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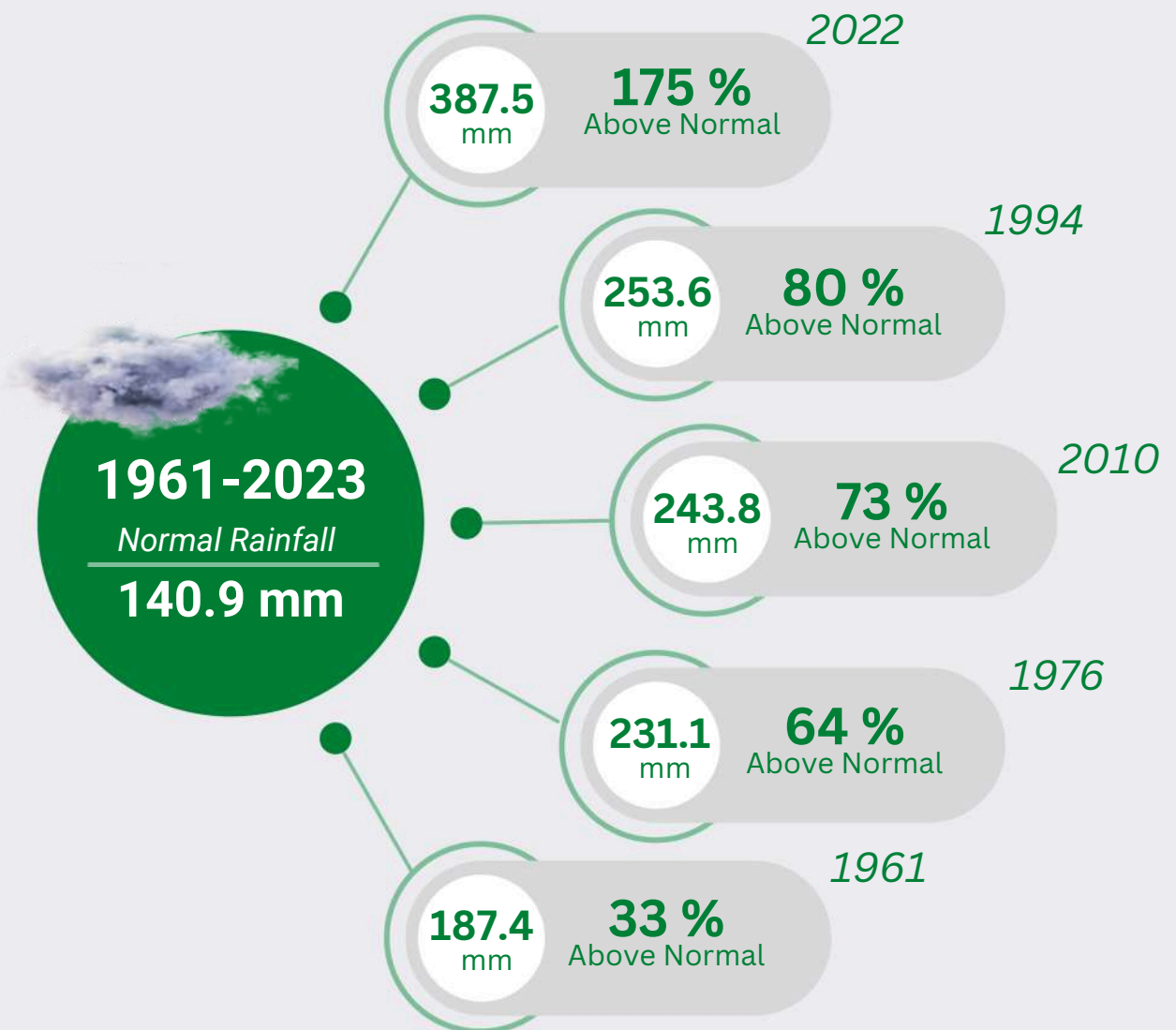
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Monsoon 2023

According to Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Pakistan has experienced one of its wettest monsoon season last year i.e. 2022, receiving 175% above normal rains. However this year's monsoon rain was relatively calm and the country received 4% above normal rain.



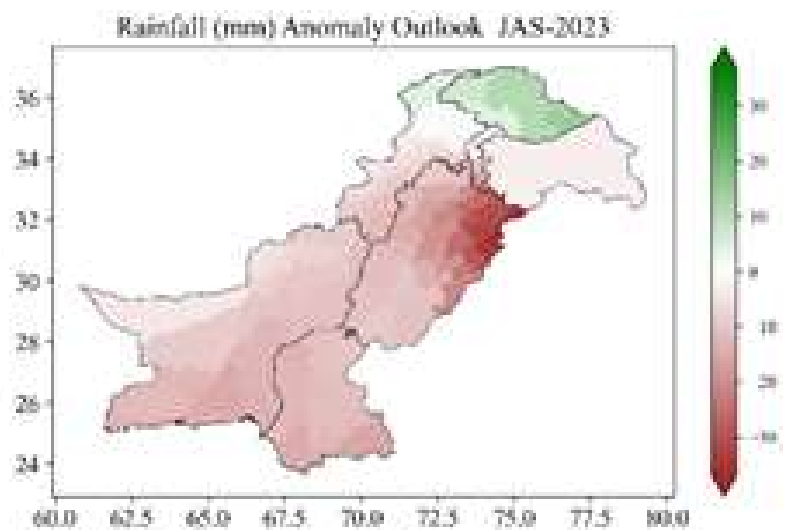
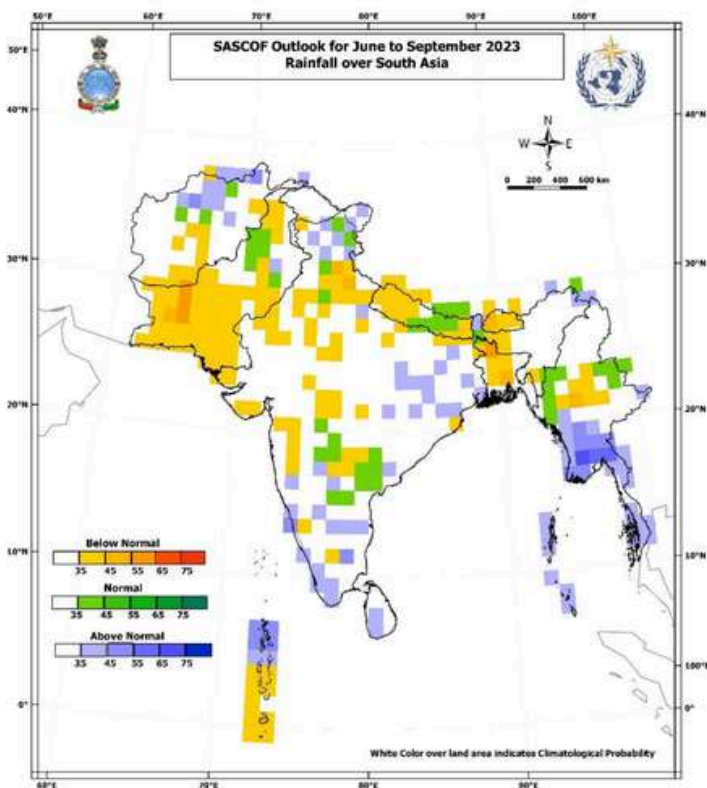
Heaviest monsoon season rainfall records from the past

Seasonal Forecast

In its seasonal forecast Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) reported that due to La-Niña conditions and negative phase of Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD); therefore below normal rains were expected in the country. According to the outlook issued, following were the likelihoods for this monsoon season (July- September):

- *Below Normal rainfall expected over Sindh and Punjab*
- *Slightly normal rainfall in the remaining parts of the country*

Based on the seasonal forecast PDMA Sindh issued necessary preparedness measures to be taken by stakeholders to overcome any unlikely situation.

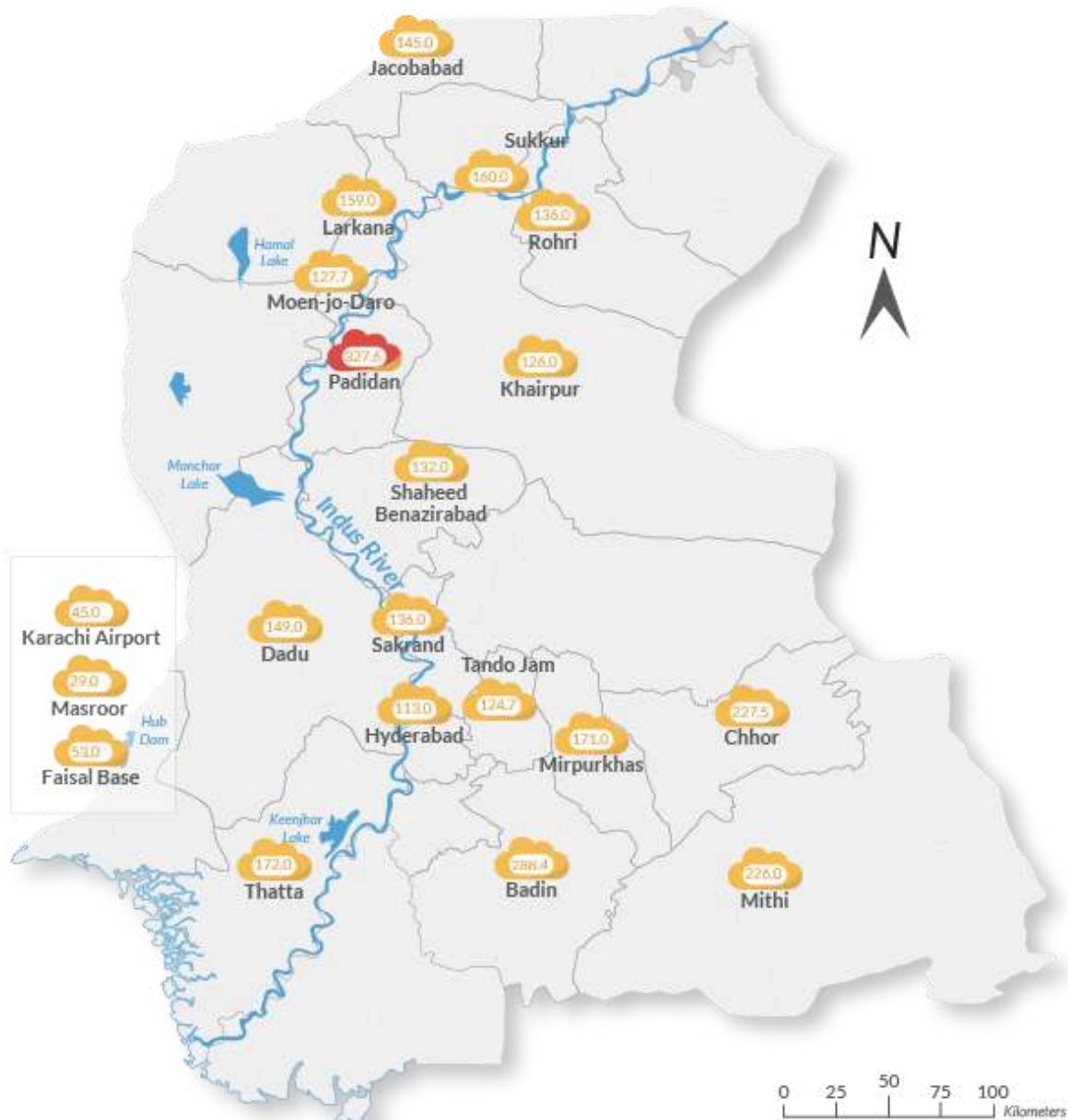


Rainfall Anomaly Outlook, JAS-2023, issued by Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD)

SASCOF Outlook for June to September 2023 Rainfall over South Asia

Monsoon 2023- Sindh

Onset of monsoon in Sindh was observed from 1st July till 28th September



Accumulated Rainfall recorded at PMD Stations during Monsoon Season (July - September)

Rainfall

173.7 mm

30% above normal

Losses and Damages

Initial data on losses and damages was collected through DDMA's for estimation and organization to disaster response. Synoptic state of losses and damages is presented below;


Deaths and Injuries

 *Deaths*
27

 *Injuries*
10

 *Livestock*
213


Infrastructure Damages

 *Houses (Count)*
342


 *Partial House (Count)*
324

 *Fully House (Count)*
18

Population Affected

 *Affected Population*
1,366

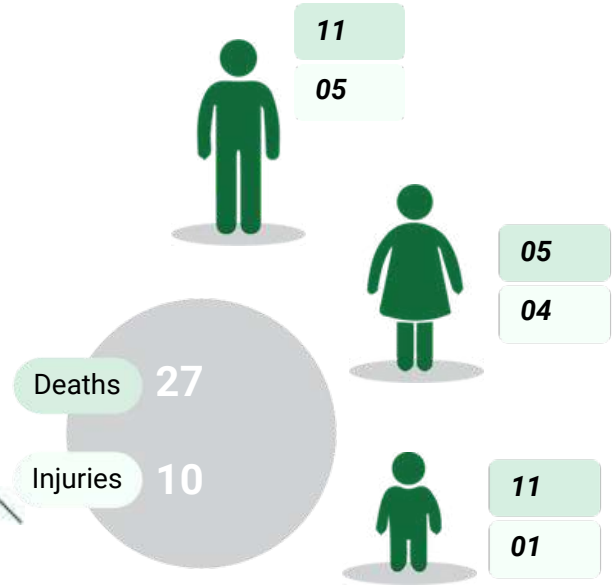
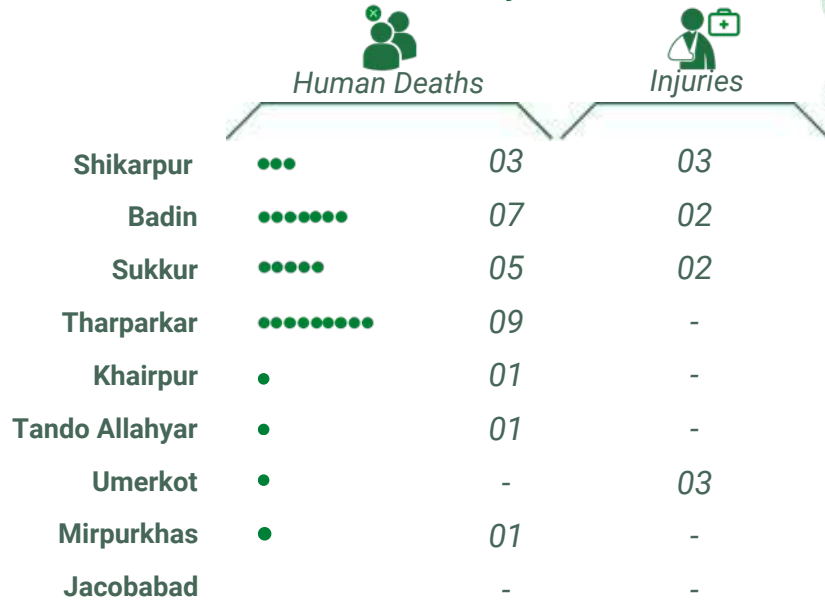
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 *Acres*
3,528

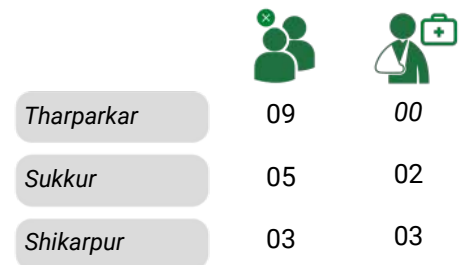
Deaths and Injuries

Segregation of deaths and injuries and district-wise distribution remained as;

District Wise Human & Livestock Death & Injuries

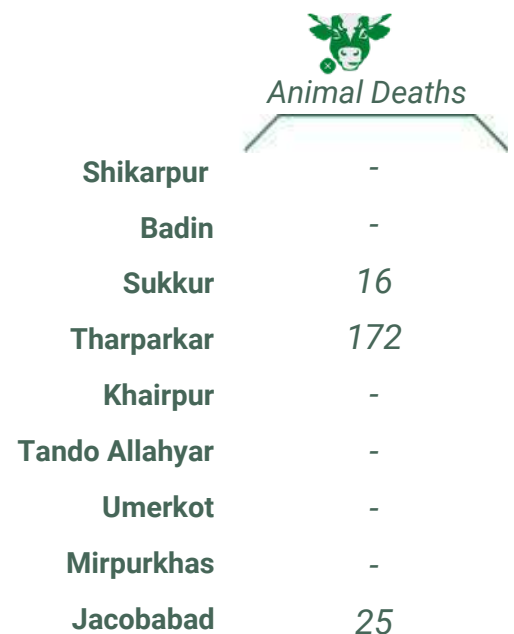


Most Affected Districts



Livestock

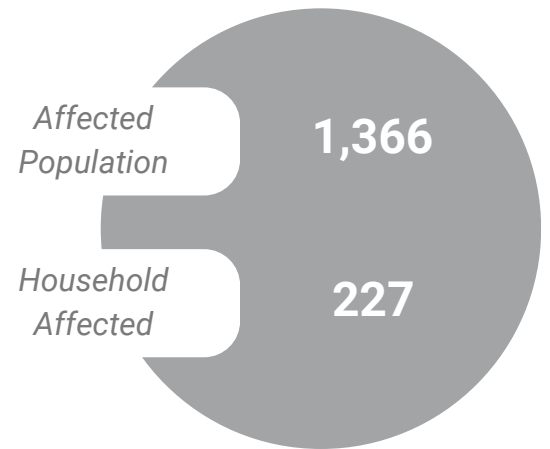
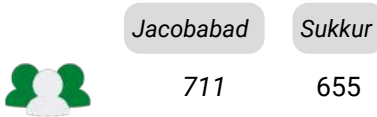
Livestock plays important role particularly in rural economy. It is does not only support local consumption of diary and meat but also large number of population depends on livestock business in Sindh. Loss of livestock results in loss of survival and livelihood for population engaged in this business. A number of livestock losses were reported. Details are;



Affected Population:

The affects of rain this year were scattered. Sukkur and Jacobabad in North and Tharparkar in South received more impacts.

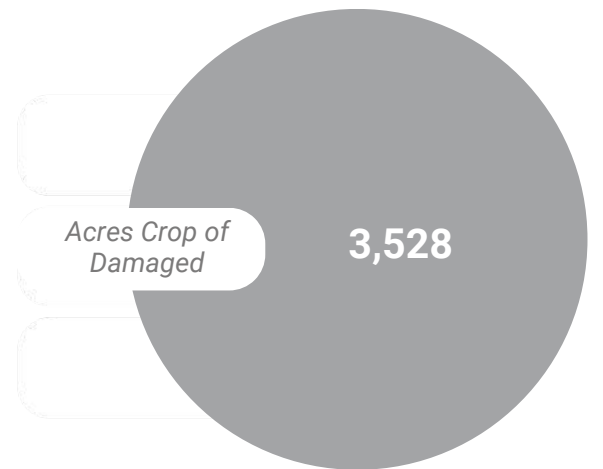
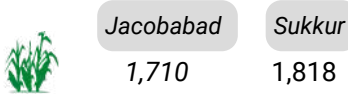
Most Affected Districts



Crop Damaged:

The rains caused significant damage to sugar cane and rice crops in Jacobabad and Sukkur district.

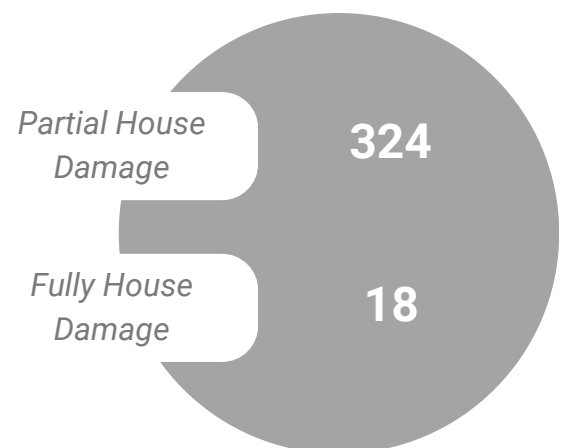
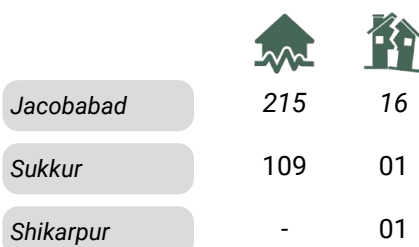
Most Affected Districts



Houses Damaged:

Likewise most of house and household damage was reported from Jacobabad and Sukkur district.

Most Affected Districts



Relief Operation:

Low gradients coupled with human interactions have made poor drainage system in the province. Most of the times water suction is required to dewater from settled areas. Like each monsoon season PDMA Sindh assisted concerned authorities by providing varying size dewatering pumps.




District Facilitated

12

Total Dewatering Pumps

41

District Wise Dispatch of Dewatering Pumps

	 <i>Truck Mounted Dewatering Pump</i>	 <i>Small Dewatering Pump</i>	 <i>Ground Standing Pump</i>
Karachi East	03	-	-
Karachi West	03	-	-
Karachi Central	03	-	-
Karachi Malir	03	-	-
Karachi Korangi	04	-	-
Karachi Keamari	03	-	-
Karachi South	09	-	-
Hyderabad	02	-	-
Jamshoro	-	-	02
Sukkur	03	01	-
Tharparker	-	-	02
Kashmore	-	03	-

Heavy Rains in Karachi

During the heavy showers /rain emergencies in Karachi City in March & April, 2024, the PDMA Sindh also coordinated with respective DDMA's, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) and Provincial Coordination and Implementation Committee (PCIC) and deployed 30 pumps on 29-02-2024, and in the month of April 09 pumps on 12-04-2024 and 30 pumps on 17-04-2024, as, in total 39 truck mounted heavy dewatering pumps were deployed at underpasses and water logging areas of Karachi City to ensure a swift and effective response during the rain emergencies on various dates.

During the heavy showers /rain emergencies in province of Balochistan, the PDMA Sindh also supported PDMA Balochistan by providing 07 Nos. of Jhatta Pumps with all associated accessories.

The details are as follows:

Deployment for 29-February-2024

S#	District	Vulnerable Points	Dewatering Machines
1	South	KPT Underpass, Submarine Chowrangi Underpass, Shaheen Complex, Tower, Sindh Assembly, KMC Administration, Tower II, KPT II, SIUT	9
2	Central	Nagan Chowrangi, Nazimabad Underpass, Liaquatabad Underpass, Sohrab Goth Underpass, Sakhi Hasan Chowrangi, Ghareebabad Underpass	6
3	East	University Road, Drigh Road Underpass, Jauhar Chowrangi, Nursery, National Stadium	5
4	West	Yousuf Goth, 4K Chowrangi	2
5	Malir	At Disposal of DC Office Malir, Falaknaz Tower	2
6	Keamari	Neti Jetti Bridge, Gulbai	2
7	Korangi	Allah Wala Town, Bilal Chowrangi, Qayyumabad Chowrangi, At the disposal of DC Office Korangi	4
Total			30

Deployment for 12-April-2024

S#	District	Vulnerable Points	Dewatering Machines
1	South	KPT Underpass, Submarine Chowrangi Underpass, Sindh Assembly	3
2	Central	Nazimabad Underpass, Liaquatabad Underpass	2
3	East	Drigh Road Underpass	1
4	Malir	Falaknaz Tower	1
5	Keamari	Neti Jeti Bridge, Gulbai	1
6	Korangi	Bilal Chowrangi	1
Total			09

Deployment for 17- April-2024

S#	District	Vulnerable Points	Dewatering Machines
1	South	KPT Underpass, Submarine Chowrangi Underpass, Shaheen Complex, Tower, Sindh Assembly, SIUT	6
2	Central	Nagan Chowrangi, Nazimabad Underpass, Liaquatabad Underpass, Sohrab Goth Underpass, Sakhi Hasan Chowrangi, Ghareebabad Underpass	6
3	East	University Road, Drigh Road Underpass, Jauhar Chowrangi, Nursery, National Stadium	5
4	West	Yousuf Goth, 4K Chowrangi	2
5	Malir	Falaknaz Tower	1
6	Keamari	Neti Jeti Bridge, Gulbai	2
7	Korangi	Allah Wala Town, Bilal Chowrangi, Qayyumabad Chowrangi, Shah Faisal Colony	4
8	PDMA HQ	Standby at PDMA Headquarters for emergency response	4
Total			30

Fire Incidents

During this period, there were three significant fire incidents in Mirpurkhas, Tharparkar, and Shaheed Benazirabad districts. PDMA Sindh, in collaboration with DDMA, successfully provided relief to the affected individuals. Their swift response included the distribution of essential supplies, medical assistance, and temporary shelter to ensure the safety and well-being of the victims. Continuous efforts were made to assess the damage and facilitate the rehabilitation of those impacted by the fires.

Response Efforts

PDMA Sindh in coordination with DDMA and other relevant departments has been responding to all the events. Efforts include facilitation of DDMA and other stakeholders to respond to the events more effectively. Following are the relief items provided to the districts for facilitation of the affectees.

S#	Relief Items	Quantity
1	Tents	26,479
2	Mosquito Nets	92,920
3	Tarpaulin Sheets	546
4	Jerry Cans	18,132
5	Blankets	2,817
6	Hygiene Kits	7,400
7	Water Cooler	204
8	Animal Mosquito Nets	120
9	Plastic Mats	17,450
10	Dignity Kit (6/Bundle)	200

Warehouse Inspection and Development Works

PDMA warehouse inspection was conducted as per the directives of Hon. Chief Minister vide letter No. SO(VIII)/CMS/Visit-R/2023/07 dated 15.11.2023. Following were the key measures taken:

- *Facilitation of warehouse staff for Operational effectiveness of warehouses located in Sukkur, Jamshoro and Karachi*
- *Training of warehouse staff for maintenance of inventory records in efficient manner*
- *Discrepancies, if any, have been promptly addressed to maintain reliability, quality and condition of relief items stored*
- *Any items falling below the required standards have been flagged, and corrective actions have been taken to uphold the integrity of relief materials*
- *The warehouses have been systematically inspected for compliance with safety and regulatory standards. This includes measures to prevent accidents, spoilage, and contamination, thereby ensuring the safety of relief items and personnel*

The inspections are aimed at maintaining a state of constant readiness, enhancing transparency, and ensuring the optimal functionality of warehouses crucial to disaster response.

Development achievements:-

S#	ADP Schemes	Achievements			
1	Establishment of Regional Offices of PDMA (Larkana, SBA & Mirpurkhas)	<p>Work of Establishment of Regional Offices is ongoing and running in full swing at Division (Larkana, SBA & Mirpurkhas). ADP# 3075 <u>Current Physical Achievement:</u></p> <p>a. (Shaheed Benazirabad)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Office Block Build. 85% Structural, Finishing Work 55% •Godowns-1: Structural work: Left side 95%, Finishing work 40% •Godowns-1: Structural work: Right side 80%, Finishing work 40% •Godowns-2: Structural Work 100% , Finishing Work 50% •3rd type Bunglow: Structural work 80% , Finishing Work 30%. •Underground W. Tank Structural 100% , Finishing Work 90% <p>Overall Progress: 45% Structural, Finishing Work 26%</p> <p>b. (Mirpurkhas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Block :Structural 100% , Finishing Work 60% • 3rd type Bungalow 100% Structural, Finishing Work 50% • 4th type Bungalow 100% Structural, Finishing Work 50%. • 5th type Bungalow 100% Structural, Finishing Work 50%. • 6th type Bungalow 100% Structural, Finishing Work 50%. • Underground tank 100% Structural, Finishing Work 100%. <p>Overall Progress: Structural 86% , Finishing Work 50.00%,</p> <p>c. (Larkana)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Office Block: Structural Work 50% , Finish work 10% •Godowns-1 : Structural Work 100%, Finish work 50% •Godowns-2 : Structural 100% , Finishing Work 50% . •Workshop: Structural 100%, Finishing Work 50%, •Cold Storage: Structural work 100%, Finishing Work 50%, • 3rd type Bunglow: Structural 50%, Finishing Work 5%. • 4th type Bunglow: Structural 50%, Finishing Work 5% • 5th type Bunglow: Structural 50%, Finishing Work 5% •Rescue underground Tank: Structural work 100% , Finishing Work 100% <p>Overall Progress: 61% Structural, Finishing Work 28%</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Allocation 110M</td> <td>Release 26.334</td> <td>Expenditure 26.334</td> </tr> </table>	Allocation 110M	Release 26.334	Expenditure 26.334
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1. Preparedness for Monsoon July 5th, 2023



A meeting was held under the chair of Advisor to CM for Relief & Rehabilitation Haji Rasool Bux Chandio on 05th July 2023. Secretary Rehabilitation Parvez Ahmed Seehar briefed the Advisor on the preparedness status of PDMA for Monsoon 2023. Furthermore, the current forecast for possible rains in Sindh was discussed along with the action plan. The meeting was attended by all directorates working under the rehabilitation department.

2. 18th Board Meeting, 01st August 2023



The 18th Board Meeting of Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh was held on 01st August 2023 under the chairmanship of Haji Rasool Bux Chandio Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh for Rehabilitation & Relief Department at PDMA Head Office, Karachi. The meeting was participated by Board Members from different departments. 14 Agenda items were discussed and approved during the meeting including review of progress of decisions taken in the last Board Meeting.

3. PDMA Sindh signs MoU with Save the Children 22 August 2023

PDMA Sindh with its untiring commitment to the cause, signed a MoU with Save the Children to strengthen emergency preparedness and response efforts. The main goal of this partnership is to strengthen emergency response plans in order to provide immediate and well-coordinated response in times of need.



4. United Nations Migration (IOM) visited PDMA Sindh 30 August, 2023



The delegation was headed by Ms. Mio Sato Chief of Mission to UN-IOM. The delegation met DG PDMA, Syed Salman Shah, and a discussion was held on the disaster management context of Sindh. The Chief of Mission highlighted UN-IOM work and portfolio in Sindh especially flood-affected areas of the province.

5. Delegates from Pak Aid Welfare Trust visited PDMA Sindh HQ 07 September, 2023

Philanthropist organizations, NGOs, and INGOs play a vital role during disasters. Harmonization of individual efforts in collective response is a need of the time and will result in efficient and need-based use of man and material resources. To harness this potential, PDMA Sindh is engaging with stakeholders and partners to establish a conducive environment for collective efforts towards efficient and effective Disaster Management in the province. In regard, series of meetings with stakeholders are being conducted.



On September 7, 2023, Pak Aid Welfare Trust delegate visited PDMA Sindh HQ. During the meeting, various dimensions of collaboration were discussed. PDMA emphasized that, due to recurring disasters in the province, disaster preparedness and prepositioning of arrangements are more important to save lives and livelihoods. A few potential areas of collaboration like engaging volunteers of Pak aid, medical and rescue services can be aligned to enhance preparedness and response. The meeting concluded to furnish collaboration for fostering directional efforts for the well-being of the people of Sindh pre, during and post disasters. As a way forward, another meeting shall be conducted to streamline and framework modus operandi for collaboration.

6. A delegation from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) visited PDMA Sindh HQ on 20 September, 2023



National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP-I) was developed in 2012 by NDMA in technical consultation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The NDMP-I was valid for ten (10) years and expired in 2022. To determine progress made by different stakeholders and to consider additional plans for NDMP-II which is in development plan, a team of consultants visited PDMA HQ on 20th September 2023. As a follow-up of this meeting, the requested information on prescribed proforma was shared with the consultants.

7. PDMA Sindh signs a MoU with International Organization for Migration (IOM) 05 October, 2023



In the continuity of efforts to enhance Provincial capacity in disaster management, PDMA Sindh signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The MoU was signed by DG PDMA Sindh, Syed Salman Shah, and Deputy Chief of Party for the Community Resilience Activity – North, Ms. Jannat Durrani on 5th October 2023 at PDMA Head Office. The MoU signing was attended by senior officials from both sides. Areas of cooperation in MoU cover both structural and nonstructural measures to be undertaken jointly by parties for improving disaster management and disaster risk reduction.

8. Delegation from World Bank Implementation Support Mission visited PDMA Sindh HQ on 22 November, 2023

A delegation from the World Bank Implementation Support Mission headed by Mr. Ahsan Tehsin, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, visited PDMA Sindh HQ on 22nd November 2023. The meeting delved into strategic initiatives concerning the Sindh Resilience Project (SRP). The meeting was chaired by DG PDMA Sindh, Syed Salman Shah, and attended by Director Operations, Mr. Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, and senior officials from SRP-PIU.



9. Visit of DG PDMA Gilgit Baltistan at PDMA Sindh Head Office Karachi 10 January, 2024



Distinguished Delegation from Gilgit-Baltistan Explores Disaster Resilience Strategies at PDMA Headquarters Sindh Karachi, 10th January, 2024— Today, the Director General, Gilgit-Baltistan Disaster Management Authority, in collaboration with the Chief Conservator of the Forest Department, Government of Gilgit-Baltistan, and other esteemed government officials, conducted a comprehensive visit to PDMA Headquarters Sindh. During this insightful visit, the Director (Operations) PDMA Sindh intricately briefed the delegation on disaster risk reduction products and initiatives, anticipatory actions, and a thorough review of best practices and lessons learned from previous disasters, notably the Floods of 2022 and Biparjoy Cyclone of 2023. The exchange of knowledge and experiences is crucial for enhancing disaster management capabilities across regions. Notably, the delegation also visited the Provincial Emergency Operation Centre at PDMA HQ Karachi, gaining firsthand insights into the state-of-the-art facilities and operations that contribute to effective emergency response and coordination. This collaborative effort underscores the commitment of both regions towards fostering a culture of preparedness and resilience in the face of potential disasters. Such inter-regional engagements play a pivotal role in strengthening disaster management capacities and promoting a shared understanding of effective response strategies. The DG GBDMA, Safdar Khan presented momento to Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, Director (Operations), PDMA Sindh.

10. Virtual Meeting on Payment of Ex-Gratia Assistance 18 January, 2024

PDMA Sindh participated in a virtual conference with NDMA officials addressing the casualties resulting from the 2022 flash floods, focusing on the disbursement of ex gratia assistance. In response to the Government of Sindh's appeal, the GoP has so far provided ex-gratia assistance to 908 families affected by the flash floods in Sindh province, providing one million each to the families of the deceased. PDMA Sindh, in collaboration with NDMA, is actively pursuing the resolution of remaining cases, with assurances that compensation will be granted promptly.



11. Two-Day Workshop on Resilient Urban Planning in Climate Extremes Co-organized by NDMA and PDMA Sindh draws key stakeholders 24 January, 2024

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh successfully hosted a comprehensive workshop on “Resilient Urban Planning in Climate Extremes” over the two days. The event saw active participation from a diverse range of stakeholders, bringing together key players in disaster management and urban planning.

The workshop served as a collaborative platform, engaging participants from UN agencies, International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs), humanitarian organizations, federal ministries, provincial line departments, disaster management authorities, Rescue 1122, as well as representatives from the private, social, and development sectors.

The primary objective of the workshop was to enhance the understanding of resilient urban planning strategies in the face of climate extremes. Attendees had the opportunity to share insights, best practices, and lessons learned from their respective domains. The collaborative nature of the event fostered valuable discussions and laid the groundwork for future initiatives aimed at building resilient urban landscapes. Key topics covered during the workshop included risk assessment, climate adaptation measures, community engagement, and the integration of technology in urban planning to mitigate the impact of climate-related challenges.



The event underscored the importance of a multi-stakeholder approach in addressing the complexities of urban resilience. The insights gained will contribute to informed decision-making processes and the development of more effective policies for sustainable urban development.

As the threat of climate extremes continues to grow, the NDMA and PDMA Sindh reaffirm their commitment to fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange. The successful participation of a wide array of stakeholders highlights the collective dedication to creating urban environments that can withstand the challenges posed by climate change, Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, Director Operations PDMA Sindh said.

12. Empowering Disaster Resilience: UN OCHA in collaboration with PDMA Sindh and other Partners Spearhead Successful Pilot Capacity-Building Session in Sindh 29 January, 2024

Hyderabad, 29 January 2024 – A transformative collaboration unfolded in Hyderabad as the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) in Pakistan, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) of Sindh, united with IOM, UNFPA, ACTED, Muslim Hands, Agha Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH), and Islamic Relief. Together, they orchestrated a one-day pilot capacity-building session for the District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) of Hyderabad, Dadu, Jamshoro, Khairpur, and Naushro Feroz in the Sindh province.



The initiative aims to elevate the capacity of the District Disaster Management Authorities, the linchpin of disaster preparedness and response at the district level. This pivotal undertaking draws inspiration directly from the insights gained during the Floods 2022 Response, underlining a commitment to continuous improvement and adaptation in disaster management strategies.

A comprehensive cohort of senior officers actively engaged in the event, representing entities such as the National Disaster Management Authority, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Pakistan Met Department, District Disaster Management Authorities, Directorate of Health, Women Development Department, and sector leads. Their collective involvement underscores the collaborative spirit that drives this crucial endeavor.

This pilot session sets the stage for an extensive capacity-building training scheduled for April 2024. This future initiative will encompass emergency response, disaster preparedness, mitigation, and a holistic enhancement of DDMA capacities. As highlighted by Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, Director (Operations) PDMA Sindh, during the workshop, “This is a significant step towards building resilience at the grassroots level through DDMA.”

The event concluded on a high note, receiving expressions of appreciation and heartfelt thanks from the NDMA and PDMA Sindh Director (Operations). This acknowledgment underscores the success of the pilot activity and paves the way for continued collaboration in fortifying disaster resilience across districts.

13. Strengthening Disaster Resilience Collaborative Initiatives for District Disaster Management in Sindh Province 30 January, 2024

Held detailed meetings with delegations from the ACF and Pathfinder organizations, focusing on the crucial aspect of enhancing the capacity of District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) within the Province. Emphasis was placed on formulating and kickstarting Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) initiatives, particularly tailored for shelters in regions adversely impacted by floods. The discussions underscored the integration of Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM), Community-Based Early Warning Systems (CBEWS), and School-Based Disaster Risk



Management (SBDRM) strategies as integral components of the broader spectrum of DRR activities. These PDMA Sindh's collaborative efforts aim to fortify the resilience of vulnerable communities, ensuring a more proactive and adaptive response to potential disasters in the designated areas.

14. Pre-Monsoon Coordination Meeting with Representatives of the Armed Forces at PDMA Sindh 13 June, 2024



The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), Sindh, has organized a five-day intensive training and simulation exercise for the Branch Disaster Response Team (BDRT) in collaboration with the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh at the provincial level.

Director (Operations), PDMA Sindh, Imdad Hussain Siddiqui visited the training camp and lauded the meticulous arrangements and the exceptional quality of training and simulation exercise delivered by the Red Crescent Facilitators. His commendation underscores the commitment of PRCS Sindh to ensuring the highest standards in disaster response training.

The training program, overseen by expert teams from the Provincial and National Headquarters of PRCS, as well as the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), aimed to enhance the expertise of individuals engaged in disaster response. This initiative signifies PRCS Sindh's ongoing dedication to expanding its cadre of skilled professionals for effective disaster management.

During the visit, Director (Operations) PDMA Sindh expressed unwavering support and cooperation, emphasizing the imperative to replicate such skilled groups across the Sindh region. Recognizing the significance of creating similar capacities throughout the province, he called for collaboration with Red Crescent Trainers in future too to spearhead further capacity-building initiatives.

This collaborative effort exemplifies PRCS Sindh's dedication to fortifying disaster response capabilities and establishing a network of highly trained individuals across the region. The training course marks a significant milestone in advancing disaster preparedness and underscores PRCS Sindh's commitment to serving the community with resilience and expertise.

15. CDF and NDO Collaborate with PDMA Sindh to Enhance Disaster Preparedness and Response in Sindh 14 February, 2024

The Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of CDF (Community Development Foundation) and Nari Development Organization met with the Director (Operations), Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh to discuss their extensive interventions during the 2022 floods emergency response and early recovery efforts in Sindh. The meeting, held at the PDMA Sindh Headquarters, highlighted the organizations' commitment to bolstering disaster resilience in the region.

During the meeting, the CEOs presented a comprehensive overview of their interventions during the 2022 floods, detailing the impact of their emergency response and early recovery initiatives. They emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in mitigating the effects of disasters and enhancing the resilience of communities.

Furthermore, CDF and NDO expressed their intent to undertake a local adaptation plan focusing on drought in District Dadu, with a specific emphasis on Taluka Johi. This plan aims to address the unique challenges faced by communities in the region and develop sustainable solutions to mitigate the impact of droughts.



In addition to the local adaptation plan, the organizations announced their plan to initiate preparedness initiatives in District Dadu targeting vulnerable groups. These initiatives will include capacity building, awareness campaigns, and the establishment of early warning systems to enhance the resilience of communities against future disasters.

Speaking about the collaboration, the both CEOs reiterated their commitment to supporting the government's efforts in disaster management and resilience building. They emphasized the importance of proactive measures in reducing the vulnerability of communities to disasters and ensuring a swift and effective response when disasters strike.

The meeting concluded with a commitment from all parties to work closely together to implement the proposed initiatives and strengthen disaster preparedness and response mechanisms in Sindh.

16. Advocacy Seminar on Anticipatory Actions and Shock-Responsive Social Safety Nets in Sindh by ACF and Cesvi in collaboration with PDMA Sindh and PMD 15 February, 2024

The Action Against Hunger (ACF) and Cesvi, international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), conducted a one-day advocacy seminar on anticipatory actions and the establishment of shock-responsive social safety nets in Sindh. This seminar was organized under the ECHO funded project “Strengthening Disaster Preparedness Systems in Sindh” and held in collaboration with the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), Sindh, and Pakistan Meteorological Department.

The primary objectives of the seminar were to advocate for the inclusion of anticipatory action triggers in the government’s social protection program, to advocate for increased disaster management/contingency funds at the provincial and district level, and to build connections between existing disaster management structures and social protection programs at the provincial and district levels.



Mohsin Babar, Communication Specialist SSPA, presented SSPA’s work in Sindh, ongoing projects, and future plans, particularly focusing on disaster response. A panel discussion moderated by Zeeshan Azmat, Project Coordinator Cesvi, emphasized the importance of disaster management funds at provincial and district levels, with a focus on budget allocation for anticipatory actions to prevent losses from impending disasters.

In his closing remarks, Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, Director (Operations) PDMA, Sindh, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all participants for their unwavering commitment and active engagement throughout the seminar. He emphasized the critical importance of establishing shock-responsive mechanisms in Sindh to effectively mitigate the impact of disasters. Siddiqui reiterated PDMA’s full support and dedication to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to strengthen disaster preparedness and response efforts in the region. He concluded by highlighting the need for continued collaboration and proactive measures to build a more resilient Sindh for future generations.

17. Delegates from Centre for International Strategic Studies Sindh (CISSS) visited PDMA HQ on 20 February, 2024

A team of researchers, led by Director Research Air Cdre Zahid Ul Hassan (R), from Centre for International Strategic Studies Sindh (CISSS), visited PDMA Sindh to explore avenues for mutual cooperation and collaboration. DG PDMA Sindh, Syed Salman Shah, and his team welcomed the delegates at PDMA HQ today, i.e., 20th Feb 2024. The DG PDMA and his team briefed the delegates on disaster management structure in the country and the roles and responsibilities of PDMA and DDMA. Further, the achievements of PDMA Sindh since its commencement were highlighted. The counterpart team lead briefed about CISSS's concepts, mission, vision, and research studies conducted by the Center. It is mentioned that the Center is part of Strategic Plans Division (SPD) of the National Command Authority. In the discussion session, DG PDMA shared the areas of collaboration for mutual interest. The Director of Research assured the highest level of cooperation and consideration between both organizations.



18. Delegation from Oxford Policy Management headed by Senior Consultant Poverty and Social Protection, visited PDMA Headquarters on 06 March, 2024

A delegation from Oxford Policy Management headed by Ms. Maheen Zahra, Senior Consultant Poverty and Social Protection, visited PDMA Headquarters on 6th March 2024. Agenda of the meeting was to discuss Feasibility Study for Social Protection for Health & Climate Resilience. The delegation was briefed on roles & responsibilities of PDMA, Multi Hazard Vulnerability Risk Assessment & various aspects of integrating social protection regime in disaster risk management.



18. Humanitarian Coordination Meeting on Heatwave at PDMA Sindh Head Quarter 18 May, 2024



Humanitarian Coordination Meeting on Heatwave to mitigate its impacts throughout the Province of Sindh, attended by a large number of humanitarian partners including UN Agencies, INGOs/ National NGOs, Humanitarian Organizations and other stakeholders held on 18th May 2024 at PDMA Headquarters.

19. PDMA Sindh Mitigation Measures Ahead of 2024 Monsoon Season 23 May, 2024

In a crucial address, Mr. Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, Director (Operations), Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh, called upon all District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) to ensure comprehensive mitigation measures for the upcoming 2024 flood and heavy rain season. During his speech, Mr. Siddiqui emphasized the critical need for proactive steps to protect lives and infrastructure. He stated, "It is imperative that all DDMAs across Sindh implement robust mitigation strategies to minimize the impact of floods and heavy rains. Ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities is our foremost priority." The Director (Operations) highlighted that early preparedness and effective response mechanisms are essential to address the anticipated weather challenges. In this context, PDMA, in collaboration with IOM and UNOCHA, has initiated the MSRNA Training under the Information Management and Assessment Preparedness program. This training aims to equip PDMA and DDMA staff, along with local NGOs from various districts, with the necessary skills to enhance disaster preparedness and response. The workshop was a great success, with participation from all thirty DDMAs and good representation from INGOs/National NGOs.



20. 19th Board Meeting, 29th May 2024

The 19th Board Meeting of Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh was held on 29th May 2024. The meeting was chaired by Minister Rehabilitation Makhdoom Mehboob-ul-Zaman and it was attended by Secretary Rehabilitation, Dr. Waseem Shamshad Ali, DG PDMA, Syed Salman Shah, Senior Member Board of Revenue, Baqaullah Anwar, Director Finance PDMA, Syed Shah Hussain Shah, Director Operations PDMA, Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, and other high ranking officials from Department of Health, Irrigation, Municipalities. Various agenda items were discussed out of which few were approved and some are pending.



21. Pre-Monsoon Coordination Meeting with Representatives of the Armed Forces at PDMA Sindh 13 June, 2024

Karachi, June 13, 2024 – A pre-monsoon humanitarian coordination meeting was held today at the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh Headquarters, Karachi to assess preparations and anticipatory actions for the upcoming monsoon season in 2024. The meeting was attended by representatives from United Nations (UN) agencies, international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), national NGOs, and various humanitarian organizations. The gathering aimed to ensure



comprehensive readiness for the monsoon season, focusing on effective coordination and implementation of disaster response strategies. The discussions centered around reviewing existing plans, identifying potential gaps, and reinforcing collaboration among all stakeholders to mitigate the impact of monsoon-related hazards. Director Operations PDMA Sindh, Mr. Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, highlighted the importance of proactive measures and timely actions to safeguard communities. He also emphasized the need for a unified approach by all disaster management stakeholders. Representatives from participating organizations shared their plans and resources, committing to support PDMA Sindh in its efforts to enhance resilience and response capabilities. The meeting concluded with a consensus on the importance of continued humanitarian support, coordination and communication to ensure the safety and well-being of the population during the monsoon season-2024.

22. Pre-Monsoon Humanitarian Coordination Meeting Held at PDMA Sindh 13 June, 2024

Karachi, June 13, 2024 – A Pre-Monsoon Coordination Meeting was convened today under the chairmanship of Mr. Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, Director (Operations), Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh. The meeting was held at the PDMA Sindh Headquarters in Karachi and was attended by representatives of the Armed Forces, along with other key stakeholders. The primary focus of the meeting was to ensure preparedness and effective coordination among various agencies ahead of the upcoming monsoon season 2024. Mr. Siddiqui emphasized the importance of a collaborative approach to mitigate the potential risks and challenges posed by monsoon rains. In his opening remarks, Mr. Siddiqui highlighted the following key points:



1. ***Preparedness Measures***: Review of the current preparedness measures in place and identification of any gaps that need to be addressed urgently.
2. ***Resource Mobilization***: Discussion on the mobilization of resources, including manpower, equipment, and logistics, to respond efficiently to any emergencies.
3. ***Communication Channels***: Establishment of robust communication channels between PDMA and the Armed Forces to ensure timely information sharing and coordinated response efforts. Representatives from the Armed Forces assured their full support and cooperation in all disaster management activities.

They presented their own preparedness plans and discussed how they could be integrated with PDMA's efforts for a unified response. The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the commitment to work together proactively and diligently to protect lives and property during the monsoon season. Mr. Siddiqui thanked all participants for their valuable input and urged them to remain vigilant and prepared for any eventuality.