

# NEWSLETTER

National Humanitarian Network (NHN) Pakistan is a volunteer decentralized network of 147 organizations; founded in 2010 in result of interactive dialogue in National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). Mandated by local civil society to act as an independent and vibrant voice on behalf of local/national actors and affected community to engage with stakeholders throughout Pakistan for promotion of humanitarian values by influencing policies and building capacities to ensure right based humanitarian response.

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## Establishment of Pakistan Resilience Partnership (PRP):



Pakistan Resilience Partnership (PRP) was established on 7th February 2018 Islamabad. The first meeting of the PRP also took place on the same day. The main purpose of the meeting was to formalize the forum to strengthening the capacity on preparedness for emergency response in the country and to improve the interface and partnership between the stakeholders. Government (NDMA), Local Humanitarian Organizations (NHN), Private Sector (FPCCI), media and academia are the members of the forum. The roles and

responsibilities and governance structure was finalized and endorsed by all members. The mission of PRP is to enhance partnerships, collaboration and coordination among government, local humanitarian & civil society organizations, the private sector, media and academia at the country level. The partnership plans to take on board other relevant stakeholders as it evolves. The detailed TORs of the forum were signed during the second meeting of PRP held on 5th April 2018 at NDMA office, Islamabad



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## National Roster – Surge Emergencies Response Teams (SERT):

NHN in collaboration with “Transforming Surge Capacity Project” (TSCP) and under the umbrella of NDMA established national roster “Surge Emergency Response Team” (SERT). The roster aims to deploy the right people to the right places in the right time, which will ensure rapid deployment of technical experts for CAT-II emergency by linking it with National Disaster Management Plan. Roster is designed to support national capacity in particular the Government, in all stages of disaster risk management, enable humanitarian actors to respond to disaster timely, efficiently and effectively by providing mid to senior level experience in their field to



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**National Roster – Surge Emergencies Response Teams (SERT):**

ensure transparent, needs based and principled humanitarian response in the country. SERT was launched on 23rd February 2018 under the supervision of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). Lt. General (Retd.) Nadeem Ahmed, former Chairman NDMA launched roster in the presence of Brigadier Mukhtar Ahmed (Member Operations) and other worthy guests from private and public sectors. Addressing the opening session of the ceremony Lt. General (Retd.) Nadeem Ahmad said that launching of first ever National Roster is an important breakthrough towards realization of our cherished national goal to build a disaster resilient Pakistan. He said that this National Roster is a comprehensive resource pool, which comprises of technical experts and people from diverse fields



who have decade long experience in mitigation, emergencies and disasters. He hoped that the roster members would be playing a vibrant and active participatory role to cope up with disasters and emergencies in future.

**APP country visits to Pakistan by Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)**

ADPC's Executive Director Mr. Hans Guttman visited Pakistan to review national initiatives being implemented under Asian Preparedness Partnership. Formed in 2018, the national partnership network of Pakistan - Pakistan Resilience Partnership (PRP) held its general meeting in Islamabad, on 5th April 2018. Chaired by Lieutenant General Omar Mahmood Hayat, Hilal-e-Imtiaz (Military), Chairman of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Pakistan, focal persons from key government organizations, representatives from humanitarian network, private sector, media and academia were in attendance for the official signing of Terms of Reference (TORs) for the partnership. Mr. Hans Guttman, ADPC's Executive Director was also present for the formal signing ceremony.



Brigadier Mukhtar Ahmad, Member (Operations), NDMA apprised the delegation on the disaster management architecture in Pakistan covering organizational structure and roles and responsibilities of NDMA, humanitarian coordination system, regional collaborations, future areas of cooperation between Government of Pakistan and ADPC. Following the presentation, detailed deliberations on collaborative initiatives and road ahead for the partnership took place between PRP members and ADPC delegation.



**“Certificate of Excellence”**

Certificate of excellence and achievement award presented to National Humanitarian Network Pakistan by Mr. Shafaqat Mahmood, Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, during a ceremony organized by NDMA on the eve of National Resilience Day - 8th Oct, in recognition of services and contributions rendered in the field of disaster management in Pakistan.

## Review & Revision of National Disaster Response Plan 2010:

NDRP, a document based on HFA for mounting response in wake of any disaster was formulated by NDMA in 2010. However, in view of changing environment and experience of different disasters handled by NDMA, revision of NDRP process commenced during April 2018 and is likely to complete by mid of October 2018

## Training Course “Disaster Preparedness for Effective Response”:

In continuation to government's policy in circumventing disaster damages, the training course is introduced for all provinces and regions of the country. Objective of the course is to impart training and develop necessary skills of participants from local government, local civil society organizations, private sector, academia and media concerning disaster preparedness and response for saving lives and properties of people from natural and human-induced disasters. Till date four trainings have been conducted in Azad Jammu Kashmir, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa - FATA, Gilgit Baltistan and Balochistan. Number of participants trained till date from these trainings are:

Departments	Participants		
	Female	Male	Total
<b>Government</b>	11	45	56
<b>LNGOs</b>	23	52	75
<b>Academia</b>	7	9	16
<b>Total</b>	41	106	147

## Preparing Women to take Leadership Roles in Humanitarian Response

In the importance of developing and empowering women leaders in humanitarian field, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and National Humanitarian Network Pakistan (NHN) teamed up with Oxfam to conduct a five-day training for females. The training was designed to provide hands on, practitioner led learning, mentoring programme composed of both, classroom learning, and scenario based simulation exercises. A total of 24 women humanitarian professionals from across Pakistan participated in the training.

## Network Association with Forums:

NHN's association with forums can be illustrated through several initiatives i.e. engagement with “Asian Preparedness Partnership” (APP) to form “Pakistan Resilience Partnership” (PRP), the forum includes NDMA, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce Industries (FPCCI - private sector), Pakistan Information Department (PID - media) and Higher Education Commission (HEC - academia). The initiative aims to improve the emergency preparedness to response and recovery from disasters by strengthening capacity of government, local humanitarian organizations and private sector on preparedness for response by enhancing capacities through partnerships, knowledge resources, training, and networking opportunities.

The network has taken up a formal representational role for the L/NGO community in Pakistan at high-level coordination meetings. NHN is representing Pakistan Civil Society at Disaster Management Authorities' forums, Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), National Assessment and Monitoring Working Group (NAWG), Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF), National Humanitarian Coordination Mechanism (NHCM), Accountability Learning Working Group (ALWG) and Gender Task Force (GTF). Thus NHN has gained a significant role in Humanitarian Architecture in Pakistan. NHN is having its representation in advisory and review boards of Pakistan Humanitarian Pooled Fund (PHPF). Due to NHN advocacy efforts, 85% of PHPF funds have been diverted to national actors.

NHN became a member of “South Asia Together for Humanitarian Imperative” (SATHI) and is also coordinating with “International Council of Voluntarily Agencies” (ICVA), START network and CHS Alliance where network played vital role in formation and finalization of its structure.

NHN has also endorsed “Charter 4 Change” (C4C) and is taking on the role of a catalyst and a torchbearer to transform the envisaged change into reality. NHN with the support of Shifting the Power (StP) project succeeded in translating C4C efforts into measurable commitments on localization of humanitarian action. In this regard a charter of Indicators, contextualized to the national system has been introduced. The goal is to ensure that the government authorities and local communities are better able to meet their responsibilities and coordinate effectively with humanitarian actors.



Training Course "Disaster Preparedness for Effective Response":



**Workshop - Role of Media in Preparedness for Effective Response**



Media play a very important role in disseminating vital information. Disaster risk communication or disaster reporting by print and electronic media at various stages not only provides disaster managers with necessary information for better preparedness and timely response but also empowers hazard-prone communities to hold public and private entities accountable. To help the media fulfill these roles, direct and effective working relationships between the media and disaster management organizations plays a pivotal role.

PRP initiative marked an endeavor to intrigue opportunity for the media, government and local

civil society to work together to support mutual interests. In this context, a media workshop to discuss “Partnership with Media” was organized on 27th June 2018 in Islamabad. The workshop objectives were to clarify media perceptions regarding roles/functions of disaster management authorities at national, provincial and district level, to streamline/develop an understanding regarding role of/expectations from the media in disasters and consequent impact on public awareness/perception and highlighting current gaps of communication in the media reporting in disaster-prone areas.

**Workshop - Role of Private Sector in Preparedness for Effective Response**



Pakistan's efforts aimed at achieving fast growth, development and progress are increasingly being undermined by the impact of a variety of disasters, both natural and human induced. The private/industrial sector of Pakistan was no exception and was significantly affected by increased exposure to disaster risks. Strong public-private partnerships and establishment of a platform to increase interface between government and private sector is imperative in igniting momentum for building business resilience. To

capture the significance of public-private partnerships, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and National Humanitarian Network (NHN) with Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) organized a workshop titled 'Role of Private Sector in Preparedness for Effective Response' on 18th July 2018 in Islamabad.

Attended by 48 officials representing private sector, government departments, local NGOs, academia and International NGOs, the targeted workshop

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created an enabling environment and momentum for working towards business resilience. Experts from the government sector joined as panelists to augment private sector engagement in the overall humanitarian response structure of the country. The workshop was presided over as chief guests

A separate workshop for women chamber of commerce was also organized to bring the business women into the collaboration of resilience agenda. 18 women from business community, local civil society and government departments attended the workshop.



from National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)- Brig. Mukhtar Ahmad, Member (Operations) and Mr. Karim Aziz Malik, Vice President from Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI). The inaugural session was attended by Mr. Irfan Mufti, Acting Chairperson from National Humanitarian Network (NHN), members of NHN Central Executive Committee (CEC) and representatives from FPCCI and NDMA.

The workshops' sessions addressed various subjects on disaster risks, key policy frameworks, roles & responsibilities of stakeholders, disaster recovery by building resilience in business supply chain, country specific DRR agenda and private sector contribution for developing institutional partnerships for disaster mitigation.



**Humanitarian Resilience Journal**

Under the leadership of NDMA and in collaboration with ADPC, NHN has taken the initiative of publishing a bi-annual “Humanitarian Resilience Journal”. The journal feature articles and latest happening on the prevailing humanitarian issues. The Journal is to be issued on bi-annual basis starting from the current year. The first issue of the journal has been published focusing on “Governance in Preparedness”. The articles have been contributed by individuals from government, civil society organizations and other stakeholders. The soft copy of the journal is available on NHN website [www.nhnpakistan.org](http://www.nhnpakistan.org) and the Digital Resource Center [www.resourcecenter.nhnpakistan.org](http://www.resourcecenter.nhnpakistan.org)

**Collaboration between START Network and NHN-Pakistan**

START network is a network of 42 aid agencies across five continents leading network for a change in humanitarian aid inspired by Grand Bargain, WHS and Charter for Change commitment.

NHN, shared the vision of localization with START and started its engagement in 2017 and built synergies to realize a model for localization of humanitarian action in Pakistan. Since then, NHN collaborate intensively to have a localization model true to its spirit. NHN participated in START' General assemblies to advocate the case in/of

Pakistan and have a good reception to the level that Pakistan is declared to be in the first country to establish national hub. Furthermore, NHN actively participated in the realization team to make the dream come true.

NHN also established its credibility in the global network by regularly contributing to the global committees like membership committee, due diligence committee and global hub advisory group in order to ensure the interests of national and local organizations in the emerging change model.

**Linking NHN Digital Resource Center as Knowledge Sharing Platform with Partners:**

Digital Resource Center (DRC), a multi-purpose web portal has been established by National Humanitarian Network (NHN) to provide access to information through humanitarian platform for increased coordination and collaboration in Pakistan. The resource center has been set-up to enable national government, local organizations, individuals and humanitarian community to retrieve and share reliable and authentic humanitarian information.



With the aim to integrate all stakeholders, DRC presents a unique knowledge sharing platform under PRP. The one-day workshop hosted on 9th August 2018 at Islamabad, explored possibilities of linking DRC platform and modalities of knowledge sharing by all stakeholders in the country. 16 representatives from national government, local humanitarian network, private sector, media and academia participated alongside UN agencies and INGOs to share their experience.

Mr. Sajid Naeem, ADPC Country Manager in Pakistan along with Ms. Sana Zulfiqar, National

Coordinator NHN and Communication Focal Person briefed the participants about the Asian Preparedness Partnership (APP) initiative and how partners can support these activities. The broad contours of APP communication strategy and web portal was highlighted to emphasize on the importance of communications and outreach. The web based portal plays a critical role in the dissemination of work undertaken to improve and strengthen coordination mechanisms and emergency response capacities of key stakeholders. DRC would serve as a one-stop knowledge hub for knowledge exchange at the national level while APP would play a similar role at the regional level. As one of the key outreach mechanisms available, the stakeholders agreed to regularly update and utilize information through partner websites, social media campaigns and relevant global and national forums on DRR.

**Training on Protection Principles & Sphere Standards**

NHN has played a pivotal role in linking and engaging Disaster Management Authorities (DMAs) with humanitarian partners in the field, and the UN agencies for a better cooperation and coordinated response delivery at the field levels. In addition, donors and INGO partner have been part and parcel in helping NHN strive for better outcomes in its endeavors.

One such case of partnership & engagement is training on Protection Principles & Sphere Standards organized on 2 – 3 May 2018, where humanitarian organizations utilized the outreach,

skillset and expertise of NHN platform to help build skills of its partner organizations from KP & FATA and Sindh around protection and Sphere Standards. NHN, for the purpose utilized the NDMA led Surge Emergency Response Team (SERT) Roster by engaging highly skilled members in helping to deliver the task with field experience and expertise on the subject matter. Designed around protection mainstreaming in humanitarian contexts, the training involved a range of topics directly contributing to the subject.

**Training of Trainers on GBV in Emergency Response Program**



GBV Emergency Preparedness and Response Training of Trainers: Building Local, Thinking Global was organized by International Rescue Committee in Bangkok from 28th Aug to 6th Sep 2018. The training provided an opportunity to strengthen participants' facilitation, mentoring and coaching skills as a leader and mentor on GBV emergency preparedness and response. The training week was conducted in a practical way, with hands-on learning and opportunities to exercise new facilitation skills in front of peers. Seven NHN members and one national secretariat staff was selected to attend the training. The participants were selected on the bases of being active member of Protection & GBV cluster and having strong background on the subject. Trainers who attended the session will replicate the training in their respective country, as part of the program.



**Partnership with Acedemia**



NHN through the PRP platform has established a partnership with Center for Disaster Preparedness

& Management (CDPM) – University of Peshawar (UoP). Under the partnership NHN will support the university students to carry out researches on preselected disaster related topics which would be selected by NDMA on the basis of relevance to the national priorities

**Partnership Marker**

NHN brings a wealth of global experience on the localization of humanitarian actions with international humanitarian organizations (IHOs). Based on the outcomes of contextualized C4C indicators, NHN introduced “Partnership Marker” to establish parameters and guidelines of working together. Salient features of the Partnership marker are; shared future vision, structure decision-making process, open and informed communication, defined process for conflict resolution and mediation and dissolution plan.

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