



# ***Provincial Disaster Management Authority*** **Government of Sindh**

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## **Message From The Director General**



The 4th edition of our 2019 Newsletter reflects the activities carried out by PDMA Sindh in last quarter of year 2019.

PDMA Sindh stands firm on its commitment towards continuation of activities for the well being and safety of public.

During this quarter, PDMA Sindh held various seminars for awareness of public including Tsunami and Disaster Resilience which were attended by a large number of people including youngsters who were guided about the preemptive measures that should be taken as a first step in countering such disasters.

PDMA Sindh has firm belief in disaster resilience and thus guidance is being given to sectors of community specially the youth who can help as first responders.

PDMA Sindh with the help of World Bank funded Sindh Resilience Project is also working on various activities for capacity building, Community based Disaster resilience module and hazard assessment which will help in countering disasters in a much efficient manner.

***Syed Salman Shah***  
***DG PDMA Sindh***

## **Rain Emergency Situation Reports**

PDMA Sindh issued timely rain situation reports to all concerned departments and authorities in order to keep them well aware about the losses/damages occurred due to rains. These situation reports were very helpful in taking measures by various departments for public safety and facilitation of affectees.

The Operations directorate at PDMA Sindh worked round the clock to ensure collection and dissemination of such data on time.

## **National Resilience Day 2019**

On 8th of October, 2019, Provincial Disaster Management authority Sindh held an event at NED University Auditorium to observe National Resilience Day. Vice Chancellor NED University Dr. Sarosh Lodhi and Secretary Rehabilitation Department Mr. Riaz Soomro graced the event as guests of honor. A large number of students from NED University, officials of PDMA Sindh and representatives of various organizations i.e. HANDS, PREPARED, Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, Pakistan Red Crescent and INSPIRE Pakistan actively participated in the event. Vice Chancellor NED University, Dr: Sarosh while addressing the gathering highlighted the importance of awareness for saving human lives from disasters and educating the people for rampant catastrophes like heatwaves, droughts and floods.

Secretary Rehabilitation Department in his address emphasized on the importance of resilience measures towards safety of public and countering disasters.

DG PDMA Sindh Syed Salman Shah in a message said that 8th of October reminds us of those who lost their lives in the deadly earthquake of 2005 and also helps to stand united in helping each other in case of any disasters. Secretary Rehabilitation Department and Director (Operations) PDMA Sindh also lead a rally by participants of the event to pay tribute to the victims of 8th October, 2005 earthquake.

## **Meeting With Aga Khan Development Network**

On 4th of November, 2019, a delegation from Aga Khan Development Network paid a visit to PDMA Sindh Headquarters. During meeting, matters related to mutual interest and various activities related to welfare of public were discussed. Both Organizations agreed to continue the cooperation to carry out such activities and further assured to extend unconditional support to each other and work together for the betterment of general public and society.

Director (operations) PDMA Sindh, Shafiq Shaikh represented PDMA Sindh during the meeting.

## **Minister Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir visits PDMA Sindh**

On 14th of November, 2019, Minister Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Ahmed Raza Qadri paid an informal visit to PDMA Sindh. On arrival, the Minister was given a warm welcome by the staff of PDMA Sindh led by Director (Operations). During visit, Mr. Qadri was briefed about the working and organizational capacity of PDMA Sindh.

Minister Government of AJK thanked PDMA Sindh on their warm gesture during the visit and extended his full support to PDMA Sindh in increasing cooperation between PDMA Sindh and SDMA AJK.

## **DAC Meeting For Proposed Draft Paras (PDP)**

On 4th of December, 2019, the DAC meeting for proposed draft Paras (PDP) for financial year 2018-19 was held at PDMA Headquarters Karachi. Secretary Rehabilitation Department, Mr. Riaz Hussain Soomro chaired the meeting.



**Karachi 08-10-2019:** National Resilience Day 2019.



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**Karachi 04-11-2019:** Meeting with Aga Khan Foundation.



**Karachi 05-11-2019:** World Tsunami Awareness Day.



**Karachi 14-11-2019:** Minister Govt of AJK visit to PDMA.



**Karachi 08-10-2019:** DAC Meeting at PDMA Headquarter.



## **World Tsunami Awareness Day**

On 5th of November, 2019, an event to observe World Tsunami awareness day was held at NED University Karachi. The event was attended by a large number of students from NED University Karachi and representatives of various organizations and NGO's including UNDP, PDMA Sindh, NMDA and others.

Project Coordinator SRP(PDMA) Asif Jan Siddiqui while addressing the event, emphasized on the repercussions and precautionary measures of Tsunami. Mr. Siddiqui also requested students to take keen interest in learning the precautionary measures that should be taken as first responders in case of such a catastrophe.

## **Meeting to review the progress of SRP(PDMA)**

On 9th of December, 2019, a meeting to review the progress and set goals for future activities of SRP(PDMA) was held at PDMA Sindh Headquarters Karachi.

The meeting was chaired by Secretary Rehabilitation Department, Mr. Riaz Hussain Soomro which was attended by PD SRP(PDMA) Syed Salman Shah, PC SRP(PDMA) Asif Jan Siddiqui and other staff members of SRP(PDMA).

During meeting, Secretary Rehabilitation Department, Riaz Hussain Soomro was briefed about the current and future activities of the project. Mr. Soomro expressed his satisfaction over the performance the project and further directed to boost up the pace of work so as to complete the project activities within stipulated time period.

## **Briefing by SUPARCO on MHVRA**

On 18th of December, 2019, a delegation from Pakistan Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) visited SRP(PDMA) to brief about the working progress on Multi Hazard Vulnerability Risk Assessment (MHVRA).

Project Director SRP(PDMA) Syed Salman Shah chaired the meeting which was also attended by the team of SRP(PDMA) . During meeting the team of SUPARCO presented the work progress on MHVRA on which Syed Salman Shah along with other members of team SRP(PDMA) expressed their satisfaction over the progress.



**Karachi 09-12-2019:** Secretary Rehabilitation Department Riaz Hussain Soomro chairing meeting to review progress of SRP(PDMA).



**Karachi 18-12-2019:** PD SRP(PDMA) Syed Salman Shah, chairing meeting with SUPARCO for MHVRA.