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NEWS 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

International humanitarian response is underway in earthquake-affected areas of Türkiye and Syria. INGOs have sent their emergency teams and those already on the ground are working closely with the government and other partner organizations to provide relief and rescue services to earthquake victims. There is a dire need to strengthen collaborative efforts to reach out to the most affected, even though hundreds have been evacuated and local stakeholders are doing their best to cater to earthquake victims. PHF voices solidarity extends condolences to the people of Türkiye and Syria and stands together with them in these difficult times.

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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 Members' Highlights



Two magnitude 6 earthquakes hit Türkiye & Syria. Our teams currently give assistance to affected people in hard-to-reach areas. This week, distributions go on with: Food baskets and kitchen sets, hygiene kits and baby kits, cash assistance and emergency shelter.



Heavy snowfall is recorded in parts of Chitral this week. AKAH volunteers are acting vigilantly to monitor the situation and ensure preparedness measures at the community level.



Floods may have destroyed their homes, but hope is being restored. Muslim Aid Pakistan is building 100 shelters for our brothers and sisters affected by the disaster. With 10 completed, Here is the pictorial view of the before and after construction of a beneficiary's house.

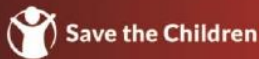


Muslim Hands, in collaboration with, continued the process of rehabilitation of flood victims in flood-affected areas, and distributed ration to the flood victims in Badin area of Sindh, which included flour, rice, sugar, etc.

PHF Members Highlights

February 2023

SAVE THE CHILDREN FLOOD RESPONSE IN PAKISTAN



Amidst these difficult times, Save the Children is already delivering an extensive response in Sindh, KP, and Balochistan to address the immediate survival needs in worst-hit districts, and now progressing toward recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction to minimize the adverse effects of flooding on education, health, nutrition, WASH, food security, and livelihoods of children, women and their families. As of 15th February 2023, Save the Children has reached more than 228,432 people, including more than 115,498 children through the life-saving activities under flood response 2022



Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees (CAR) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) have agreed to facilitate Afghan refugees in access to health and essential services in the country.
<https://www.nation.com.pk/22-Feb-2023/irc-car-join-hands-for-afghan-refugees-healthcare>



SPO distributed winterization Kits to 306 flood-affected families of UC Jaffar Khan Laghari in district Sanghar Sindh with the support of our partner Oxfam in Pakistan.

Remembering the Human in Humanitarian



Madina, a mother to five children and pregnant with another saw her house, cattle, and food stock washed away, with no foreseeable income, huddled in her damaged house, worried about her five children, one of whom is quite sick, and constantly worried about the food, approaching winter and the future of her family. She was pale due to anemia and often felt dizzy when she got up due to low hemoglobin. **“I was five months pregnant when the flood water gushed, and nonstop rain was striking our village in Lasbela”.**

Upon recalling her experience of a flood, Madina said, "I was doing my house chores when I heard one my neighbor shouting and coming to take me to highland as my husband was out on his work. My mother came along us. We were all concerned about the situation, especially my husband, who had not returned home that night. That was the most difficult night of my life; our house was completely destroyed by floodwaters, and my husband was stranded in another part of Lasbela. We were all on the main highway, where we obtained tents, food items, clothes and other useful items from local organizations, where we stayed for at least five days".

Days after her husband returned, Madina breathe a sigh of relief. During this time period, Madina was facing some contractions. She visited a Basic Health Unit where she came to know her hemoglobin was low. During this difficult phase, where bringing food to the table was an issue, Madina's family was identified for multipurpose cash assistance.

On the day of the MPCA distribution, she took a local bus to the distribution camp in Bela and received PKR 15,000 (67 USD). She was overjoyed that she would be able to deliver her baby in a safe environment and get food on the table for her young kids.

Madina was full of enthusiasm at the back of a successful operation and was so delighted of her newborn that she is a blessing to their family. Madina called the IRC team by herself and shared her motivational story while the team were interviewing MPCA recipients. She also requested that a photo be taken with her newborn so that it could be published with her story. Madina expressed her gratitude to the IRC team in person as well because she was overjoyed to connect with IRC's MPCA.



Buzz of the Week



NDMA Sends thousand-ton Cargo of relief consignment through Pakistan Naval Ship, 'NASR' to Quake-Hit Syria & Türkiye. As part of continuous relief assistance on Prime Minister's instruction, to the people of countries affected by the deadly earthquake, NDMA has dispatched first shipment through Naval Ship NASR from KTP West Wharf Karachi today. Faisal Subzwari Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs of Pakistan, Turkish Consul General Jamal Sangu and Commander Pakistan Fleet Rear Admiral Faisal Abbasi graced [Read More](#)



Special NEOC Session on Humanitarian Assistance to Quake-hit Türkiye & Syria held at NDMA. NDMA held a special NEOC session to review humanitarian assistance package for quake-hit Türkiye & Syria today. Federal Minister for Planning & special Initiatives Dr. Ahsan Iqbal chaired the meeting through video link whereas Chairman NDMA, Lt. General Inam Haider Malik and Turkish Ambassador H.E Mehmet Pacaci joined the session. The session was attended by Ambassador of Pakistan in Türkiye. [Read More](#)



NUST launches action plan to mitigate impacts of climate change. The National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) organised the first-ever Partnership for Climate Action (PCA-2023) conference in Pakistan from February 14 to 16, 2023. Themed around the topic "Science for Sustainability," the conference was held in collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), German Red Cross, Pakistan Red Crescent, International Federation of Red Cross, International Rescue Committee and Welt Hunger Hilfe. [Read More](#)

Early Recovery and Livelihoods Sector HCT . More than 1,414 people have died so far in the 7.8-magnitude quake that struck Syria. Dozens of aftershocks hit afterward, including last week's 6.3 magnitude aftershock, which was strongly felt across the country, causing horror for people. In the aftermath of the earthquake, the already stretched and fragile livelihoods of millions of Syrians have suffered yet another devastating blow. The disaster brought significant damage to urban and rural livelihood assets as well as basic infrastructure,, [Read More](#)

Türkiye/Syria Earthquake- On 20 February, the Logistics Sector Coordinator deployed to Ankara as part of the establishment of the national Sector Coordination Mechanism at central level. The Logistics Sector established a coordination cell in Ankara to liaise with relevant government officials, and at the same time has continued to run its operations out of Gaziantep, in coordination with OCHA's On-Site Operations Coordination Centre [Read More](#)

How close is the world to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals? We are approaching the half-way point of the transformative 2030 Agenda for sustainable development something the UN 2023 SDG Summit will mark in September. While the international community prepares for a range of national, regional and international events around the summit, this is an important time to take stock of where we are with implementing [Read More](#)

DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PUBLICATIONS

Pakistan: Floods response update, February 2023

Rural communities of Pakistan were among the hardest hit by the devastating floods of June–August 2022. The disaster wiped out 1.7 million hectares of agricultural land and 800 000 heads of livestock, pushing millions of rural households into poverty and food insecurity. Around 14.6 million people are in need of food security and agricultural assistance. Restoring the livelihoods and food production of rural households is fundamental to the humanitarian response. The document provides an overview of the ongoing response of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in line with national priorities and the revised floods response plan. [Read more](#)

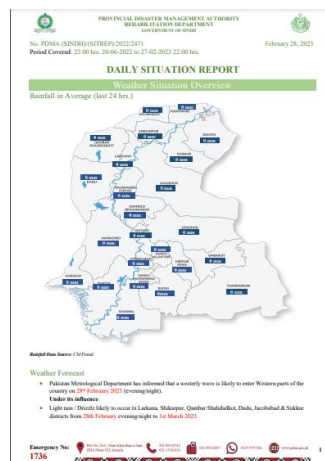
UNDP Pakistan holds training on responsible reporting on climate change and GLOFs for journalists in Khyber Paktunkhwa

Heavy rains and a combination of riverine, urban and flash flooding have led to an unprecedented climate-induced disaster in Pakistan since June 2022, causing widespread fatalities, killing livestock, and damaging and destroying public and private infrastructure across the country. Raininduced landslides and floods have also damaged agricultural land and forests, impacting local ecosystems. 84 districts nationwide have been notified as 'calamity hit' by the Government of Pakistan, mainly in Balochistan (32 districts), Sindh (23 districts) and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (17 districts). [Read more](#)

WFP Pakistan Country Brief, January 2023

Since August 2022, WFP has provided 3.35 million flood affected people in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Punjab, and Sindh provinces with 77,445 mt of in-kind food and US\$14.8 million in Cash-based Transfers (CBT). Under WFP's Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme, 505,735 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and children aged 6-23 months received unconditional assistance and Specialized Nutritious Foods (SNF). WFP faces a shortfall of US\$107 million for its ongoing flood response. Despite persistent humanitarian needs, WFP has been compelled to scale down its assistance from mid-February 2023.t. Despite WFP's efforts to address the persisting humanitarian needs of flood-affected populations, [Read more](#)

Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA): Sindh Daily Situation Report (February 28, 2023) [Read more](#)





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