government and development sector on priority basis as Pakistan is most vulnerable to the effects of environmental and climate change.



PHF Members Highlights



With the support of Action for Humanity, Muslim Aid Pakistan is working tirelessly to provide aid in the form of clean drinking water to those in need in the flood-affected areas of District Mirpurkhas, Sindh.



With the support of USAID and Concern, Muslim Aid Pakistan provided Winter kits, Hygiene kits to flood-affected communities in Balochistan.



ACTED distributed the most needed emergency shelters and inclusive dignity hygiene kits among 60 beneficiaries of UC Rahimabad District Shikarpur on 13th January 2023. Sessions of Hygiene Awareness and Emergency Shelter installation were also conducted.



CARE International is providing immediate relief to more than 630 households in Jamshoro, Sindh with essential supplies including shelter kits, non-food items, hygiene kits, and menstrual hygiene management kits.



PHF Members Highlights



Muslim Hands team in Swat delivered over 125 Winter kits were among the orphan students studying in Muslim Hands schools. All the children and their guardians were joyous and thanked the donors

Java trees that were planted by Muslim Hands in 2019 at Lehri, Jhelum, Pakistan, are now giving fruits. MH Climate Actions is a project by Muslim Hands Pakistan focusing on climate change by working locally for sustainable climate actions "Planet over Profit"



Ms. Aisha Jamshed, Country Director of WHH, together with WHH Provincial Manager Mr. Sarwan Baloch, visited village M. Yousif Rajar UC Tajo Khaskheli of Mirpurkhas where RDF is implementing strengthening of resilience of flood-affected communities in Pakistan project.



Oxfam in Pakistan, as part of their emergency response, have established Women and Child Friendly Spaces. These spaces are established by their partners to help and support the psychosocial wellbeing of the flood-affected communities.

OUR SAFE SPACES ARE AN EXCLUSIVE FACILITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS AFFECTED BY FLOODS. THESE SPACES ARE CURATED TO DE-STRESS AND RELAX THEM THROUGH ACTIVITIES AND CONVERSATIONS.



Remembering the Human in Humanitarian (Attabad Lake Incident)

The devastating event of Attabad disaster in Hunza, Gilgit Baltistan, occurred on January 4th, 2010, when a massive landslide blocked the Hunza River for five months. A monster landslide of almost 45 million cubic meters debris displaced and created an obstruction along the river Hunza with a barrier elevation of 120 meters high spread over 1.5 kilometers of cross section area. This incident created a 22 kilometers long water reservoir with approximate volume of +500 million Cubic meters of water.

It also inundated 18 kilometer stretch of Karakoram Highway (KKH) that caused disruption of upstream valleys, villages and town centers. The only access route to China remained blocked for more than a year.



In the aftermath of the disaster, Aga Khan Agency for Habitat Pakistan (AKAH) worked tirelessly to provide humanitarian support to those affected. AKAH, P distributed essential supplies, such as food, clean drinking water, and shelter, and worked to rebuild homes and infrastructure in the safer areas.

Moreover, AKAH installed an early warning system and other scientific equipment to monitor the lake on daily basis. This involved a big number of volunteers have expertise in Search and Rescue (SART) to help evacuate affected population and recover dead bodies, mobilized Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) to help in removing left over belongings, installation of temporary shelters and transport food and other relief items.



Buzz of the Week



UNICEF continues relief operations to help millions of children still suffering the effects of the catastrophic 2022 monsoon season. "Children living in Pakistan's flood-affected areas have been pushed to the brink," said Abdullah Fadil, UNICEF Representative in Pakistan. "The rains may have ended, but the crisis for children has not." Ahead of the start of winter, UNICEF began distributing warm clothing, blankets and other items, aiming to reach nearly 200,000 children, women and men. [Read More](#)

In order to overcome serious post-flood challenges of rehabilitation and reconstruction, Pakistan needed minimum of US\$6.78 billion in one year for flood-affected districts, more than US \$ 6.17 billion in the next three years and another US \$ 3 billion over five years in long term help. In continuation of the ongoing efforts for ensuring earliest rehabilitation of the flood victims, Pakistan joined hands with the United Nations in organizing a one-day International Conference on Climate Resilient at Geneva, Switzerland... [Read More](#)

Pakistan has launched its first nationwide anti-polio campaign for the year, aiming to immunize more than 44 million children under the age of five to protect them from the viral disease.

The three-day campaign started on Monday in more than 150 districts of the country, which along with Afghanistan are the only two countries where the debilitating neurodegenerative disease is still endemic.. [Read More](#)

World leaders, representatives of international development and humanitarian organizations, and UN delegations gathered in Geneva on Monday to rally financial support for Pakistan's recovery from the devastating floods that hammered the country last year. Pakistan has appealed for \$16.3 billion to assist it to rebuild the country, and almost half this amount had been pledged by countries attending the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan [Read More](#)

ISLAMABAD - (APP): Denmark has announced additional humanitarian assistance of **DKK 26.7 million** to United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) for supporting the flood relief efforts of Pakistan.

"The Danish assistance will provide health, nutrition, WASH, child protection services and education for 10 million children in Pakistan through UNICEF-Pakistan", Denmark's Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy made an announcement [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](#)



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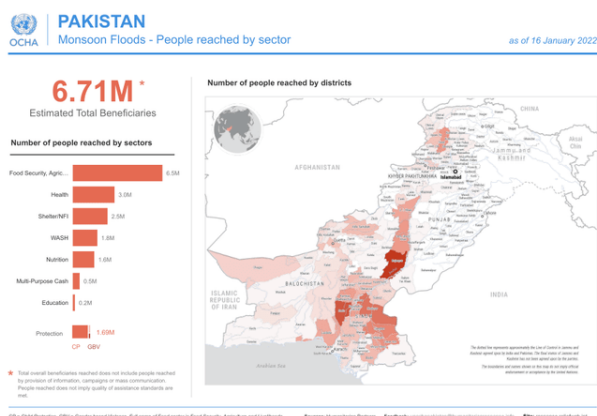
Pakistan: UN experts urge action on coerced religious conversions, forced and child marriage

UN experts* today expressed alarm at the reported rise in abductions, forced marriages and conversions of underage girls and young women from religious minorities in Pakistan and called for immediate efforts to curtail the practices and ensure justice for victims. "We urge the Government to take immediate steps to prevent and thoroughly investigate

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Pakistan: Monsoon Floods – People reached by sector (as of 16 January 2022)

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Supporting millions impacted by Pakistan flooding

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Pakistan Monsoon Floods – Situation Report #7, January 11, 2023

Since the deadly flooding in June 2022, more than 1,700 people have died and more than 200,000 people remain displaced in Balochistan and Sindh provinces. International Medical Corps has deployed 11 mobile medical teams, which have provided 95,422 consultations in severely affected districts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa [Read More](#)



Pakistani Flood Survivors Welcome Funding, But Demand Immediate Disbursement

People in flood-affected areas of Pakistan have welcomed the pledges at an UN-sponsored donor conference in Geneva on January 9 but want to see an immediate cash flow to facilitate their journeys toward normalcy.

"We need immediate assistance because we have lost all our belongings in floods. [Read More](#)

When the rains came, the
roof of our house collapsed and
my husband was crushed under it



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