



# GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

## PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

### QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

#### From the desk of Director General



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I thank you for taking out the time to pursue the contents of first edition of our 2019 newsletter which indicates our commitment towards countering disasters and taking necessary steps towards resilience.

Over the past decade, there has been growing concern over the impact of disasters like floods, droughts and cyclones.

PDMA Sindh in coordination with the World Bank

funded Sindh Resilience Project is working on developing disaster management plan for the entire province which will focus on risk identification, disaster risk reduction, preparedness and response.

We have firm belief in an effective public awareness and to educate public to fight the disasters at a preliminary stage until the professionals reach and take over.

I hope that after reading this newsletter and going through the contents you will see the untiring efforts of PDMA Sindh towards safety and well being of public.

***Syed Salman Shah***

*Director General*

#### **Family ration bags for Districts Umerkot and Tharparkar**

Karachi : On 7th of February, 2019, PDMA Sindh on the directions of Government of Sindh dispatched family ration bags for the pregnant and lactating women of districts Umerkot and Tharparkar to complete the three phases of supply of ration bags

which started in November 2018. were dispatched to district Umerkot.

Talking about the third phase, more than 80 thousand ration bags were dispatched to the area, out of which around 67 thousand ration bags were dispatched to district Tharparkar and around 14 thousand ration bags

PDMA Sindh in coordination with NDMA and other international donor agencies is currently working on the short and long term cross sectoral interventions for mitigating the effects of drought.



## **Consul General of Thailand in Karachi calls on DG PDMA**

Consul General of the Royal Consulate General of Thailand in Karachi HE Mr. Thatree Chauvachata called on DG PDMA Syed Salman Shah at his office on 28th of January, 2019. During the meeting, matters related to mutual interests and cooperation in disaster relief matters were discussed.

## **First meeting of drought working group**

First meeting of working group for coordination between the Government departments and management of UN Organizations regarding drought affected areas of Sindh was held at PDMA head office on 31st of January, 2019. During the meeting, food security measures were deliberated upon in detail.

## **13th meeting of PDMA Sindh board**

The 13th board meeting of Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh was held at PDMA head office on 7th of February, 2019. Senior Member Board of Revenue Sindh, Muhammad Hussain Syed chaired the meeting.

## **Supervision of relief operations**

On 25th of February, 2019, a tragic incident occurred at Jaffar-e-Tayyar Society in Malir where a residential building collapsed in the early hours. PDMA Sindh in response to the incident, immediately coordinated with KMC urban search and rescue team and FOCUS rescue team of Aga Khan foundation. The entire operations were supervised by Director (Operations) PDMA and all necessary equipment & machines were also provided.

## **Secretary Rehabilitation Department & DG PDMA visit Mirpurkhas**

Secretary Rehabilitation Department Riaz Hussain Soomro & DG PDMA Syed Salman Shah visited Mirpurkhas on 11th of March, 2019 and held a meeting with Commissioner Mirpurkhas Abdul Waheed Shaikh. During Meeting, matters related to upcoming regional project of PDMA were discussed. Commissioner Mirpurkhas assured his full cooperation to PDMA and agreed to work alongside PDMA in providing relief to the public in general.

Secretary Rehabilitation Department & DG PDMA also visited under construction regional office of PDMA and expressed their satisfaction over the progress of work. During visit to Mirpurkhas, they were accompanied by Deputy Director(F&A) PDMA Zain ul Abideen Ansari and Deputy Director (Technical) PDMA Muhammad Aslam Laghari.

## **Chief Secretary Sindh presides over a meeting on Rescue 1122 Project**

On 14th of March, 2019, a meeting under the Chairmanship of Honorable Chief Secretary Sindh was held to review technical feasibility study of Rescue 1122 Project. DG PDMA Sindh Syed Salman Shah & project consultants briefed about the overall concept and implementation strategy. The Chief Secretary directed PDMA to implement all the components of project i.e. EMS( Emergency Medical Services), fire and rescue services simultaneously. Chief Secretary Sindh also said that Rescue 1122 is aimed at carrying out rapid rescue and relief work both in times of crisis and normal days.



# PICTORIAL



**Karachi: 28-02-2019**

Meeting with HE Mr. Thatree Chauvachata, Royal Thai Consul General in Karachi who called on DG PDMA Sindh at his office.



**Karachi: 28-01-2019**

Meeting with representatives of UN agencies to discuss road map for drought mitigation in Sindh.



**Karachi: 31-01-2019**

First meeting of working group for coordination between government departments and management of UN Organizations regarding drought affected areas of Sindh was held at PDMA head office.



**Karachi: 07-02-2019**

The 13th board meeting of PDMA Sindh held under the chairmanship of Mr. Muhammad Hussain Syed, SMBR Sindh at PDMA head office Karachi.



**Karachi: 25-02-2019**

Rescue operations at Jaffar-e-Tayyar society in Malir.



**Karachi: 04-03-2019**

Project Director SRP(PDMA component) Syed Salman Shah chaired an important meeting on upcoming disaster response teams for 6 divisions of Sindh. A team of consultants from National Support Organization, Islamabad briefed participants about the proposal.



**Mirpurkhas: 11-03-2019**

Secretary Rehabilitation department Riaz Hussain Soomro & DG PDMA Sindh Syed Salman Shah during meeting with Commissioner Mirpurkhas Mr.Waheed Shaikh regarding upcoming regional project of PDMA Sindh.



**Karachi: 14-03-2019**

Chief Secretary Sindh Syed Mumtaz Hussain Shah while presiding over a meeting with PDMA Sindh on Rescue 1122 project for Karachi.



## SINDH RESILIENCE PROJECT (PDMA COMPONENT)

### **Syed Salman Shah joins Sindh Resilience Project (SRP) as Project Director**

Syed Salman Shah who has already been serving as the Director General of PDMA Sindh was given additional charge of PD SRP on 28th of Dec 2018. Syed Salman Shah assumed the charge of the office of Project Director in high spirits and upon joining held a meeting with project staff and directed them to put in all efforts to take the project to the heights of glory and success.

### **Asif Jan Siddiqui joins Sindh Resilience Project (SRP) as Project Coordinator**

Mr. Asif Jan Siddiqui joined SRP as project coordinator on 21st of January, 2019. Asif Siddiqui comes with an administrative background with the Government of Sindh and his affiliation with SRP will prove as a key in achieving milestones of the project.

### **SRP initiates project components**

SRP has initiated its project components i.e. MHVRA (Multi Hazard Vulnerability Risk Assessment), capacity building of PDMA Sindh and DDMA's, strengthening provincial and regional Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) and analytical works on drought, urban flooding, cyclone and climate change. These components are at a preliminary stage with high pace of work which will start showing the results soon. SRP is committed towards completing its project within stipulated time period which will be beneficial for government and public in enhancing their capacity to deal with various disasters.

### **SRP delegation visits PDMA Punjab & Rescue 1122 Academy, Lahore**

A SRP delegation led by Project Director Syed Salman Shah visited PDMA Punjab headquarters and Rescue 1122 services academy in Lahore from 13th of February to 15th of February. During visit, the delegation was briefed about the operational capacities of both institutions, the delegation upon arrival at PDMA headquarters Punjab was received by Mr. Rashid Khan DG PDMA Punjab and during visit of rescue 1122 academy, they were received by DG Rescue 1122 Dr. Rizwan Ahmed. During the meeting, matters related to mutual interest were discussed and visiting delegation and the hosts also agreed on the future cooperation and coordination between the rescue institutions of both Provinces. Syed Salman Shah was accompanied by Project Coordinator SRP Asif Jan Siddiqui, Financial Management Specialist Ahmed Saqib and Disaster Risk Management Specialist Hassan Jaffrie.



D.G 1122 services Punjab Dr. Rizwan and PD SRP Syed Salman Shah



SRP Delegation during briefing at PDMA - Punjab Headquarters at Lahore