

11 November 2014 Islamabad – A three-day training course on community-based disaster risk management was organized by the National Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Network (NHEPRN), with the support of WHO, in Islamabad recently. The training was conducted in collaboration with the district health office for the lady health workers and lady health supervisors of district health office. The training was based on the manual of community-based disaster risk management, which was developed by NHEPRN and WHO. IFRC, PRCS and Rescue 1122 facilitated the training.

Dr Safi Malik representing the Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination (NHSR&C) expressed that Lady Health Workers are an integral part of Health system and a community representative, who can be used for creating awareness regarding disasters and emergencies – such training is important for the preparedness of the community workers. He conveyed his gratitude to WHO for the kind support for the training. Dr Mohammad Najeeb Durrani, ADHO district Health office district health office appreciated the proceedings and thanked NHEPRN for the initiative and WHO for their kind support. At the end of the closing ceremony completion and recognition certificates were also presented among the participants and the facilitators, respectively.

Dr Fawad Khan, Emergency Coordinator WHO said that WHO's larger aim was to prepare the community for health emergencies and equip the workers with the best of the expertise and knowledge.□

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