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Muslim Aid distributing walking frame to elderly in Khushab district of Punjab

Highlight:

- WHO supported the government of Pakistan in establishment of 97 ARI centers during winter
- CSW is the first organization which provided the services of lady doctors in RHC of Kohistan
- CAMP has established an ARI Centre in lower Dir with support of WHO
- Shifa foundation has provided OPD to 8,918 patients in Sanghar district
- Muslim Aid UK is providing MNCH services in far flung remote areas of district Qambar Shahdadkot Sindh Province
- Post Dengue Outbreak International Consultative Workshop held In Lahore
- NDMA celebrated the International Woman's day by organizing a 5 Day festival at the Lok Virsa in Islamabad

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The Progress on WHO's Supported ARI Centers in the Country



In view of expecting larger number of children in hospitals due to severe symptoms of Acute Respiratory Infections in the aftermath of floods, it was decided that WHO will support the government of Pakistan to established ARI centers in following the efforts of improving health service provision in the damaged or destroyed health facilities in the flood affected areas of the country. Therefore, in 2010, WHO proposed in assisting the Government in establishing 100 ARI centers in all the affected districts of the country as part of its winter initiative.

The ARI program was part of the plan prepared by WHO in collaboration with Provincial and district health departments to support the government in response to improve the health facilities in public sector of the flood affected areas of the country. It also included the human resource development and provision of supplies.

Hence the establishment of ARI centers started in January 2011 and were targeted for 61 Districts in 5 provinces and FATA region of Pakistan. 97 ARI centers were established by WHO in support to the government of Pakistan and in every center WHO supported the

staff of one pediatrician, 3 doctors, 3 staff nurses or LHVs, 2 sanitary workers. WHO worked with the existing staff of the health facilities to address the issue of sustainability after the termination of funding from WHO.

The target of less than 0.75% mortality was achieved and was hailed as a huge success during winter in flood affected areas. The ARI centers had worked round the clock, 24/7 even at Basic Health Unit (BHU) or tent cities in the affected districts. The success of these centers was not possible without the continuous supply of medicines, medical items and logistical support by WHO and dedication of its implementing partners.

Keeping in view the success of the ARI centers in mitigating the mortality in the flood affected districts in 2010/11, WHO rendered its support once again to the government in the aftermath of the 2011 floods emergency. The following table highlights the number of ARI centers established in both 2010 and 2011 floods emergency across Pakistan:

Provinces	ARI Centers	
	Established in 2010/11	Established in 2011/12
KP	23	14
Punjab	17	15
Balochistan	14	17
Sindh	22	24
FATA	15	0
GB	6	0
Total	97	70

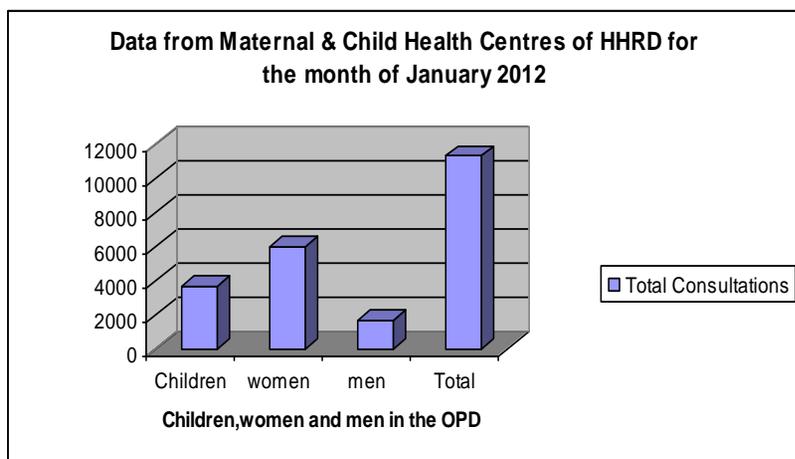
Helping Hand for Relief & Development (HHRD)



MCHC Sardaryab Charsadda KP

HHRD is successfully running eleven maternal and child health centers (MCHCs) throughout the country. These centers are providing services from antenatal, and post natal to growth monitoring of the newborn.

Moreover, HHRD has launched a 6 months project for provision of health services, under ERF financing in RHC Nabi- Sar, district Umer Kot in the month of January this year.



Church World Service- Pakistan/ Afghanistan (CWS-P/A)

CWS focuses mainly on women and children under 5 years of age as well as provides free essential medicines to all their patients in their health facilities and mobile units located in districts Kohistan, Swat, Badin, Mirpurkhas, Umer Kot and district Thatta of Pakistan.

CWS has imparted health education sessions on prevention from ARI's, Gastroenteritis, Typhoid, Polio and Hepatitis.

CSW is the first organization to have provided lady doctors in two Rural Health Centers (RHC) of Kohistan and therefore safe deliveries in the district are now a great relief for public in general and women and children in particular of this far flung flood affected district of Kohistan KP.

Care International

Care international is providing support to one Mother Child Health Center (MCHC) in Mirpur Khas and two Basic Health Units (BHUs) in Taluka Mehar in Dadu through HR, Medical supplies, equipments and minor repairs.

In the months of January and February Care reached out to a total of 3,279 patients through healthcare services. Care also organized 38 sessions of health & hygiene care, 100 sessions of nutrition awareness and 189 children received Multimicro nutrient sprinkles in Dadu.

UNICEF

In health response, UNICEF organized 158,893 key health messages sessions covering treatments of malnutrition and common yet killer diseases such as diarrhea, malaria and pneumonia which were conducted by 6,709 UNICEF- supported Lady Health Workers.

In 7 districts of Sindh province the health services continued through health facilities working round the clock providing services like delivery of maternal, newborn and childcare. 42,026 women have been provided with postnatal care; 3,023 deliveries have been assisted by skilled birth attendants; and 129,131 women have been vaccinated against tetanus.

Muslim Aid UK Field Office Pakistan



In Sindh province the Muslim Aid has continued providing services to MNCH at THQ Mehar, Dadu district. 623 MNCH patients benefitted from these services during last month.

Under “safe births safe lives” project in Qubo Saeed Khan, a very hard hit and remote area of district Qambar Shahdadkot, Muslim Aid is providing MNCH services under the emergency response 2011, including OPD, Antenatal, safe delivery and postnatal services, growth monitoring, immunization, health & Hygiene sessions in community

Shifa Foundation’s Health Response



Shifa Foundation in close collaboration with WHO is ensuring that emergency medicines and supplies necessary for the treatment of ARI patients are available at the ARI centers. Shifa is also maintaining and strengthening the emergency disease surveillance and DEWS on a daily basis and implementing outbreak control strategies at community level. Shifa Foundation is also conducting health education sessions for communities identified at risk.

Shifa Foundation has provided OPD to 8,918 patients in Sanghar district in February.

Community Appraisal & Motivation Program (CAMP) Interventions



ARI center activities at Dir lower

In collaboration with WHO, CAMP established an ARI center in Lower Dir last year in November. This center has provided medical relief to 5203 patients suffering from Acute Respiratory infections.

CAMP is implementing two year, projects with the support of ADH (German Government) under the title “Revitalization and Capacity Building of flood affected Primary Health Care Facilities in response to early recovery project.

Health Situation in Balochistan

In view of phasing out Primary Health Care services provided by Mercy Corps program in BHU of Marriabad Quetta, where Leishmaniasis patients were provided free treatments, Department of Health Balochistan requested WHO to consider taking over the Marriabad BHU for continuation of provision of free treatment of Leishmaniasis patients in Marriabad.

Currently, WHO, in collaboration with DoH Baluchistan, is supporting the Leishmaniasis diagnostic center in old BHU Marriabad in Quetta. The health facility was previously supported by MSF.

The old BHU Marriabad receives at least 5 to 8 Leishmaniasis cases per week

Post Dengue Outbreak International Consultative Workshop Lahore Pakistan, 27-29 February 2012



A three day workshop was organized by WHO in collaborations with the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Punjab in response to combat Dengue virus which played havoc in Punjab last year. About 331 people succumb to Dengue virus and died in Punjab out of which over 200 were from Lahore itself. This outbreak of Dengue is the largest dengue virus attack in the history of Pakistan.

The table below highlights the data reported from provincial Dengue focal points of departments of health and CADD Islamabad by November 2011.

Provinces	2011		
	S	C	D
Islamabad	980	620	2
Punjab	551,663	21,177	331
Sindh	1,400	980	17
KPK	502	210	6
Baluchistan	6	3	-
AJK	99	21	-
FATA	7	6	-
GB	6	2	-
Grand Total	554,663	23,019	356

More than 18 experts hail from Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, China, WHO Head Quarter Geneva and Regional office EMRO took part in this workshop which was held in February, 2012. This Conference was chaired by the Chief Minister of Punjab Mr Shahbaz Sharif who in his addressed assured full support of his government in the fight against the virus.

The WHO guidelines, titled 'National guidelines for clinical case management of Dengue fever/ dengue hemorrhagic fever/ dengue shock syndrome' have to be strictly followed particularly with regards to laboratory diagnosis to avoid confusion and complications and for proper treatment of those affected by the virus. These instructions were issued by the health authorities to the doctors, principals, heads and senior management of all public sectors as the first positive case of Dengue virus had been diagnosed for this season.

DEWS February Updates

In February 2012, total 81 districts including 2 agencies provided surveillance data to the DEWS on weekly basis from around 1,800 health facilities. Data from mobile teams is reported through sponsoring BHU or RHC.

A total of 2,891,121 consultations were reported in February 2012 through DEWS of which 715,526 (25%) were acute respiratory infections (ARI); 148,528 (5%) were acute diarrhea; 111,512 (4%) were suspected malaria; while 134,348 (4%) were Skin disease.

A total of 781 alerts with 72 outbreaks were reported in February 2012: Altogether 335 for Measles; 83 for Leishmaniasis; 79 for Pertussis; 72 for NNT and Tetanus; 24 for AWD; 15 each for Acute Jaundice Syndrome and Bloody diarrhea; 8 each for Dengue fever and Suspected Malaria; while 142 for other communicable diseases.

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International Women's Day Festival at Lok Virsa Islamabad



Ms Masooma Butt- Gender Specialist WHO, receiving a Shield from the Chairman NDMA Dr Zafar Iqbal Qadir

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with National Health Preparedness and Response (NHEPRN), and other UN Organizations (UN Women, UNICEF, Save the Children, UNDP, WHO, FAO) and Academia have marked the International Day by participating in a five days festival at the Lok Virsa Islamabad. The purpose of this event was to highlight the efforts and achievements on livelihood, health and media reporting during disasters from the gender perspective.

WHO also took part in the festival by promoting IEC material on display and the water purification unit during emergencies was also made available at the stall. The IEC material contained information on hygiene and sanitation, health care for pregnant and lactating women and vaccination of children less than five years of age.

Questions and Answers

What kind of contribution is welcomed? We are seeking a 200-300 word article regarding current projects and new initiatives to be submitted by the 22nd of each month. Examples might include new activities, success stories and lessons learnt and current and upcoming events in your area. To properly represent the various perspectives contributions from the CO, RB and Headquarters are welcomed.

Where and to whom do I send my contribution, questions or comments? Please send all ideas and suggestions to shafiqm@pak.emro.who.int and afridig@pak.emro.who.int

Should I send accompanying photos? Yes feel free to include up to four photos with your story. Please include details of where and when it was taken and who and what features in the photo.

What happens after I submit a story? The editorial team will edit the content of the story and will make sure that the story is relevant. A final draft will be sent back to you for approval before uploading the material onto the website. You can access it online at the Health and Nutrition page of the WHO website www.whopak.org

How often will I receive the Bulletin and what is the deadline of submission? We aim to have a monthly report but it will depend on your contributions. As indicated in the first answer above, the submission deadline is on the 22nd of each month.

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