

HANDS

Monsoon Update -4

Situation Update



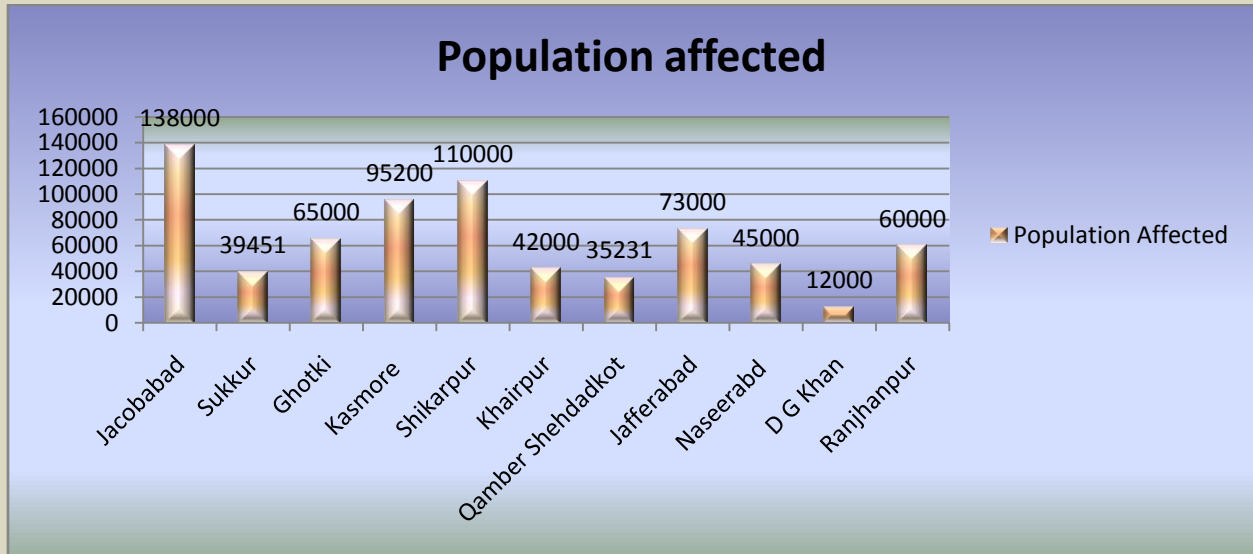
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SITUATION

New flood hit Sindh Balochistan and Panjab and made more damages than floods 2010. Year 2011 monsoon rains during August 2011 caused havoc and created a flood like circumstances in different districts of Sindh. But now in 2012 Monsoon rain rocken previous 100 years records rainfall in upper Sindh Rainfall recorded 2nd week of Sep- 2012 as this Jacobabad 481 mm, Shikarpur 380 mm, Sukkur 170 mm, Rohri 158 mm and so on, A large number of people, including women and children, have been displaced who have taken shelter on road side, canal embankments and other nearby government

buildings. Some people have lost their lives, thousands have become homeless, livestock died, and standing crops have perished. Communication system in the affected areas has also been severely disturbed resulting in further miseries. Some of the mobile networks are not working or reception is very poor, similarly internet services are also often not available. The recent flood severely hit district Jacobabad, Kandhkot, Thul, Shahdadkot, Shikarpur , Sukkur, Rohri larkana (Sindh). Jaferabad, Naseerabad (Balochistan). Multan and Ranjhanpur (Panjab).

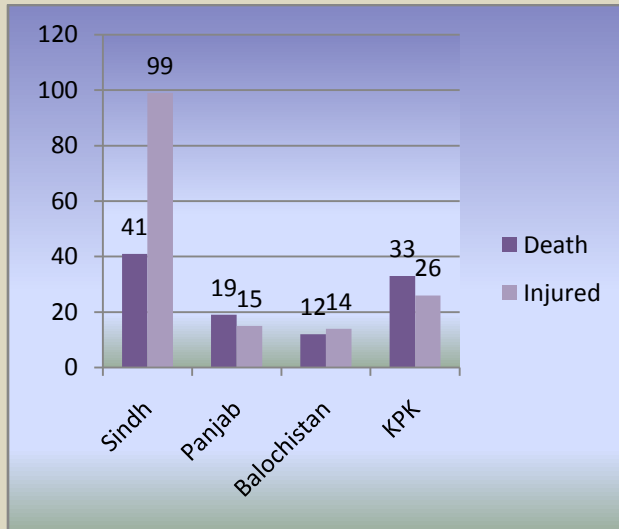
NO OF PEOPLE AFFECTED



LOSSES AND DAMAGES

NDMA reports, given the current trend of monsoon rains, so far 139 people have died and 182 people got injured all over the country. They are also reporting

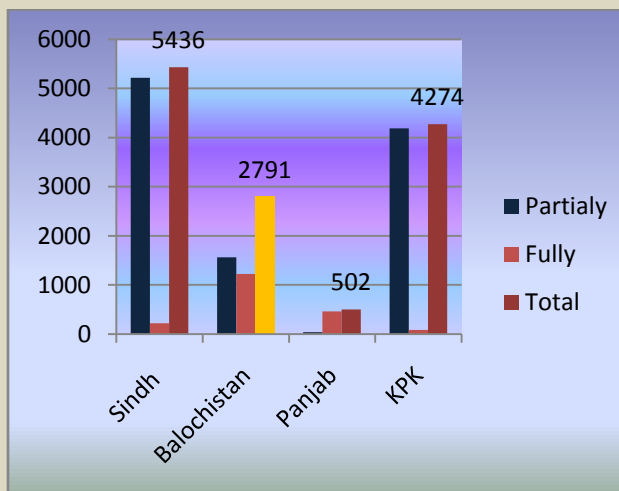
increasing damages to agricultural land and livestock. The following Chart has been published online by the NDMA highlighting the damages.



HOUSES DAMAGED

The ruthless flood has taken away the shelters of thousands of families. As most of the houses in the flood hit area are built of mud, the affected population has taken a heavy toll in form of losing their homes. As per the local authorities, More than 15000

homes have been either fully or partially damaged all over the country. The shelterless families are bound to live under the sky with a constant threat of rain which still continues with breaks in between.



LOSS OF CROPS

The crop of cotton in the flood affected areas has been totally submerged in the water and destroyed. The loss of crops over the area of **1,00,000 Acres** in Pakistan has been confirmed by the official sources so far. The farming communities which were already reeling from the affects of flood 2010 have been economically devastated in the wake of current floods. All their hopes have been lost due to their recent plunge owing to the flooding and in coming months, their economic recovery is going to present a huge challenge to the country.

FOOD

The displaced people who are in thousands across the Country are faced with basic food needs. Being bound to the agriculture, they are purely dependent upon the agricultural income realized on the harvesting season, having invested most of their resources in the crops destroyed in the floods and rains; they don't have sufficient resources to sustain them.

ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER

Water is a basic necessity for sustaining any form of life. The drinking water has been contaminated due to flood water seeping in the ground. The people of the affected areas have almost got no access to the potable drinking water and are at a continuous risk of water borne diseases.

EPIDEMICS BREAKOUT

The flood affected people are faced with a very serious threat of epidemics breaking out in the areas due to flood waters and poor WASH conditions. The affected people have brought mostly with them their livestock as the most valued asset in sustaining their daily life. But as humans, they are also faced with epidemics breaking out.



HANDS RESPONSE

HANDS is one of the largest not for profit organization of country and having strong roots and work in all districts of Sindh & Balochistan and Panjab. HANDS has more than 2000 staff and about 13,000 volunteers available and mobilizing all within couple of days HANDS has extensive experience of Emergency Response and implementing relief activities with coordination of district governments, UN, & other Humanitarian Agencies & civil society organizations.

Till now HANDS taken following response activities:

FOOD SUPPLIES

HANDS has started sharing of cooked food in affected people of Two districts Shikarpur and Jacobabad, uncooked food is provided to 5000 peoples on daily basis.



WATER AND SANITATION HYGIENE (WASH)

For safe drinking water and sanitation HANDS has installed Water Treatment unit and is providing safe drinking water to all camps through water connections, water tankers, hand pump and tab water till now HANDS has provided more than 100,000 liters. HANDS has also installed two dewatering machines in Jacobabad.



MEDICAL CAMPS

HANDS has treated just about 1862 OPD patients through mobile camp and Fixed Medical Camp services for the Rain/flood affected people in order to make available

the medical services to the sick, and injured including preventive vaccination for different viral, fungal, bacterial and other diseases.





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