

# BULLETIN

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**PHF**  
Pakistan Humanitarian Forum



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## Message from Country Coordinator PHF

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**

## 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 43 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.



MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

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# PHF UPDATES



The **National Simulation Exercise (SimEx)** titled Winter Freeze was conducted from December 3 to 4, 2024, at the NDMA headquarters to enhance disaster preparedness and inter-agency coordination. The exercise focused on winter hazards such as heavy snowfall, smog, and emergencies like road blockages, power outages, stranded tourists, and a simulated earthquake in northern Balochistan and southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Participants, including representatives from law enforcement, welfare organizations, the State Disaster Management Authority, Gilgit-Baltistan Disaster Management Authority, and the Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF), actively engaged in the scenarios. PHF's DRR Working Group presented key recommendations for improving disaster resilience. Attendees lauded NDMA for fostering collaboration and shared insights to refine disaster response strategies.



Exploring the power of telecommunication in disaster preparedness, response and recovery for a more resilient Pakistan. A two-days workshop was organized by GSMA under the Humanitarian Connectivity Charter, in collaboration with key stakeholders in Pakistan. PHF participated in the workshop and setup a stall to showcase the work of PHF member organisations related to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. The workshop concluded with engaging group discussions on Pakistan's National Disaster Telecommunication Plan, identifying gaps, and charting pathways to operationalize effective disaster management strategies.



# MAKING A Difference:



Success Stories from the field

## Joyful Birth, A Burden Lifted with BHU dignified support

Nahida, an Afghan mother, experienced a transformative birth journey this year. She welcomed a healthy baby girl in BHU of Badhber Afghan refugees camp, weighing 3.8 kg. This joyous occasion was marked by a significant change from her previous birth experience.

Previously, Nahida faced immense financial strain due to high healthcare costs. Her husband, Sher Shah, a laborer, struggled to meet their daily needs, let alone afford medical expenses. However, this time, Nahida received free, high-quality antenatal care and smooth delivery. She was able to return home within hours, rather than days, as was the case previously.

This positive experience has brought immense relief to Nahida and her family. They are grateful for the compassionate care they receive, which allows them to focus on welcoming their newborn without the added burden of financial stress.



**Malteser International**



## A Ray of Warmth Amidst Harsh Winters

Mr. Nayab-Ud-Din's family, struggling in harsh winters with limited income and disabilities, received vital winterization support from MAP's FTF program. Warm clothing and blankets brought them safety, comfort, and dignity.

“ Expressing his gratitude, Mr. Nayab-Ud-Din shared, “Thanks to Allah and Muslim Aid Pakistan for the provision of the winterization kit. We now have warm supplies to keep us safe and comfortable. We can face the winter without fear.”

**Muslim Aid**



# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Media/Communications Officer  
Apply Before: 21- Dec-2024
- Senior Videographer  
Apply Before: 21-Dec-2024



- HR assistants for Islamabad  
Apply Before: 20-Dec-2024



- Community Mobilizer - GBV

## INNOVATION CORNER



### Alight SafeSpace

Alight has strengthened its Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH) policy with expert-reviewed updates, annual revisions, and action plans. Safeguarding Focal Persons are appointed in every enterprise, and the Alight Safe Space mechanism enables anonymous feedback through multiple channels, including a hotline, email, and complaint boxes for non-internet users. All newly hired staff are required to complete a mandatory PSEAH course on our LEADS platform, which is in place for employee learning and personal growth.



Islamic Relief Pakistan (IRP) has adopted innovative approaches for project proposal development by utilizing MS Teams' channels for streamlined communication and real-time document collaboration. For housing reconstruction, beneficiary data is initially validated through a mobile app, followed by field supervisors conducting a second-level review via the dashboard before submission to area offices in Balochistan. At the third level, data quality assurance officers ensure the accuracy of forms. Additionally, IRP has upgraded its ERP system, Unit-4, for efficient financial management and service delivery, and enhanced STRIDE for staff performance appraisals, as well as FLEET for asset and vehicle management.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



### Safeguarding Matters

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# PUBLICATIONS

*This section includes publications that highlight humanitarian challenges, response strategies, and development initiatives, aiming to inform, foster collaboration, and promote sustainable solutions.*

## Pakistan's Climate Crisis



One of the most severely impacted sectors is agriculture, the backbone of Pakistan's economy and food security.

As climate change escalates worldwide, few nations are as starkly exposed to its brutal impacts as Pakistan. Extreme weather events.



## Tackling Malnutrition



The impact of malnutrition goes beyond individual suffering, affecting economic growth, human capital, and straining the healthcare system.

In Pakistan, malnutrition poses a silent yet catastrophic threat to the health, development, and future of millions, particularly children and women, suffer from its effects.



## What did Baku deliver?



Negotiations surrounding NCQG remains continuously fraught with political tensions

COP29, widely referred to as the Finance COP, concluded with an agreement on a \$300 billion annual climate finance package under the much-anticipated New Collective Quantified Goals (NCQGs).

After two weeks of contentious and, at times, openly confrontational negotiations, delegates from both developing and developed countries secured a deal that could influence global climate action for years to come.



## Restoring Hopes

From Crisis to Resilience, Restoring Hopes

**Tearfund**



**STAY INFORMED, STAY ENGAGED**



# NEWSFEED

- Pakistan secures \$330m from ADB to expand poverty alleviation efforts, [for details](#)
- Unicef on Friday launched an appeal for \$140.9 million to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations in Pakistan, [for details](#)
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pakistan, under its scaling up of Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) Risk Reduction in Northern Pakistan Project (GLOF-II), organised a divisional-level Stakeholders' Communication and Coordination Workshop in Swat, [for details](#)
- UN Women's Rolling Resistance concludes with call to end gender-based violence, [for details.](#)
- Only 5% of Pakistani children receive quality education, with millions out of school, hindering progress, [for details](#)

## Humanitarian Updates

### Refugees and Asylum Seekers

- The population of refugees and asylum seekers was 1.53 million consisting of 1,335,529 POR holders, 11,519 mandate refugees and 192,440 asylum seekers. 31.4% of the population was living in the refugee villages with 68.6% living outside the villages. 8.7% of the population have special needs while 23.6% of the households are headed by females.

### Voluntary Repatriation

- 11,199 Afghan Refugees repatriated through Torkham and Chaman border crossing points in November bringing the number of persons repatriated by the end of September to 25,130 (5,985 households). 4.44 M persons consisting of 797,899 households have been assisted through voluntary repatriation since 2002. The number of returns decreased by 21% compared to the same period in 2023. However, the returns in November 2024 reduced by 32% compared to October which is attributed to the extension of PoR cards for one year in July 2024 and the commencement of the winter season.

[please visit the Pakistan Operational Data Portal](#)

- NDMA has been published its plan for disaster contingencies Winter - 2024/25 [for details](#).

# Together for Resilient and Prosperous Pakistan



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