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PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
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MOST URGENT
BY FAX/WHATSAPP

Date: 20th March, 2023

To,

The Deputy Commissioner(s)/Chairman DDMA's

Sukkur, Jacobabad, Larkana, Hyderabad, Sanghar, Tharparkar, Thatta, Badin, Shaheed Benazirabad, Mirpurkhas, Dadu, Karachi Central, East Keamari, Korangi, Malir, South, West districts

Subject **MORE RAIN-WIND/THUNDERSTORM WITH HEAVY FALLS IS EXPECTED DURING THE WEEK**

Pakistan Metrological Department has informed that another strong westerly wave is likely to enter in Pakistan from 21st March and likely to grip most parts of the country on 22nd March. Under the influence of this weather system scattered rain-wind-dust/thunderstorm with isolated hailstorm is expected in Sukkur, Jacobabad, Larkana, Hyderabad, Sanghar, Mithi, Thatta, Badin, Shaheed Benazirabad, Mirpurkhas, Dadu and Karachi from 21st to 23rd March.

POSSIBLE IMPACTS:

- Strong wind & Hailstorm may cause damage to loose infrastructure and standing crops in the country.
- Heavy Rains may cause Flash Floods in Quetta, Chaman, Pishin, Barkhan, Musakhel, Kalat,
- Khuzdar, Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Kohlu, Zhob, Sibbi, Turbat, Awaran, Panjgur, Hill torrents of D.G Khan on 22nd and 23rd March.
- Day temperature is likely to fall significantly during the spell.
- Tourists are advised to remain more cautious during the forecast period.
- **ALERT:** All concerned authorities are advised to remain "ALERT" to avoid any untoward situation during the forecast period.

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

- Establishment of helpline number to address needs of rain/flood affected people/IDPs at priority basis.
- Stockpile necessary emergency relief/ medicine stores especially in flood affected areas.
- 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.
- 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/IDPs:

- Monitor the weather alerts through print and electronic media.
- Stay indoors unless absolutely necessary. Keep doors and windows shut and avoid sitting near windows as rain is often accompanied by strong winds.
- Maintain a distance from power lines or electrical wires. If you notice any loose electric wires in your area, alert the authorities immediately.
- Avoid touching electrical switches or outlets while it is raining. Do not try using electrical sockets or outlets outdoors while it is raining.



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- Avoid driving in heavy rain because of poor visibility.
- Avoid underpasses, drainage ditches, low-lying areas and areas where water collects.
- Check on family members who are especially at risk from weather hazards: young children, older adults, and the chronically ill.

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(DEPUTY DIRECTOR HQ&C)

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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 Government of Sindh, Local Government Department, Karachi.
3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department, Karachi.
4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Agriculture Department, Karachi.
5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Irrigation Department, Karachi.
6. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Information Department, Karachi (With a request for wide publicity through the electronic & print media).
7. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Environment, Climate Change & Coastal Development Department, Karachi.
8. The Commissioner (s) (All concerned).
9. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
10. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
11. The Director (Response), National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
12. The Head Quarters ComCoast Karachi.
13. The Head Quarters ComKar, Karachi
14. The Head Quarters, 5 Corps, Karachi.
15. The Chief Executive, Edhi Foundation, Al Mustafa Welafrre Trust, Alarngir Welfare Trust, Alkhidmat foundation, Khidmate-Khaliq Foundation, Paksitan Red Crescent Sindh, Chhipa Welafrre Organization
16. The Staff Officer to Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
17. The Incharge Rescue, 1122/ Central Command & Control, Karachi.
18. The PS to Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh, for Relief & Rehabilitation, Karachi.
19. The PS to Secretary to Government Sindh, Rehabilitation Department, Karachi.
20. The PS to Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Sindh, Karachi.

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