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Microsoft Recognizes HDF's Efforts of Empowering Marginalized Communities in Pakistan

Technology plays a significant role in efficient operations and when the objective is to spend 90% of every dollar raised on the communities, who deserve most, technology becomes crucial. Microsoft for Non-Profits is indeed a great support for HDF. By moving its operations to Microsoft cloud solutions, the organization is better equipped to reach thousands of lives across the country.

"We have been able to transform our conventional ways of working to positively impact organizational productivity, while also introducing our staff to a significant set of new skills. We can now focus on empowering the underserved and realizing positive social change." Says Mr. Zahid - Senior Manager Innovation and Enablement

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Meeting with Bushra Amiwala

Bushra Amiwala, a Pakistani-American college junior, is one of the youngest Muslim elected officials in the U.S.A. who currently serves on the education board in her hometown, Skokie in Illinois. We were honoured to have Bushra Amiwala over for a brief meeting on July 12th for motivation and encouragement of her recent appoint in the U.S.A. and to discuss possibilities of collaboration in the near future.

One Step Forward to Success

On account of upcoming World Breastfeeding Week, Ms. Fatima Khan, a registered dietician and nutritionist, spoke on the importance of breastfeeding on Fire Comm's Hard Talk Show on July 12th. The interview highlights the importance of early initiation of breastfeeding, benefits of breastfeeding for the baby and mother, social stigmas, challenges faced by mothers in current times, issues related to breastfeeding during the Covid-19 pandemic. She also emphasized about HDF's achievements in breastfeeding and HDF's mother and child health and wellness program.

Interview on Fire Comm's Hard Talk Show About Breastfeeding

A Shared **Responsibility**

Cheque Distribution Ceremony through Pak Oman Outreach Partnership

Access to finance is critical lynchpin to economic growth and poverty alleviation. To propel agriculture growth, we've partnered with Pak Oman Microfinance Bank Limited (POMFB) and under this Microfinance Outreach Partnership, our Social Mobilization Teams in 55 Tehsils of Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are helping farmers, connect with POMFB.

A Cheque Distribution Ceremony was held on July 7th in HDF, Lahore in partnership with POMFB. The ceremony took place in the presence of Mr. Chamika Wijewarnasooriya, COO POMFB, and Mr. Suhail Awan, CEO HDF, along with some other representatives from both the organizations. Cheque's worth of PKR 1.5 million were disbursed among three recipients from District Gujranwala and District Jaranwala. The ceremony concluded with a cross-questioning session, where both Mr. Chamika and Mr. Suhail discussed agriculture related issues and further enhancement of agriculture financing budget with the attendees.

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Collaborative Partnership with Khushali Microfinance Bank Limited (KMBL)

We have partnered with KMBL under its CSR Program to provide chilled drinking water in Karachi, Rawalpindi, Bahawalpur, Kot Adu, Larkana and Muzaffargarh. Under this project twenty water coolers and filtration plant have been installed at various sites, helping people quench their thirst during scorching the summer.

MoU Signing Ceremony with Thar Foundation

Mr. Naseer Memon, GM CSR Thar Foundation, and Mr. Suhail Awan, CEO Human Development Foundation, signed a MoU on July 13th to train Thari Women to operate RO Plants, resolve girls access to school, install solar submersible pumps and promote agriculture bio saline areas.

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ANNUAL PRE-PLANNING CONFERENCE 2021

A three-day Annual Pre-Planning Conference was organized between 15-17 July 2021 at Shangrila Hotel & Resort, Changla Gali. The pre-planning conference aimed to identify the range of issues and needs that have already been articulated for HDF, obtain team input on the direction and scope of the planning process, and develop a scope of work that responded to the range of issues that were raised. Seventy-three key team members from nine regions came together to review previous year's highlights and to have an informal preliminary discussion on how to strategically plan for the next years and to avoid or mitigate any potential red flags that might stand in the way of a successful future.

Chairman's Message on his Birthday

Dear Friends,

Today marks the end of the 75th year of my life on this planet. It has been a fascinating experience, full of dreams, several fulfilled, and many waiting to be handed off for completion to those better qualified than me. Many among you have been a part of much of this fascinating experience. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for having been there for me and the people we have left behind. And if I have stepped on anyone's toes, or have hurt anyone's feeling, please accept my sincere apology, and forgive me.

Advocacy Mobilization Meeting

An Advocacy Mobilization meeting with CSO, political representatives and media-persons was held on 25th June 2021, in Village Ainu Bhatti, Lahore. Chairman UC, General Councilor, Women Councilors and Media-Persons were among the attendees. A village development plan involving local bodies representatives was shared.

Hepatitis Screening Camp

World Hepatitis Day is observed on 28th July every year with an aim to raise global awareness of Hepatitis. HDF conducted Hepatitis Screening Camp at Saggiyan Village, Lahore supplemented by diagnostic services. About 53 patients were screened.

Scholarships that Guarantee an Award

HDF's THANKS Scholarship are performance-based, that help in promoting equitable quality education for all. The regional office in Lahore organized a THANKS Scholarship Award Ceremony on July 6th, 2021. A scholarship of PKR 50,000 was disbursed among 24 orphans of Primary School belonging to SOS Village.

Visit to Soon Valley

With the passion to pay back to the communities, a group of Pakistani doctors belonging to Soon Valley teamed up to contribute to improve the healthcare, water conservation, and agriculture livelihood of the area. CEO Suhail Awan visited Soon Valley on June 30th along the team (GM Programs, PM SCD and Senior Manager Admin & Procurement). During the visit, they met Mr. Iqbal and Mr. Sujawal on CHC site, Nowshera. The meeting concluded with the agreement to transfer 34.4 Kanal land to HDF.

Orientation Training on Social Mobilization & Agriculture Financing

Our Hyderabad region in partnership with POMFB, organized a one-day orientation training on Social Mobilization and Agricultural Financing on July 12th, 2021 at Training Resource Center. Mr. Malik Muhammad Latif, Head of Microfinance Partnerships HDF, welcomed the 25 participants and gave a brief introduction on HDF. The participants included Social Organizers and Area Managers. The session commenced with Mr. Latif speaking about social mobilization and the need for empowerment of marginalized people of the community. Trainees were further informed about multiple social and technical aspects of the credit appraisal techniques. Mr. Muhammad Nomaan, Head of Agricultural Finance POMFB, also attended and discussed policy and documentation procedure of agriculture financing. The session concluded with a keynote and closing remarks by Mr. Suhail Awan, CEO HDF. Certificates of Participation were also distributed among attendees followed by a group photo.

Awareness Session on Preventive Measures of Covid-19 for Pakistan Girl Guides Association

An awareness raising session on preventive measures of Covid-19 was held on July 9th for Pakistan Girl Guides Association at their camp site in Ghora Gali. The session ended with the girls giving a salute to HDF team as a gesture of gratitude and appreciation along with a very thoughtful 'Thank You' card.

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