PRESS RELEASE

The Government of Pakistan, UNICEF and WHO encourage people to adhere to SoPs and reinforce preventive measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19

ISLAMABAD, 28 July 2020 – Today the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (MoNHSRC), UNICEF and WHO called on the public to reinforce adherence to COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures and strictly enforce key preventive behaviours against the coronavirus.

Chaired by Dr. Zafar Mirza, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on Health, the public online event highlighted that everyone in Pakistan has a role to play to protect themselves and their loved ones from the virus. The goal is to avoid a repetition of the spike in coronavirus transmission which followed Eid ul Fitr in May by strictly observing the standard operating procedures against the pandemic, as flagged by Prime Minister Imran Khan yesterday.

“We are at a critical juncture of the current pandemic, witnessing a significant decrease in the number of cases, and no way can afford slackness or complacence, as was observed during Eidul-Fitr days”, said Dr. Zafar Mirza.

Not only has the COVID-19 outbreak impacted people’s lives and health across the country, but it has also adversely impacted the delivery of essential public services including heath, nutrition, education, water and sanitation.

“We are now at a crucial stage of our joint fight against the coronavirus, which Prime Minister Imran Khan and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Dr. Zafar Mirza have been leading since March, together with partners and
dedicated front-line health workers” said Ms. Aida Girma, UNICEF Representative in Pakistan. “It is crucial that we all implement the few behaviours that are key to save lives and prevent the spread of the virus among our families and communities. The more we adhere to these behaviours, the sooner we will be able to resume a normal life and provide children and families with the essential services which they need, such as immunization against preventable diseases, nutrition to keep at bay lifelong problems such as stunting and wasting, and education to help children and adolescents build their future and that of their communities.”

The Government of Pakistan is working to resume and sustain the provision of essential services with support from UNICEF and WHO across the country. Immunization against polio has already resumed in a number of high-risk districts.

“WHO appreciates the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to resume the provision of essential health care services in the context of COVID-19 with the support of all the partners, particularly WHO and UNICEF,” said Dr. Palitha Gunarathna Mahipala, WHO Representative in Pakistan. “Immunization against polio and vaccine preventable diseases has already resumed in many districts successfully. WHO greatly admires the leadership of the Prime Minister Imran Khan and the Minister of Health Dr Zafar Mirza in fighting against COVID-19 epidemic in Pakistan.”

Dr. Qibla Ayaz, Chairman of the Council of Islamic Ideology; Muhammad Rizwan, international cricketer; Dr. Naseem Akhtar, Focal person for COVID-19 at PIMS in Islamabad; and 15-year-old Areesha Fatima had recorded video messages played during the event, in which they called on people to mobilize against the virus and help save lives.

To protect themselves from the coronavirus, people need to:

- Avoid public gatherings
- Wear a mask when they leave their house, including when shopping at the market and if praying at the mosque
- Wash their hands with soap for 20 seconds, or with a sanitizer, regularly
- Refrain from touching their eyes, nose, mouth and ears with unwashed hands
- Stay at least six feet away from other people
- Stay at home in case they develop COVID-19 symptoms.
حکومت پاکستان، یونیسف اور عالمی ادارہ صحت کی پاکستانی عوام سے عید الاضحیٰ منانی کے دوران کورونا وائرس کا پھیلاؤ روکنی میں معاون روٹنیں پر سختی سے عمل درآمد کرے گی

اسلام آپ،

آج کے روز قومی وزارتِ صحت، یونیسف اور عالمی ادارہ صحت نے ایک اہم اجلاس کے دوران لوگوں پر زور دیا کہ وہ عید الا ضحیٰ منانے ہوئی کورونا وائرس کا پھیلاؤ روکنے کے لئے تجویز کردہ روئے پر سختی سے عمل کریں تاکہ آنے والی عید محفوظ انداز میں منائی جاسکے۔

ابن GeoCas خصوصاً برائی صحت ڈاکٹر ظفر مرزا نے اس اجلاس کی صدارت کی تاکہ لوگوں کو اس بات پر زور دیا گیا کہ یہ پاکستان کے ہر فرد کا فرض ہے کہ وہ خود کو اور اپنے پیارے کو کورونا وائرس سے بچانے کے لئے اپنا کردار ادا کرے۔

وزیر اعظم عمران خان سے پہلے معیاری عملی اقدامات (ایس او پٹے) پر عمل درآمد کیا جا رہا ہے جس تک کورونا وائرس کے پھیلاؤ کو ایک بار پھر اس نکتہ عروج تک پہنچنے سے روکنا ہے جس تک ہم عید الفطر کے بعد پہنچ گئی تھیں۔

اس موقع پر بات کریں کہ یہ مذاکرہ کہا گیا کہ "بہم اس وقت اس وہاں صورت حال ہے جنگ کی ایک ایم پرمل ہے۔ اس وقت کیسے کی تعداد میں پہلے نکل کی واقع بھوجی پر اس مرحلے پر بہم آس گفتگو اور کیا کہ ایک نئے بھوجی جس کا تجربہ میں بہم کورونا وائرس کے دونوں مین پیٹہا ہے۔ سن کر کہ ہے 19 کی وہاں پہلے بھوجی کے کے ملک میں کورونا وائرس کے زندہ گھنٹے اور اس کے کورونا وائرس کے ایک بھاپ کے اجلاس کا سلسلہ بھی تھا کہ اور تودہ کی اور تین بھوجی پر بھی مہم مشابہ خدمات عملیہ تیا۔ اس وقت کورونا وائرس کے کلا کی ایم ترمیم میں داخل بھوجی پر اس جنگ کی مارچ کے مہم پس سے بہماری قبیلہ اور ایک علیل پاکستان کی معاصر صورت حال کی صرف کہ ایک معاویہ روزا کے کہا گیا کہ "بہم اس وقت کورونا وائرس کے کلا کی ایم ترمیم میں داخل بھوجی پر اس جنگ کی مارچ کے مہم پس سے بہماری قبیلہ اور ایک علیل پاکستان کی معاصر صورت حال کی صرف کہ ایک
کریمہ پی- ان کے علاوہ خدمت کے لئے وقف بیلته و ورکرز کا براوو دستہ بهی کلیدی کردار ادا کریں میں

انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ ”اس وقت جب بیم میں پر ایک ایک پیلی پپر کو ساتھا بیم جن کی مدد سے بیم ایک خاندان اور قرب و جوار کے لوگوں کی زندگی کورونا وائرس کا پیشہ ورک کر ہے، بھی بہت بہتر ہے۔ بیم ان روپوں پر جس

قدما سختی سے عمل کریں گے، اسی بیم جندی بیم معاون کی زندگی کہ قابل بھورک ایک بچو اور خاندانوں کو وہ تمام ضروری خدمات فراہم کر سکے گے جن کی انسان پر حد ضرورت پی- ان خدمات

من قابل انسداد بیماریوں سے بچاؤ کے لئے اور ان کے ذرائع خدمات کی دزیروں نشہ اور لئے کی کی کیا شکار

ہمارا واسطہ اور بچاوا کو بچاوا اور بچاوا نو بالغ پن کو تعلیم کو میک کی سد میں اپنا مستقبل تکشیف دینا گے ہمارا بناکر

لگوں کا معیار زندگی پیہرت بنانے کا شامل ہے”۔

حکومت پاکستان یونیسف اور عالمی ادارہ صحت کے تعاون سے ملک بھر میں ان ضروری خدمات کے

فرابع کے افغان اورا کا تسلسل برقرا پہ کے کم کو بچیبہن بنانے کے سلسلے میں مصنوع عمل پی- بولو

کے نزدیک تعلب کا سامنا کرنے والا اضلاع میں بولو کے کئے کئے لئے پر بھی کروائی پر ہمارا کئے آگی کا بی

بوجگا پی۔

پاکستان میں عالمی ادارہ صحت کی نمانہ جا کا باہمی کو گنزاپ اوریمہکارا مہ یے اس موقع بر حکومت پاکستان

کی کسی کو سرباری ہیں، یہ کہ عالمی ادارہ صحت پاکستان کی کوئی کو گنزاپ کہ کوہو 19 کے

پناہری کے حکومت پاکستان یے اپنا شکار دار ہے متحف حکومت پاکستان یے ہمارا کھ بی

پری اجتماعی صحت کی ضروری خدمات کی فراہمی کا افغان کریمی پی- پاکستان کے کئے اضلاع میں

بیلہ سے پچاوا کی والے اور کسی پی ایک بیار پر کام کے کامو پر پوجکا یے- عالمی ادارہ صحت ویز

اعظم پاکستان اور داکتر کی پر کووڈ 19 کے تعلیم کے دور میں کورونا وائرس سے جنگ

عمل کو سربارتا پی۔”

اسلامی نظریات کونسل کے چنیئے کے ایک الہام یہ آباد پر کوہو 19 کے فوکل پر یہ 15 سال کے اولی اور پیچیدہ ہیں کہ ری‌کارا پی۔ یہ پیشگوں اس دوران جلد گی چن میں لگوں پیا یئر کو دخواست کی گئی کہ ہمارا کھ وانسر کے خلاف

متحف کہ بچو لگوں کی زندگی کے پچاوا کی لئے اپنا اور کیا داکتر ادا کریں۔

ابن آب کو کورونا وائرس سے بچاؤ کے لئے لگوں گو چھپی کہ وہ:

• عوامی اجتماعات سے پہلے
• خبرداری اور حفاظت کے نصیر یہ بینگ گھر میں وقت مسک پین کر تکن
• ایک بی اپ پاک صاحب اور صاحب بی اپ میں سے 20 سیکنڈز نک دھوئی یا پہر ہور کو جرائم یہ
• پاک کریک والا محل اکمال کریں۔
• بیٹھنے کو دہم کے اور جیاتے یا بیک کے بھی بیٹھنے اور چھپی، ناک، مئی اور کا ناکو جوہڑے یا گڑیز
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Young leaders tapped to invigorate UN’s climate action plans, hold leaders to account

Seven young climate activists to take formal seat at UN table in Secretary-General’s new Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change

NEW YORK, 27 July— The United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced the names of seven young climate leaders – between

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the ages of 18 and 28 years old – who will advise him regularly on accelerating global action and ambition to tackle the worsening climate crisis.

The announcement marks a new effort by the United Nations to bring more young leaders into decision-making and planning processes, as the UN works to mobilize climate action as part of the COVID-19 recovery efforts.

“We are in a climate emergency. We do not have the luxury of time,” the Secretary-General said in a video announcing the establishment of the Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change. “We need urgent action now -- to recover better from COVID-19, to confront injustice and inequality and address climate disruption.”

“We have seen young people on the front lines of climate action, showing us what bold leadership looks like,” he added. “That is why I am launching my Youth Advisory Group on climate change today -- to provide perspectives, ideas and solutions that will help us scale up climate action.”

The members of the Secretary-General’s Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change represent the diverse voices of young people from all regions as well as small island states. They will offer perspectives and solutions on climate change, from science to community mobilization, from entrepreneurship to politics, and from industry to conservation.

The newly selected members of the Group, ranging from 18-28 years old, are:

**Nisreen Elsaim (Sudan)** is a climate activist and junior negotiator at intergovernmental climate change platforms with experience across a range of environmental topics, and she was part of the social movement that brought about democratic change in Sudan.

**Ernest Gibson (Fiji)** is the co-coordinator for 350 Fiji, a regional youth-led climate change network, driven by young climate leaders.

**Vladislav Kaim, (Moldova)** is a young economist committed to ensuring green and decent jobs for youth, and he brings deep expertise in international trade and migration.
Sophia Kianni (United States) has helped organize nationwide strikes and has built a network of non-profits as part of the Zero Hour National Partnerships Team.

Nathan Metenier (France) is the political director at the ‘Jeunes Ambassadeurs pour le Climat’, where he helped develop the French youth climate coalition.

Paloma Costa Oliveira (Brazil) is a lawyer and human rights defender who has coordinated the youth delegations to several climate conferences.

Archana Soreng (India) is experienced in advocacy and research, and she is working to document, preserve, and promote traditional knowledge and cultural practices of indigenous communities.

The initial seven members of the Group have been chosen to give frank and fearless advice to the Secretary-General, at a time of growing urgency to hold government and corporate leaders to account on climate action.

“Our ancestors have been protecting the forest and nature over the ages through their traditional knowledge and practices. Now it is on us to be the front runners in combating the climate crisis,” Ms Soreng said.

“The climate emergency is a threat to life, and taking climate action is the only way to free our future,” Ms Oliveira said.

“Climate action is not just about reducing greenhouse gas emissions, it is also about: creating green jobs in a post-COVID world, preserving our health and biodiversity and protecting the poorest and most marginalised communities,” Mr Metenier said.

“As an Iranian-American, I have witnessed first hand the devastating effect climate change is having on the Middle East. It is crucial for world leaders to stand as a united front as we work to combat the climate crisis and racial injustice,” Ms Kianni said.

“Taking climate action means contributing in the most direct way possible to the great reset of global economic order, an order in which nature will reconquer its rightful place as the main safe tangible asset that will never become stranded,” Mr Kaim said.
“Climate action matters because the story I want to tell my children is of how we took on the biggest challenge the world has ever seen and we won! We won for them,” Mr Gibson said.

“Taking the right action is the greatest motivation. Keeping up our work is the only solution, and doesn’t need a second thought. With every challenge there are many opportunities, but we must do it together,” Ms Elsaim said.

The establishment of the Group builds on last year’s successful Youth Climate Summit – the first time a Secretary-General has convened a summit for young people entirely devoted to climate action. The Summit brought over 1,000 young climate champions together from more than 140 countries to share their solutions on the global stage and deliver a clear message to world leaders: we must act now to confront the climate crisis. The initiative is also aligned with the Secretary-General’s vision for the UN Youth Strategy, launched in September 2018.

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**THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

VIDEO MESSAGE FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE POLICY BRIEF

“COVID-19 IN AN URBAN WORLD”

28 July 2020

Urban areas are ground zero of the COVID-19 pandemic, with 90 per cent of reported cases.
Cities are bearing the brunt of the crisis – many with strained health systems, inadequate water and sanitation services, and other challenges.

This is especially the case in poorer areas, where the pandemic has exposed deeply rooted inequalities.

But cities are also home to extraordinary solidarity and resilience.

Strangers helping each other, streets cheering in support of essential workers, local businesses donating life-saving supplies.

We have seen the best of the human spirit on display.

As we respond to the pandemic and work towards recovery, we look to our cities as hubs of community, human innovation and ingenuity.

Today, we have an opportunity to reflect and reset how we live, interact and rebuild our cities.

That is why we are launching a “Policy Brief on COVID-19 in the Urban World”.

It offers three key recommendations.

First, we need to ensure that all phases of the pandemic response tackle inequalities and long-term development deficits and safeguard social cohesion.

We must prioritise those who are the most vulnerable in our cities, including guaranteeing safe shelter for all and emergency housing to those without homes.

Access to water and sanitation is also vital.

The inadequate state of public services in many cities requires urgent attention, particularly in informal settlements.

Nearly one-quarter of the world’s urban population lives in slums.
Local governments are already taking action – from prohibiting evictions during the crisis to putting in place new clean water stations in the most vulnerable areas.

Second, we must strengthen the capacities of local governments.

This requires decisive action – and deeper cooperation between local and national authorities.

Stimulus packages and other relief should support tailored responses and boost local government capacity.

Third, we must pursue a green, resilient and inclusive economic recovery.

Many cities have created new bike lanes and pedestrian zones, reclaiming public spaces and improving mobility, safety and air quality.

By focusing on high ecological transformation and job creation, stimulus packages can steer growth towards a low-carbon, resilient pathway and advance the Sustainable Development Goals.

The rapid adoption of telecommuting illustrates how societies can transform seemingly overnight to confront urgent threats.

We must act with the same urgency and resolve to transform cities and address the climate and pollution crises.

Now is the time to rethink and reshape the urban world.

Now is the moment to adapt to the reality of this and future pandemics.

And now is our chance to recover better, by building more resilient, inclusive and sustainable cities.

Thank you.

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