



**PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**



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**MOST URGENT/BY FAX/WHATSAPP**

No.PDMA(s)/PEOC/01/2025/6369

Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

To,

**The Deputy Commissioner (s) /Chairmen DDMA(s),  
Hyderabad, Thatta, Badin, Dadu, Sukkur, Ghotki, Khairpur, Shaheed Benazirabad,  
Naushero Feroz, Sanghar, Larkano, Jaccobabad, Tharparkar, Umerkot, Malir, Keamari,  
Karachi South, Karachi Central, Karachi West, Karachi East & Korangi districts.**

Subject: **DROUGHT CONDITIONS EMERGING IN THE PARTS OF THE COUNTRY**

I am directed to refer to Pakistan Meteorological Department's National Drought Monitoring Centre (NDMC) **Alert** dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025, on the subject cited above (**copy enclosed**). Recent rainfall spell in the country did not produce significant rainfall in plain areas of the country aggravating the drought conditions. Below normal rainfall (**-40%**) across Pakistan has been received from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The major anomalies were observed in Sindh (**-62%**).

2. As per the advisory of the Pakistan Meteorological Department, there is acute shortage of stored water in the Tarbela and Mangla dams and water in different rivers is flowing extreme low level. The mean temperature during March 2025 in the lower half of the country is 2-3 °C above than normal. The consecutive dry days in some of the southern parts have even exceeded 200 days.

3. Keeping in view the current weather situation and seasonal climate outlook, the drought situation may exacerbate and intensify in the following drought affected areas of the country.

S.No	Sindh	
	Moderate Drought	Mild Drought
1	Karachi Division	Ghotki
2	Hyderabad	Jacobabad
3	Badin	Larkano
4	Thatta	Sukkur
5	Dadu	Khairpur
6	Shaheed Benazirabad	Sanghar
7	Naushahro Feroz (Padidan)	
8	Umerkot	
9	Tharparker	

**Possible Impacts and Precautions:**

- Keeping in view the climatology and current forecast, the emergence of flash drought is also anticipated in upcoming months in light of the lasting rainfall deficit as well as the increasing temperatures in months to come.
- Farmers/agriculturists are advised to keep themselves updated with alerts issued by drought monitoring center and PDMA Sindh.
- Communities are advised take all possible measures for water storage for dry period.
- Mild meteorological drought can lead to reduced vegetation, especially in non-irrigated areas
- Water scarcity can increase the spread of water-borne diseases in water stressed areas due to use of contaminated water. Safe water use for drinking purposes during drought period is advised.

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4. In view of the above, the Deputy Commissioner(s)/ Chairman DDMA(s), Provincial Line Departments and other relevant Authorities/ Stakeholders are requested to take necessary precautionary measures.

  
(AJAY KUMAR SEWANI)  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPS-II)

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6. The Secretary, Health Department, Govt of Sindh, Karachi
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No. DR-5/DRT/ADV/ALERT/2021-22

Islamabad, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

## **DROUGHT ALERT-1**

This drought alert is the continuation of Drought Advisory-II issued dated 21.01.2025. Recent rainfall spells in the country have improved drought conditions in central and upper parts of the country but drought conditions are still continued in Sindh, southern parts of Balochistan and lower eastern plain areas of Punjab. Overall, **below normal** rainfall (-40%) is observed across Pakistan from 01<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024 to 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025. The major rainfall deficits were observed in Sindh (-62%), Balochistan (-52%) and Punjab (-38%). The details of the (%) age departure of rainfall is given as:



*Figure-1: Rainfall Departure (%) across Pakistan*

2. There is acute shortage of stored water in the Tarbela and Mangla dams and water in different rivers is flowing at extreme low level (Figure-2). The mean temperature during March 2025 in the lower half of the country is 2-3 °C above than normal. The consecutive dry days in some of the southern parts have even exceeded 200 days.
3. Keeping in view the current weather situation and seasonal climate outlook, the drought situation may exacerbate and intensify in the following drought affected areas of the country.

S.No.	Sindh		Balochistan		Punjab
	Moderate	Mild	Moderate	Mild	Mild
1	Padidan	Ghotki	Gawadar	Chaghi	Bahawalnagar
2	Shaheed Benazirabad	Jacobabad	Kech	Jaffarabad	Bahawalpur
3	Dadu	Larkana	Lasbella	Jhal Magsi	Rahim Yar Khan
4	Tharparkar	Sukkur	Panjgur	Sibbi	
5	Umerkot	Khairpur	Awaran	Nushki	
6	Hyderabad	Sanghar		Washuk	
7	Thatta				
8	Badin				
9	Karachi				

4. The National Drought Monitoring & Early Warning Centre (NDMC), Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) is continuously monitoring the meteorological conditions over the country. The emergence of flash drought is also anticipated in upcoming months in light of the lasting rainfall deficit as well as the increasing temperatures in months to come, as per the climatology of the country.

5. Hence, it is advised to all stakeholders to take pre-emptive measures for drought prone areas. Farmers/agriculturists are advised to keep themselves updated from PMD website <http://www.pmd.gov.pk>.

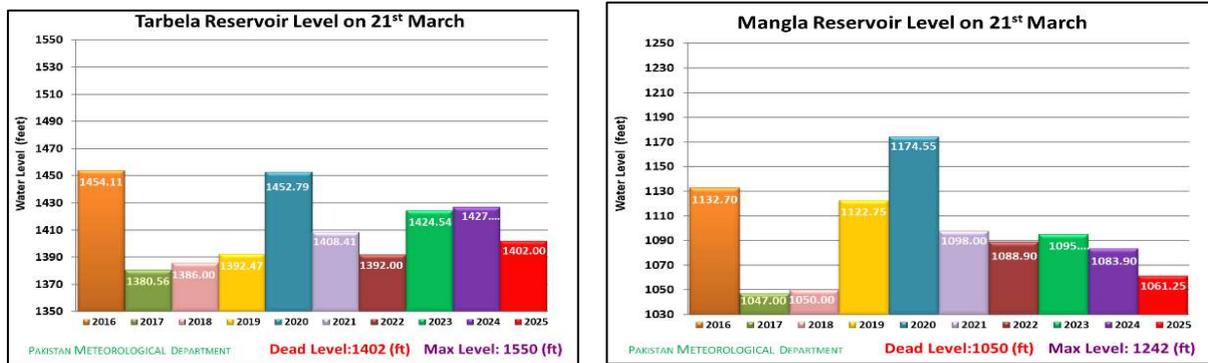


Figure 2 (Water Level at Terbela and Mangla dams)

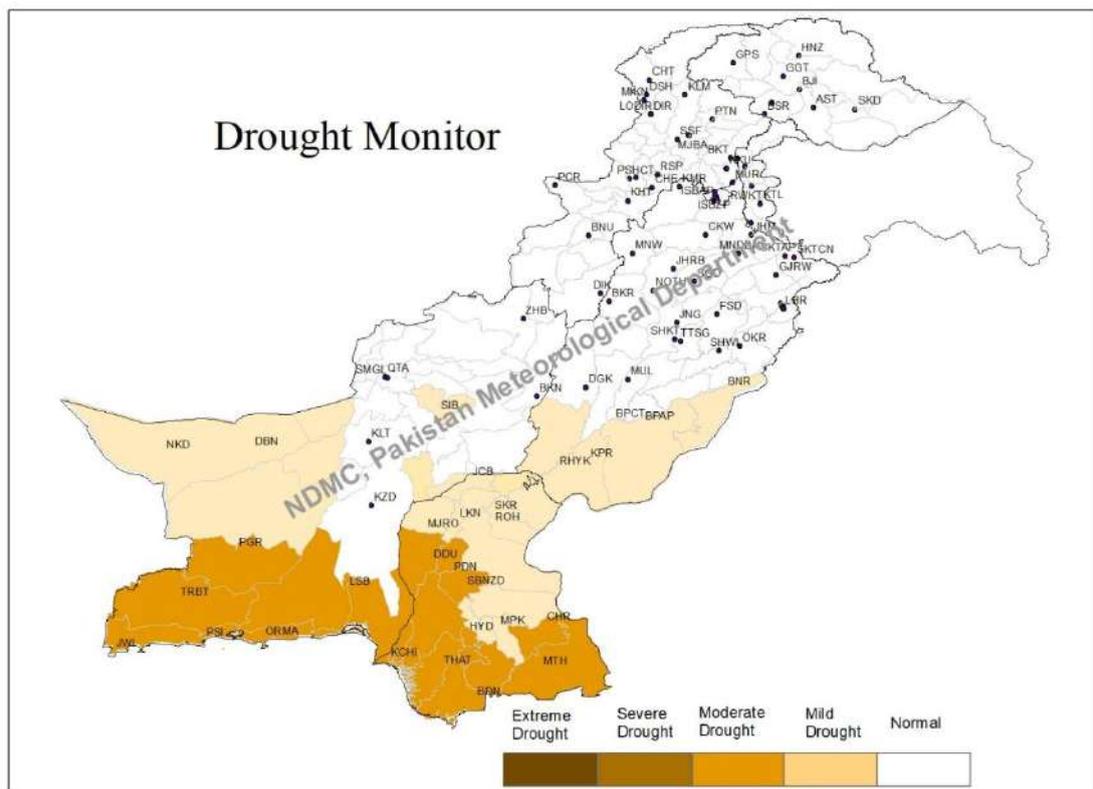


Figure-3: Drought Monitor March 2025

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