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PHF BULLETIN

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Dear Readers,

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.





NHN in collaboration with **Welthungerhilfe** (WHH) and ToGETHER Pakistan organized a 2-day General Assembly on “Adapting Humanitarian Action to the Effects of Climate Change”. Country Coordinator PHF, Syed Shahid Kazmi in a panel discussion spoke about PHF’s collaboration and coordination mechanism and its perspective on localization in view of the recent relief and response activities.



Knowledge for disaster resilience!

Pakistan Humanitarian Forum hosted the Srilankan delegation at PHF Secretariat to apprise them about best models and practices for humanitarian networks, management practices, and advocacy strategies.



Pakistan Humanitarian Forum team organized the 2nd Session of PHF Dashboard Training for its Member Organizations for data collection. The data will be primarily used for the Annual Report (2022) to showcase the PHF Members’ key activities and achievements.

Pakistan Humanitarian Forum Coordination Meeting with Donor Agencies on Pakistan Flood Response

Representatives of Donor Agencies, PHF Member Organizations, Pakistan National Humanitarian Network (NHN), and National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) participated in the meeting. PHF executive committee applauded the role of international community, development partners, government stakeholders, NHN, and media to synergize the efforts for early recovery, reconstruction, rehabilitation and rebuild livelihoods of flood affected people.



The forum praised the international community and development partners for showing their compassion while pledging over 10 billion USD at the recent Geneva Conference co-hosted by Pakistan and United Nations. The forum also mentioned that the CSOs, INGOS and NGOs can play a vital role in implementing the 4RF model by strengthening the planning and coordination efforts at all levels.



National Launch of Inclusive Digital SDGs Knowledge Hub

LEAD for SDGs Programme has launched an SDGs Knowledge Hub (SKH) in collaboration with Planning Commission with the financial support of the Delegation of the European Union and the UCLG ASPAC. Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives (PD&SI) inaugurated the ceremony of up linking the Digital Hub.



PHF team attended a special guest lecture from Executive Director UNEP Ms. Inger Andersen, on Environmental Governance in Addressing Plastic Pollution and the Role of CSOs organized by **SDPI**



PHF Members Highlights

Pakistan is at the forefront of the Climate Crisis. **Islamic Relief Pakistan** organized a National Conference on Climate Change: *Race Against Time*.



A panel discussion on Climate Challenges & Unfolding Poly Crisis: Partnering to Tackling the Challenges and Building the Resilience.



Keynote Speakers:

- H.E. Leslie Scanlon (Canadian High Commissioner)
- Ms. Romina Khursheed Alam (SAPM/Convener SDGs)
- Mr. Khusrav Sharifov (Senior Technical Advisor, Climate & Disaster Resilience)



Media awareness training workshop was organized by **Muslim Hands** for all the workers and volunteers working across the country.

Muslim Hands in collaboration with District Administration Mirpur initiated an awareness campaign regarding prohibition of smoking at public places and plastic bags usage in Azad Kashmir.



PHF Members Highlights



Save the Children International in partnership with Aga Khan University Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health (AKU COE-WCH), and UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH), held the 'POWER Health Systems National and Provincial Stakeholders Workshop' in Islamabad to initiate a discussion on a collaborative proposal which focuses on targeted research to strengthen health service delivery and resilience in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs) in the context of Extreme Weather Events (EWEs) caused by the changing climate.



Handicap International organized a disaster management training session for its staff in Islamabad to apprise the participants of the types of natural and man-made disasters and their causes and any emergency and to ensure safety measures during natural or man-made disasters



Qatar Charity distributed 630 winterization kits in district Neelum-Azad Jammu & Kashmir in which 4,410 snow affected individuals directly benefitted



Secours Islamique France (Pakistan) organized a training on Animal Nutrition, Food and Fodder preservation in Lower Chitral with the support of World Food Programme (WFP)



PHF Members Highlights

#InternationalDayofEducation



Promoting Afghan Children Education (PACE): PACE project will provide integrated and alternative solutions for unmet needs with a focus on quality education services delivery. **Relief International** aims to hand over and phase out its signature school readiness program (for children 5-9 years) and introduce an accelerated learning program (ALP) for left-behind children aged 10-14 who have never been to school or never completed their primary education.

MuslimAid Pakistan is working towards providing quality education in Punjab and expanding access to education for children who otherwise wouldn't have it.



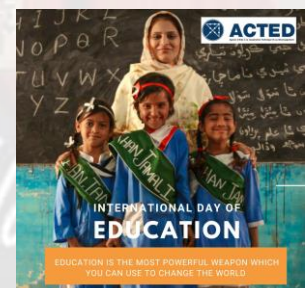
With this International Day of Education highlighting the theme "To invest in people, prioritize education", we at Islamic Relief resonate the voice of those children deprived from education during these floods.

Islamic Relief Pakistan



"The most marginalized girls in Pakistan face many barriers to education. The #LeaveNoGirlBehind project led with FCDO along with local communities allowed 6,000+ girls to benefit from trainings, helping them transition into formal education, employment & income generation"

ACTED Pakistan



Remembering the Human in Humanitarian

Rehmat Khan is a father of five children who live in Balochistan with his family. A farmer by occupation, Rehmat's livelihood was destroyed when the floods hit their community, washing away his crops and possessions. He and his family were forced to temporarily flee to higher ground with nothing but clothes on their backs. Rehmat knew that his family would freeze if they didn't have warm clothes and blankets. He had no idea how to provide these necessities, and the stress weighed heavily on him. **Concern** under RAPID Fund and through its partner, **Muslim Aid Pakistan**, assessed his family and selected for relief assistance. He was provided with Shelter & NFI kits to alleviate his sufferings.

"In the harsh winters, our children were trembling; it was hard to fulfil lifesaving needs in emergency circumstances. We hardly had to cope with cold weather and hygienic conditions," said Rehmat Khan. "The winterization and hygiene kits provided by secured us from the impact of harsh weather and diseases and supported us to keep our family safe and healthy,"

Nonetheless, there is a long way to go to uplift these communities and bring them back to normal.

We must build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear – Martin Luther King



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The water entered Jannat Bibi's house and spoiled all her belongings. She stayed on the roof the whole night and cried for help as the house was not strong enough to stand for long. The next day she and other affected families were rescued by an army helicopter. And on the very same day, her house was also swept away. They were then transported to a relief camp in the vicinity. After assessing the situation, **Helvetas Pakistan** immediately responded to the critical needs of the affected families in D.I. Khan.

When they provided Jannat Bibi with food hampers, hygiene and dignity kits she was barefoot, and her clothes were in terrible condition. The mental and physical trauma of the ordeal she had been through had shaken her. Even in this condition, she was thankful to Helvetas Pakistan Team to provide her with the most basic needs

Four months since Pakistan declared a national state of emergency due to catastrophic flooding during the 2022 monsoons, up to 4 million children are still living near contaminated and stagnant floodwaters — at grave risk to their survival and well-being. An estimated 10 million girls and boys continue to need urgent, life-sustaining support. Scores of villages and crops remain underwater, and now bitter winter temperatures are setting in — endangering those who are still without adequate shelter. [Read More](#)

Federal Minister for Science and Technology Agha Hassan Baloch has said that the proposed Khuzdar campus of National University of Science and Technology (NUST) will prove to be a “game changer” for Balochistan’s education and research sectors.

He was addressing NUST Rector Lt General (retd) Javed Mehmood Bukhari during a meeting here on Saturday. Bukhari briefed the minister about the performance of the institution. [Read More](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of immunisation, but it also caused huge disruption to routine vaccination programmes across the globe. As countries focused on fighting the new virus, efforts to eliminate or control older diseases were put on hold. [Read More](#)



The flooding catastrophe in Pakistan may no longer be making news headlines, but as media attention — and humanitarian donor interest — wanes, there are 4 million children still fighting for survival, UNICEF Representative in Pakistan Abdullah Fadil said during a press briefing at UN headquarters in Geneva Tuesday.. “With homes destroyed, they are suffering a bitter winter, without decent shelter,” Fadil said. [Read More](#)

LAHORE: On the approval of Managing Director Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) Manzoor Javed Ali, the fourth phase of the Initiative to Replace Cancelled Schools (IRCS) was launched. New schools will be opened on 51 sites across Punjab. Through the programme, applications will be accepted from across the province to open new schools in areas where partnerships of several institutions were previously cancelled, under programmes such as Foundation Assisted School (FAS), Education Voucher Scheme (EVS) and New School Programmes (NSP). [Read More](#)

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister of Education and Professional Training Rana Tanveer Hussain said that development and stability were not possible without revolution and innovation in the education system. Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the “Student Facilitation Centre and Online Attestation Portal” at the Secretariat of the Inter-Board Committee of Chairman (IBCC), the minister said that education is the ladder... [Read More](#)



Development and Humanitarian Publications

Pakistan Monsoon Floods – Siitrep #7, January 11, 2023, by International Medical Corps

Six months after the deadly floods wrecked havoc in Pakistan, an estimated 5 million people are living in close proximity to flooded areas, according to UN satellite imagery. Exposure to contaminated floodwaters and a lack of adequate shelter, tents, latrines and food items, including safe drinking water, is increasing the vulnerability of affected communities.. [Read More](#)

Pakistan Meteorological Department: Weekly Drought Information (31 January 2023)

During last week, rain was reported in Balochistan. Cold and dry weather prevailed over Sindh province while very cold in north Balochistan. The change occurred in the Drought situation during last week with respect to the previous week is updated using Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI). The change is shown in map form which is appended below. Currently normal conditions are prevailing in most of the districts in Balochistan and Sindh while few areas in Sindh are showing less wetter conditions compared to the previous week. [Read More](#)

UNHCR, UNFPA, and UNICEF work together for flood-affected communities

Islamabad, Pakistan -- 30 January 2023: UNHCR, the UN Agency Refugee Agency signed two agreements with UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, and UNICEF, the UN Children's Fund, to improve the protection environment for refugee and host communities affected by the devastating floods, especially children and women. [Read More](#)

Strategic Evaluation of WFP's work on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS - Centralized evaluation report

The strategic evaluation of WFP's work on nutrition and addressing HIV and AIDS policies serves the dual purpose of accountability and learning, particularly the latter.

It is aimed at providing lessons and insights to help guide WFP's positioning in relation to HIV and nutrition so as to improve operations at the country level and accountability to affected.... [Read More](#)

Geneva: UN member states must demand accountability for Pakistan's human rights record

Ahead of Pakistan's fourth Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on 30 January, Rimmel Mohyidin, regional campaigner at Amnesty International, said:

"Pakistan's fourth UPR arrives at a tumultuous time for human rights in Pakistan, with political upheaval, economic instability, climate crisis, and an oppressed civil society enabling the environment for their abuse and impunity. The assessment presents a crucial opportunity for UN Member States to peer review Pakistan's human rights [Read More](#)

Bi-Weekly Flow Monitoring - Flow monitoring of undocumented Afghans returnees from Pakistan (01 - 14 January 2023)

IOM Pakistan collects data on the outflows of undocumented Afghan migrants at the Torkham and Chaman border crossing points in an effort to better understand the migration movements of undocumented Afghan migrants returning to Afghanistan from Pakistan. This exercise is part of the European Union funded project "Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP)" [Read More](#)





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