

# Media Update

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## UNFPA

### MEDIA ADVISORY

**Commemorating Programme Launch “Saving Lives of Women & Girls in Cross Border Areas in Pakistan”**

**When: *Monday, 17 September 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 pm***

**Where: Serena Hotel, Sheesh Mehal II, Islamabad, Pakistan**

**What:** United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with its national partners will provide life-saving Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services for Afghan women and girls in Pakistan, temporarily displaced populations, and host communities in KP and Balochistan for the next three years (2018-2020), through funding support from the Government of Australia. The aim of the programme is to increase access of women and girls from displaced, refugee and host community populations to quality SRH services including Gender Based Violence (GBV) prevention and response services. The initiatives respond to Australia’s strong interest in supporting efforts to meet the humanitarian needs of vulnerable people in Pakistan, and builds on Australia’s support to improving health outcomes, promoting gender equality and empowerment of women and girls, and building resilience of vulnerable communities in Pakistan.

The programme, titled ‘Saving Lives of Women and Girls in Cross Border Areas in Pakistan’ will be officially launched at the event, in the presence of Australia’s Ambassador for Women & Girls, Dr. Sharon Stone, UNFPA Representative Dr Hassan Mohtashami and Mr Saleem Khan, Chief Commissioner, Commissionerate Afghan Refugees.

### **Programme:**

**2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.:** Registration



**3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.** Welcome address and Opening Remarks by Dr. Hassan Mohtashami, Representative, UNFPA

**3:15 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.:** Video: UNFPA Project in FATA

**3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.:** Remarks by H.E. Margaret Adamson, Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan

**3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.:** Address by Dr. Sharman Stone, Ambassador for Women and Girls, Australian Government

**3:45 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.:** Video: Programme Launch Video

**3:50 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.:** Photo Opp, Presentation of RH kits to KP Health Secretary, Balochistan, Health Secretary, SAFRON minister

**4:05 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.:** Closing Remarks

**4:20p.m. – 5:00 p.m.:** Refreshments

**You are cordially invited to attend and cover the event.**

**Background:** Pakistan is a crisis prone country with a fast growing population of 208 million people, making it the fifth most populous country in the world. During conflicts, disasters and other emergencies, sexual and reproductive health needs are often times overlooked. When an emergency strikes, women overcome immense obstacles to provide care and safety for others, even as their vulnerability and poverty, malnutrition, unplanned pregnancies, and issues such as gender-based violence increase.

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**UNODC**

**PRESS RELEASE**



**The Government of Japan and UNODC Country Office in Pakistan stands committed to build the operational capacity of Anti Narcotics Force**

Rawalpindi, 13 September 2018 - Mr. Cesar Guedes, the UNODC Country Office Representative in Pakistan and Mr. Yusuke Shindo, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan, handed over 200 drugs and precursors identification kits to Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) during the handing-over ceremony at ANF Headquarters, Rawalpindi.

The UNODC test kits, developed and produced by the Laboratory and Scientific Section, Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs, was one of the agreed deliverables under the Japanese funded UNODC project, which is aimed at strengthening border security against illicit drug trafficking and related transnational organised crime. This is also part of UNODC efforts to enhance the operational capacity of drug law enforcement, specially ANF, in line with its Country Programme (2016 - 2019). Senior officials from Embassy of Japan, UNODC and ANF were present at the occasion.

Brig. Sheikh Ali Muhammad, Chief of Staff, ANF thanked the officials of Japan and UNODC for their continuous support to the Government of Pakistan, especially ANF, for building their operational capacity in countering numerous existing and emerging challenges posed by drug trafficking in the country and the region. Lastly, Brig. Ali assured his continued support in all mutual endeavours.

Mr. Cesar Guedes, the UNODC Country Office Representative in Pakistan, said that UNODC along with its international donors especially Japan is committed to strengthening operational capacities of ANF and other LEAs for addressing the drug trafficking and global organised crime issues through proactive responses. Mr. Guedes thanked the Government of Pakistan for committing to smooth implementation of the Japanese funded project activities (2016-2019) and specially thanked the Government of Japan for its commitment and generous financial support for this very important project.

Mr. Shindo, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan, acknowledged the efforts done by UNODC and ANF and highlighted the importance of these drugs and precursors identification kits to enhance ANF capacity for effective interdiction and investigation of illicit drugs. He reaffirmed Japan's commitment to helping Pakistan combat all types of transnational organised crime including illicit drug trafficking which hinder the

economic development and over all prosperity of the country. He noted that enhancing the border security between Pakistan and Afghanistan is crucial as the stability of the region is essential to not only the national security of Pakistan, but also the effort of international society on defeat of the global drug trafficking.

UNODC is leading global efforts against drug trafficking and is the guardian of all international conventions on drugs and transnational organised crime. UNODC Country Office in Pakistan has been active for over 35 years and works in close collaboration with the Government of Pakistan. Its mandate is to assist the national institutions in their efforts to overcome the challenges associated with transnational organised crime, thereby contributing towards the nation's development.

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## United Nations

### MESSAGE OF THE SECRETARY- GENERAL

**International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer**  
**16 September 2018**

This has been a year of record-breaking heat around the world. It is also a pivotal time for climate action.

As we address this threat, we can draw inspiration from the Montreal Protocol, a shining example of how the world can come together for people and planet.



When science showed us that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other substances were tearing a hole in the ozone layer that protects all life on earth, the world responded with determination and foresight by banning them. Thanks to this global commitment, the ozone layer is expected to return to its 1980 levels by mid-century.

However, this work is not yet done.

The landmark Kigali Amendment, which enters into force on 1 January 2019, sets its sights on hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), powerful climate-warming gases still used in cooling systems.

So far, 46 countries have ratified this new instrument; I call on all others to follow suit and show their commitment to a healthier planet. I expect countries to demonstrate significant progress in implementing the Kigali Amendment at the Climate Summit I am convening in September 2019.

For over three decades, the Montreal Protocol has done much more than shrink the ozone hole; it has shown us how environmental governance can respond to science, and how countries can come together to address a shared vulnerability.

I call for that same spirit of common cause and, especially, greater leadership as we strive to implement the Paris Agreement on climate change and mobilize the ambitious climate action we so urgently need at this time.