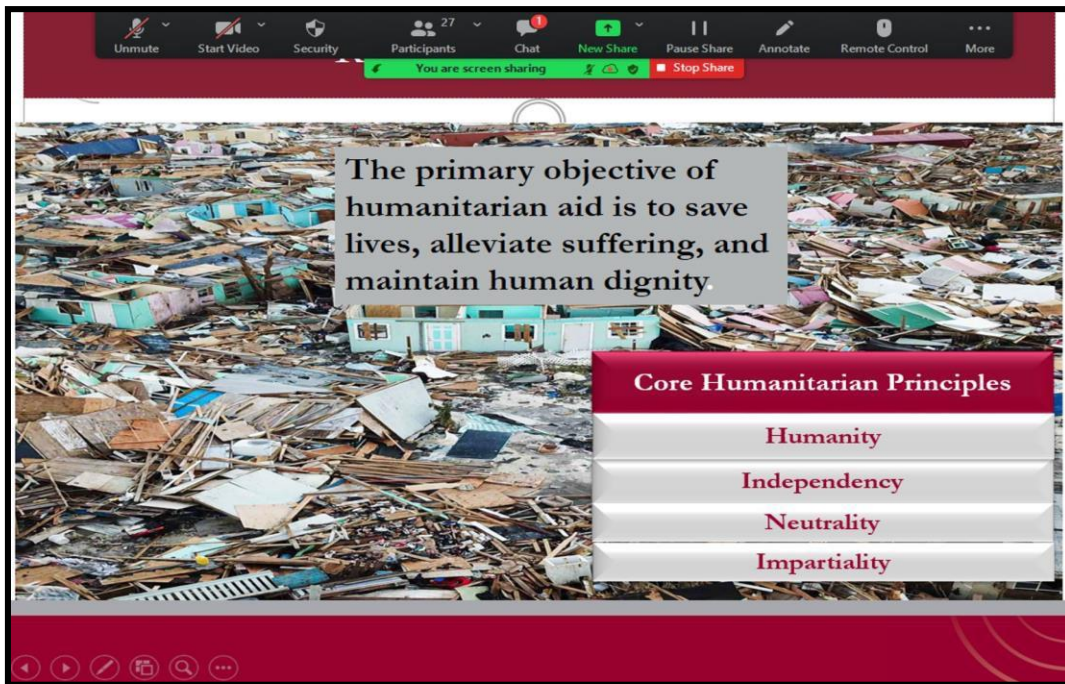


Webinar
**Humanity, Neutrality, Impartiality and Independence: Are these Humanitarian
Principals Being Applied in today's Response**
12th October 2021 - Islamabad, Pakistan



The purpose of the Core Humanitarian Standards is to help organisations design, implement, assess, improve and recognize quality and accountability in assistance and programmes. The principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence are fundamental to humanitarian action, therefore should be known to all individual responders and organizations. To acquaint the participants about the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence and their applicability in today's response, Pakistan Resilience Partnership organized a webinar on 12th October 2021, at 11:00 hours Pakistan Standard Time (PKT) under the "APP 2 Program". The webinar was attended by 27 individuals representing government, local NGOs/ civil society organizations, INGOs and community members.

The moderator Mr. Muhammad Kamran, National Humanitarian Coordinator NHN, welcomed the participants and introduced the presenter. He also highlighted the objectives of the webinar.

Mrs. Uzma Shahid, Director Training at Pakistan Girls Guide Association, conducted the webinar. She has more than two decades of experience in the humanitarian sector and has to her credit, conceptualization, planning and execution of developmental, environmental, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction programs. She is also a capacity building expert and has designed and delivered numbers of trainings.

Mrs. Uzma explained the purpose of humanitarian principals of Humanity, Neutrality, Impartiality and Independence and gave a brief overview of each of the principal while highlighted the objective of each one. She emphasized on the application of these principals in humanitarian response and also discussed in details

the recurring challenges including, access, politicization and influence of donors, staff capacity, coordination and accessibility.

At the end of the presentation the participants were asked to share their experiences. It was pointed out that adhering to the humanitarian standards does become a challenge when the local power groups and individuals try to influence the response initiatives for their personal, political and religious benefits. Tackling these challenges require strong leadership and strong organizational systems by the implementing organizations. Mr. Sardar Muhammad Khalid, Acted Pakistan shared his experience of rapid need assessment conducted jointly by the government, INGOs and National NGOs after the recent earthquake of Harnai (Balochistan). This collaborative approach proved very successful in emphasizing the needs of the vulnerable population by adhering to the humanitarian standards.

The webinar ended with a note of thank to the participants and the presenter. The recording, brief introduction of the presenter and the presentation of the session is available on digital resource center at the following link.

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