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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



PHF Executive Committee Elections



Following the elections held in December, we are delighted to announce the new composition of the PHF Executive Committee:

Elected Ex-com Members (2025-2026):

Position	Name	Organization
Chair Ex-com	Khuram Gondal	Save the Children
Deputy Chair	International Rescue Committee	
Member Ex-com	Sarfraz Laldin	ACTED
Member Ex-com	Adil Sheraz	Care International
Member Ex-com	Asif Sherazi	Islamic Relief
Member Ex-com	Jonathon Johnson	Tearfund
Member Ex-com	Ali Khayam	Right to Play
Member Ex-com	Nusrat Nasab	AKAHP



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RIGHT TO PLAY
PROTECT. EDUCATE. EMPower.



Save the Children

Tearfund

MAKING A Difference:



Success Stories from the field

Bringing Girls Back to School and Helping them to Achieve their Dreams

This story highlights the transformative impact of rehabilitating schools affected by the 2022 floods in District D.I. Khan, Pakistan. During a field visit to Chak Wanda Balochan, we met Maryam and Khadija, two bright-eyed sisters whose education was disrupted by the disaster. Their resilience and excitement about returning to a safe and equipped school inspired this narrative.

While sitting on the newly installed slides, the sisters shared their dreams of becoming doctors. Their father, Mehboob Khan, spoke passionately about the importance of education for his daughters, despite the hardships the family endured. Conversations with their headteacher, Rehana Qayyum, and other community members shed light on the challenges they faced and the profound difference made by the joint efforts of Catholic Relief Services and its partners in restoring not just the infrastructure but also hope for the future.

Catholic Relief Services



A Beacon of Hope: Mai Bakhtawar's Journey of Recovery and Resilience

Mai Bakhtawar, a 68-year-old widow from Jacobabad, Sindh, lost her home to the 2022 floods. Living with her son, a daily wage laborer, and three granddaughters, she sold belongings to survive while struggling with diabetes and a foot injury.

In 2024, Acted and USAID/BHA provided PKR 15,500 through Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA), enabling her to access medical care and regain strength. With further support promised, her family is rebuilding their lives.

“We lost much, but not our hope,” says Mai Bakhtawar, grateful for the assistance that restored her faith in a brighter future.”

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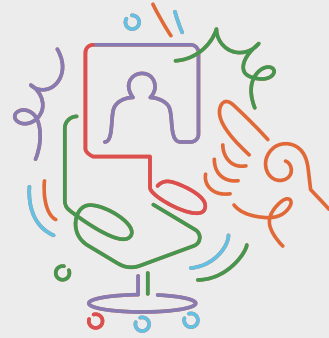
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS



- MEAL Intern (Female)
Apply Before: 10-01-2025



- IT Assistant
Apply Before: 10-01-2025
- Supply Chain Manager
Apply Before: 12-01-2025
- Finance officer
Apply Before: 08-01-2025
- MEAL Officer
Apply Before: 13-01-2025



INNOVATION CORNER



Alight has developed a 5-year global displacement strategy. To refine and evolve this strategy, Alight embarked on a listening tour. Over five months, we engaged with our customers in communities around the world, from Somalia to El Salvador, as well as experts from organizations such as USAID, UNICEF, and the US Department of State. We also consulted with our board of directors and Alight colleagues. From these conversations, our strategic aspirations emerged. The strategy is now ready to be shared with all our partners, allies, and friends, so they can see themselves as part of our journey. For the last 45 years, Alight has supported people forcibly displaced within or from their country of origin. Alight's new strategy strengthens this focus by centering efforts on the mass displacement of people due to conflict, climate change, and social and economic.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Global Health and Humanitarianism

Enroll Free: Starts at 6 January






PUBLICATIONS

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


Climate report card 2024

 As we close the calendar on 2024 and embark on 2025, data tells us an alarming story.

IN a world shaped by accelerating climate change, disruptive technologies, geopolitical conflicts and massive human displacements, the need for bold action and value-driven leadership is critical to bend the arc of history towards justice.




Empowering blind students in Pakistan's universities

 Pakistani universities must prioritize accessibility and inclusion to empower blind students.

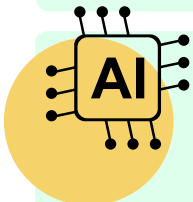
In Pakistan's universities, students with disabilities, especially those who are blind or visually impaired face systemic barriers that limit their ability to access knowledge and succeed academically. Yet, their aspirations remain high and the potential for meaningful change is within reach.




Bridging the human rights divide: from ratification to reality in Pakistan

 Pakistan's journey towards human rights progress reflects its commitment to justice and equality.

Human rights are the soul of a just society, and in Pakistan, this universal ideal is steadily evolving into a tangible reality. With its tapestry of traditions and diversity, it stands as a testament to a society that aspires to balance historical legacies with contemporary progress.



Leveraging AI For enhancing working conditions in Punjab's smog-afflicted factories

AI can improve air quality and worker health in Punjab's smog-afflicted factories through monitoring and automation 

STAY INFORMED, STAY ENGAGED

NEWSFEED

- Dialogue held on nutrition and food systems [for details](#)
- Experts for aligning climate-friendly tools with SDGs for economic uplift. [for details](#)
- Pakistan witnessed transition from bad to recovering economy' [for details](#)
- A climate reckoning
The smog in Lahore, heatwaves all across, the north's melting glaciers, and widespread floods illustrate a country under siege from environmental forces. [for details,](#)
- Only 5% of Pakistani children receive quality education, with millions out of school, hindering progress, [for details](#)



Humanitarian Updates

[Urgent need for viable reforms in country's healthcare sector:](#)

- The National Assembly Standing Committee on National Health Services and Regulation, Monday, while underscoring the urgent need for viable reforms in country's healthcare sector has directed the government to take immediate steps in this connection.

[1.4m babies born into hunger in Pakistan in 2024](#)

- Pakistan, one of the world's most climate vulnerable countries, saw the second highest number of babies born into hunger among countries with over 20 per cent under-nourishment, according to the analysis of Save the Children, an international non-governmental organisation, released on Monday. At least 18.2 million children were born into hunger in 2024, or about 35 children a minute, with conflict and climate crises combining to drive at least 800,000 more children into hunger over the year, the analysis shows.

2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The PHF Secretariat extends its best wishes for a prosperous and impactful 2025. Together, let us continue strengthening our collective efforts, promoting resilience, and bringing positive change to communities in need.

"CELEBRATING 2025 TOGETHER"



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