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Free Medical Camp at Godho, Taxila

RDF in collaboration with the Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH) organized a one-day free Hepatitis-C Screening Camp for the underprivileged population and deserving communities of Taxila on June 30, 2022. In this medical camp, more than two hundred people from different villages of Taxila and Hassan Abdal got free screening of Hepatitis-C.



AKUH after the diagnosis of the positive cases of Hep-C generously offered free treatment to those patients who cannot afford Hep-C treatment due to the financial constraints and offered a subsidized package for others.

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

RDF organized a one-day seminar on “World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought” on 17th June 2022 in its office Islamabad, in which people from



different walks of life participated. The main objectives of the event were: Raising awareness about the impact of drought and desertification and highlighting methods of preventing desertification and drought.

Dr. Mohsina Zubair, Deputy Director from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was the Chief Guest of the event. Mr. Muhammad Tayyab, an environmental specialist from Civil Society Human & Institutional Development Programme (CHIP) Pakistan, gave a detailed presentation on the causes, impact and measures to address desertification and drought. He presented the recent data from the Pakistan National Drought Monitoring Center, which shows that in Pakistan most areas of the Punjab and Sindh have mild drought issues while some areas of Baluchistan have severe drought problems. He said that Baluchistan, South KP, South Punjab and Upper Sindh, were most affected areas in the last twenty years due to the reduced precipitation. The country



overall received below-normal rainfall of (less than 21.6 %) from January to April 2022. The UN has listed Pakistan as a drought affected country on 15 May 2022. He concluded his presentation with some suggestions on how to control desertification and drought. Chief Guest, Dr. Mohsina Zubair, in her speech thanked RDF for organizing the event. She said that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working very actively in addressing different environmental issues in Islamabad. She ensured to work in collaboration with RDF in the future on climate change.

Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy

Jazba Talks Platform in collaboration with the RDF and SPADO conducted a seminar on Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy in RDF Center Islamabad.



Almost 40 peoples from different walks of life attended the seminar. Dr. Shahzad Naveed, CEO Alltech Pakistan Private limited, gave a detailed

presentation on entrepreneurship and its positive outcomes. In the last, Mr. Raza Shah shared his view and encouraged audience to become entrepreneurs.

Updates from Godho, Taxila Mother & Child Health Care Center (MCHC)

In January and March, more than hundred children were vaccinated against different diseases.

In March, Polio Vaccination was carried out in the RDF Center.

In May, a seminar on summer diet was held in the RDF Center, where 25 people participated.



In June, environmental awareness program was arranged.

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