



### **INGO Registration Process Update**

- Overall PHF Membership includes 43 INGOs. As per decision of Ministry of Interior, irrespective of the date of expiry all PHF members who were in receipt of a MOU had applied for renewal of their MoU within the deadline (31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020). The renewal process is ongoing.
- 3 PHF member have confirmed that they have received their renewed MOU.
- As per decision of Ministry of Interior, the deadline to apply for renewal of the MoU will be same each year (i.e. 31st January).
- 5 out of 8 PHF members who were awaiting decisions on their appeal representations, have confirmed that they are in receipt of MOU from Ministry of Interior.
- The Ministry of Interior website portal has not been amended and highlights an overall total of 75 MOUs issued/approved INGOs.
- PHF engagement with key stakeholders and effected members is ongoing.

### **July GMM Update**

GMM July was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020 at 10:00 am. Meeting minutes to be shared.

### **PHF Donors Coordination Meeting Update**

PHF Donors Coordination Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> round was held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020. To see the meeting minutes, [please click here](#).

## **Humanitarian and Development Updates**

### **COVID-19 Update**

- In light of the current COVID-19 crisis, PHF is sending out daily situation reports to members, donors, and other stakeholders. These reports comprise of national and global statistics of the spread of the coronavirus as well as any important national/global updates. PHF Members Response is also included in daily SITREPs.
- As of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, Pakistan has a total of confirmed 217,809 coronavirus cases. Of the total, 104,694 patients recovered, while 4,473 lost lives battling the disease.
- The Field Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Division (FEDSD) has issued a high alert regarding the spread of nine diseases, including COVID-19, and medium alert for four other diseases during the coming monsoon season. The advisory warns that there are high chances of spread of COVID-

19 and CCHF - a tick-borne virus (naïrovirus) of the Bunyaviridae family - during the forthcoming Eid ul Azha.

- The government has launched a webinar and tele-training series for healthcare workers enhancing knowledge, skills and capabilities keeping pace with the current standards of practice and care for COVID-19 patients.
- In a letter written to the Balochistan chief secretary, the Senate Secretariat directed the top bureaucrat of the province to make immediate arrangements for coronavirus testing facilities in Gwadar and strict adherence to the standard operating procedures (SOPs) to contain the spread of the virus in the area.
- Researchers at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden suggested people testing negative for coronavirus antibodies may still have some immunity. For every person testing positive for antibodies, two were found to have specific T-cells which identify and destroy infected cells. This was seen even in people who had mild or symptomless cases of COVID-19.
- During this time of crisis, the PHF members have actively responded in supporting National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), which is the operational lead on COVID-19 crisis in Pakistan. Several PHF members have donated face masks, gowns, goggles, sanitizers, and is playing a part in raising awareness among the communities they operate in.
- Different guidelines for various sectors in relation to the COVID-19 response are also being shared with the members and other stakeholders.

### **Pakistan: Afghan Refugee Situation Info-graphic, Monthly Update (May 2020)**

Total no. of Afghan refugees (PoR cardholders) in Pakistan: 1,421,946 individuals (44% children, 69% women and children). For more details, [please click here](#).

## **Members in Action**

### **CESVI's COVID-19 Response Update**

CESVI distributed 1,000 full PPEs kits for front liners of Saidu Group of Teaching Hospitals Swat KPK. The activity was a part of the ECHO funded COVID-19 response project, and it was implemented in consultation and coordination with PDMA KPK. [Please click here](#) to have a glimpse of their activities.

### **GRC's impact story from the Community based humanitarian disaster risk reduction (CBHRR) project K.P**

Community based humanitarian disaster risk reduction (CHBRR) project is being implemented by Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in two districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province which includes the district Shangla (Union Council Ismail Khel) and district Kohistan (Union Council Sazin). The project is funded by the German Red Cross (GRC), has a total budget of 01 Million Euro. The CHBRR project started in September 2018. The main thematic areas of the project include the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) and School Safety.

### **PRCS RESPONSE/TURNAROUND**

Mrs. Mehar Iqbal, a seventy-nine years old lady, is a mother of seven children. Since her childhood, she had a humble family background and her parents were very poor. She could not continue her education after five grades, mainly because of poverty, accessibility issues and cultural barriers towards girls' education. Even though she is living in a poverty-ridden society where the basic amenities like health facilities and road infrastructure is still a dream; she has been endeavouring hard to do some good for others. Mehar Iqbal had lost her three children before their birth, due to lack of health facility and pre-natal care. The mountainous terrain is still lacking the road infrastructure. Once she was suffering from severe labour pain during her child's birth. She gave birth to her last baby girl on the way to the

hospital. “It was 5 am of January, a chilled morning and the whole area was covered with snow”. “I was suffering from severe labour pain. I started screaming because of the pain. There was no nearby health facility, a doctor nor any medicine”. My husband rushed toward the neighbour’s home. With the help of neighbours, “I was lifted in COT (charpai) from top of hills downward towards the main road which almost took about two hours. I gave birth to the baby girl, the mid-way and the baby girl could not survive and passed away before we reach the hospital”. Mrs. Mehar Iqbal burst into tears while sharing her painful story during the interview of a field monitoring visit.

#### **PERSONAL FEELINGS OF THE BENEFICIARY**

Till that day,” I have decided to do something for humankind, especially for the innocent females in our society”. “I got a midwife training with the support of my husband.” “I started voluntarily work as a midwife. I have served as a midwife for more than twenty years. There was no telecommunication system at that time, people send me a letter and, I went to different communities to serve humanity by foot, I walked a thousand feet to reach the destination”.

#### **BENEFICIARY COMMENTS ABOUT DONOR**

“I am working as president at Heelal-e -Ahmar Committee Alpuri, formed by Pakistan Red Crescent Society/German Red Cross in September 2019”. “I am very thankful to this organization for organizing different training and session for our community, which includes Health & Hygiene, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)”. “This training not only built the capacity of women but, also bring the positive change in our society”. The different sessions of PRCS/GRC provides us an opportunity and plat form, where female members of the community can sit together and discuss different issues, added by Mrs. Mehar.

In the end “I would request the new generation especially girls help others; God will reward for the help.” [Please click here](#) to see the pictures.

### **Publications and Resources**

#### **Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**

Inter Action has published “Humanitarian Policy & Practice Digest” as of 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020. To see the digest, [please click here](#).

#### **Development Aid News Digest (20<sup>th</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020)**

To see the Development Aid News digest (20<sup>th</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020), [please click here](#).

### **Upcoming Meetings at PHF**

- 7<sup>th</sup> July 11:00-12:30 pm – Health Working Group Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> July 1:00-2:30 pm – Food Security & Livelihood Working Group Meeting