

No. PDMA(S)/7(78)/15/412 PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT



Dated: 23rd August, 2022

GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

PLOT NO. 26-C, MAIN KHAYABAN-E-JAMI, DHA PHASE-VII, KARACHI Phone: 021-99332003-5, Fax: 021-99332007

URGENT BY FAX / WHATSAP

To,

Chairman DDMA's/ Deputy Commissioner (All in Sindh)

HEAVY MONSOON RAINS ALERT

Subject: <u>STRONG MONSOON LOW-PRESSURE AREA LIES OVER EAST</u>

RAJASTHAN (INDIA) WITH ITS TROUGH EXTENDING UP TO EASTERN

SINDH.

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) vide its **Heavy Monsoon Rains Alert** dated: 23.08.2022, has informed that a strong monsoon low-pressure area lies over east Rajasthan (India) with its trough extending up to eastern Sindh.

Under the influence of this weather system:

Rain-thunderstorms with few heavy/very heavy falls likely to occur in Tharparker, Mirpur Khas, Umerkot, Thatta, Sujawal, Badin, Sanghar, Hyderabad, Matiari, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allayar, Shaheed. Benazirabad, Dadu, Jamshoro, Kambar Shahdadkot, Khairpur, Naushahro Feroze, Jacobabad, Shikarpur, Ghotki, Sukkur, Larkana & Kashmore Districts from today to 25 August.

- Rain-thunderstorm with few moderate (isolated heavy) falls also expected in **Karachi Division** from **today till 25th August**.
- The wet spell to spread over northeastern & southern districts of Balochistan from today till 26 August which may trigger flash flooding in Dadu, Jamshoro, Kambar Shahdadkot Districts & downstream.

Possible Impacts

- Heavy falls may create more water logging/urban flooding in Umerkot, Mirpur Khas, Badin, Thatta, Sujawal, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allayar, Sukkur, Larkana, Jacobabad, Shaheed Benazirabad, Ghotki, Shikarpur, Naushahro Feroze, Kambar Shahdadkot, & Kashmore Districts during the forecast period.
- Persistent heavy rains over Khuzdar, Lasbella and Hub Districts of Balochistan & over Kirthar Range may create extra pressure on Hub dam, Thaddo dam & downstream nullahs

Keeping in view above, it is recommended that concerned Deputy Commissioners/ Chairmen DDMAs and other relevant authorities/ stakeholders may take all necessary mitigation measures including:

- Ensure early warning mechanism for evacuation of vulnerable population in areas/districts in case of flash flooding.
- Ensure availability of dewatering machines and the staff during rainfall.
- Improve coordination with emergency services, also with various line departments.
- Establishment of helpline Cell number to address needs of affected people at priority basis.
- Ensure provision of water and necessary emergency medicines to the general public during emergency.
- Stockpile necessary emergency relief/ medicine stores especially in affected areas.

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- Keep the machinery on standby for plugging in breeches to LBOD/drainage network/ canals.
- Ensure availability of uninterrupted power supply through intimate coordination with concerned line departments and provision / availability of standby generators for hospitals.
- Emergency services and ambulances with trained paramedics to remain available round the clock.
- Emergency Services / Fire Brigades to remain alert for possible fire incidents and ensure preventive measures against fires due to electrification, where possible.
- Coordinate with concerned departments (NHA, NH&MP and FWO) for issuing necessary alerts to travelers, especially over long distances to take precaution and avoid over exposure to rainfall.

FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

- Move to safe places in case of any risk of Flash Flooding.
- Monitor the weather updates and flash flood alerts regularly through print and electronic media.
- Keep emergency medicines/kits and emergency food rations with themselves.
- Wear protective clothing and seek indoor shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors during heavy rain and strong winds.
- Avoid roadway underpasses, drainage ditches, low-lying areas and areas where water collects there can be unexpectedly flood or overflow.
- Avoid driving in heavy rain due to poor visibility.
- Travelers and tourists are advised to remain extra cautious during the forecast period.

KAZIM RAZA TALPUR GIS SPECIALIST (INCHARGE PEOC)

A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- 1. The Senior Member Board of Revenue / Relief Commissioner Sindh, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
- 2. The Secretary to Chief Minister, Chief Minister's House/ Secretariat, Karachi.
- 3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Local Government Department, Karachi.
- 4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department, Karachi.
- 5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh. Agriculture Department, Karachi.
- 6. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Irrigation Department, Karachi.
- 7. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Information Department, Karachi (With a request for wide publicity through the electronic & print media).
- 8. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Livestock Department, Karachi
- 9. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Forest Department, Karachi
- 10. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Environment, Climate Change & Coastal Development Department, Karachi
- 11. The Commissioner (s) (all in Sindh).
- 12. The Director General, Sindh Building Control Authority, Karachi.
- 13. The Director General, Sindh Coastal Development Authority, Karachi.



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- 14. The Director General Climate Change, Directorate General of Climate Change Sindh, Karachi.
- 15. The Managing Director, Karachi Water and Sewerage Board.
- 16. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
- 17. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
- 18. The Director (Response), National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
- 19. The Project Director, Hub Dam Project, Street. 1/5, Block-U, North Nazimabad, Karachi
- 20. The Head Quarters ComCoast Karachi.
- 21. The Head Quarters ComKar, Karachi
- 22. The Head Quarters, 5 Corps, Karachi.
- 23. The Commander, Southern Air Comand.
- 24. Chief Executive Officer, Sindh Integrated Emergency Health Services (Rescue 1122).
- 25. The Chief Executive Officer, HESCO/SEPCO/K-Electric (with a request to ensure availability of uninterrupted power supply to the Essential Services Department, Hospitals and KW&SB/WASA Pumping Stations).
- 26. The Chief Executive, Edhi Foundation, Al Mustafa Welafre Trust, Alarngir Welfare Trust, Alkhidmat foundation, Khidmate-Khaliq Foundation, Paksitan Red Crescent Sindh, Chhipa Welafre Organization
- 27. The Staff Officer to Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
- 28. The PS to Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh, for Relief & Rehabilitation, Karachi.
- 29. The PS to Secretary to Government Sindh, Rehabilitation Department, Karachi.
- 30. The PS to Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Sindh, Karachi.