



Sindh & Balochistan Rain Situation Update by HANDS 8th August-2020

The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) had predicted the fourth spell of monsoon in Karachi with heavy rain in the city between August 06 to 08. Heavy rain with thunderstorm is expected in the city today as well.

Rain continued on 7th August-2020 in Karachi Hyderabad, Thatta, Sujawal, Matiari, Badin, Shaheed Benazirabad, Jamshoro, Dadu, Sanghar, Umerkot, Tharparkar, Tando Allahyar, Tando Mohammad Khan, Mirpurkhas, Khairpur, Sukkur, Qambar Shahdadkot, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Larakana, Kashmore and Ghotki.

Several roads of Karachi and localities were flooded with sewage-mixed rainwater followed by long power outages and traffic jams city disrupting people's lives, many streets of the low-lying areas are flooded with water as drains overflowed after rainfall. The inundated roads caused massive traffic jams after heavy rains lashed Nazimabad, North Nazimabad, Sarjani, Khawaja Ajmer Nagri, Nagin Chowrangi, Power House Chowrangi, Orangi Town, Haideri, Liaqatabad, Gulshan Iqbal, Hussain Abad, Kareem Abad and other parts of the city. Rain recorded in millimeters Saddar & Kemari 40 mm, Landhi & Base Faisal 37 mm, Surjani 32.4 mm, Old Airport 30 mm, Jinnah Terminal 24.4 mm, North Karachi 17.3 mm, Nazimabad (Paposh) 40.4 mm, University Road & Gulistan e Jauhar 19.4 mm and PAF Masroor base 62.5 mm, Gujjar Nalla is also overflowed.

In District Jamshoro rain recorded Kotri 2 mm, Manjhand 9 mm and Sehwan 1 mm, In District Sangahr Sinjhorro 32 mm, Shahdadpur 31 mm, Tando Adam 37 mm, Jam Nawaz Ali 13 mm, Khipro 3 mm and Taluka Sanghar 47 mm recorded.

According to local communities that in Balochistan District Lasbela Hub Jam Colony Union Council Pathra, Magsi Mohalla Union Council Berot are more affected. Nalla overflowed in Magsi Mohalla, two persons rescued from Band Murad by local people and police authorities.

Hub dam is filled with required capacity of water and it is enough for the period of 1.5 year supply to Karachi city.

On Makran coastal highway to Gawadar near Badok bridge is destroyed in flood stream, the transport contact of Gawadar to Lasbela & Karachi is disconnected many vehicles are stuck on the way.

According to local media of District Bolan in Balochistan that due to heavy rains from last night National Highway is blocked rains have overflowed to Garai Nalla both ways of road are blocked for transport many vehicles are stuck on the way.

Following Major Losses are Reported:

- A 12-year-old boy Amjad died after drowning in a naddi (canal) near Bhains Colony in Surjani Town, rescue sources said.
- Total 16 persons died in rains out of which 11 died in electrocution including two children
- Power breakdown in many areas more than 500 feeders of K-Electric tripped many areas were under darkness
- Two persons injured on road incident due to damage of sign board

- In Hyderabad breakdown of power supply of 23 pumping stations HESCO could not resume power supply instead of Chief Minister's instructions
- In Mirpurkhas water entered in many low lying areas and houses power breakdown from last 36 hours, all pumping stations are off due to power supply issue. Government emergency number is not attended by anyone.
- Stagnant water on roads of Larakana created difficulties for the citizens
- Long breakdown of electric supply in Sukkur
- Heavy Rain has destroyed to Date Palms Crop in Khairpur
- Loss of cotton crop is reported from different Districts
- In District Matiari and Tando Mohammad Khan heavy rain damaged electric poles and trees
- In District Dadu Kacho 15' feet mountainous water (Gaaj) affected power supply of 100 villages and many villages are under water people are doing self-efforts to save themselves.
- Roofs of many shelters damaged in different areas
- In District Badin Golarchi a person named Majid Chandio and in Tarai a student died due to lightening
- In District Jamshoro Taluka Sehwan Union Council Bajara Village Bandhri a Person named Mohammad s/o Kalo Rind, in village Gap Pir Daughter of Gulshan died and Guhram Khan injured in mountainous water
- In District Sangahr near Head Jamarao six years old boy died due to damage of wall
- According to Edhi source that eight years old child Sona Khan s/o Faiz Mohammad died due to electrocution in Jam Colony Hub District Lasbella.
- Two persons are died due to rain water in Dera Bughti

Government Response:

According to Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh that they have already dispatched more than 175 dewatering machines /pumps to various Districts of Province out of which 54 machines /pumps including 3 mobile dewatering pumps were sent to various Districts of Karachi including Korangi, Malir & Central. Commissioner Karachi has issued letter to all Deputy Commissioners & DMCs to remove all illegal sign boards from Roads on immediate basis to save public from incidents.

Pakistan Army Response:

According to media reports that Pakistan Army has started relief operation in Karachi they have deployed dewatering pumps and other safety material. They have started rescue operation as well to bring people on safe places.

On the instructions of Federal Government National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is also cleaning Nallas in Karachi.

HANDS Preparedness / Response:

HANDS is in coordination with PDMA Sindh at provincial level & at District level DDMA's to initiate Emergency Response consist on Dewatering Machines, Paul Filters, Hygiene kits and Health Services, rescue / evacuation activities through trained HANDS staff / volunteers are available and ready to initiate response activities on single call /recommendation of Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh.

According to the updates shared by the PDMA Sindh at present situation is under control and they have already handed over 175 Dewatering Machines in different districts of the province including Karachi they will coordinate in case of worse situation.

Pictures Gallery



Karachi



Balochistan Badok Bridge



Karachi



Karachi



Karachi



Jamshoro @ Sehwan



Karachi



Karachi



District Matiari @ Saeedabad



Balochistan @ District Lasbella



District Shikarpur



District Ghotki



District Dadu



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