

### Cyclone Direction



According to Metrological department of Pakistan, the sea condition has been further weakening, it is moving towards north-east with the speed of 12km per hour. The estimated central pressure of storm was 996hpa and the average wind speed is around 45-50 knots gusting up to 55 knots. The cyclone has been converted into cyclonic storm where it has been reduce form category 4 to 2.

It is expected to have further rains and thunderstorm in lower Sindh and Lasbela from today to Saturday. Sea condition will remain rough till Saturday, still fisherman are advised to avoid the venture.

Source: Pakistan Metrological Department

### Evacuation

District Thata administration has evacuated 700 peoples by establishing temporary camps in different locations of district. It includes women, men and children; the evacuation was done on Thursday evening, to ensure safety measures for coastal community.

District administration stated that community has been reluctant to move towards safe place, which has caused problem for them to manage the safety measures. They further stated that 14 member committees has been established to help in evacuation, which will remain active till the cyclone ends.

### Emergency centers/Disaster Management Centers Established By NHN Member Organizations

S.#	Location of Established Emergency Cell	Cell Number	NHN Member Organization
01	Golarchi, Badin	03003024838	NHN Member, Fundamental Human Rights & Rural Development Association (FHRRDA)
02	Hashimabad, Makli, Thatta	0298772435 03468209548	NHN Member, HANDS

## Humanitarian Needs

- Allocation of schools for evacuation needs to be discouraged
- Proper planning of food, non-food items, and safe drinking water has to be placed
- Emergency Operation Centers has to be functional till termination of cyclone

## Government/Non-Government/NHN Interventions

- Thatta Administration has evacuated 700 people at the safer places of district and they have formed 14 committees to make possible the evacuation process.
- Section 144 has been imposed as a precautionary measure for Cyclone Nilofar. The law has been imposed on the coastal belt of Karachi, Thatta, Sajawal and Badin.
- Request has been made by Karachi Commissioner from Pakistan Navy, Maritime Security Agency and Coast Guard to arrange the immediate return of fishermen from sea, who could not manage to return.
- PDMA has established emergency center at PDMA office Karachi, which is working for 24 hours
- Rescue 1299 has issued alert through sms to concerned departments and charity rescue workers, including Cheepa, Edhi and Silani
- PDMA issued advisories to concerned departments, including home department, local government department, health department, K-Electric, HESCO, KWS, WASA, Sindh coast development authority and Cantonment Board to take necessary preparedness measure.
- Engineering department has directed to districts chief engineers to monitor preventive measures and to establish rain emergency centers in their respective areas.
- The emergency centers have been established in district central, district south, district Malir, district east, district west, whereas a central rain emergency center has been setup on the ground floor of the Civic Centre building.
- Emergency cell has been established by Pakistan Fisher Folk Forum to respond emergency; they have also started to disseminate messages to communities living around coastal belt.
- HANDS has prepared its resources for 2000 Households which includes Food and non-food items, provision of safe drinking water and medical health camps.
- Fundamental Human Rights & Rural Development Association (FHRRDA) from Badin has initiated the control room (contact number: 03003024838) which is operated from the Golarchi office, it has also conducted need assessment of communities living close to coastal areas, assessment indicates the need of safe water provision, safe evacuation along with sanitation, food and non-food items.
- NHN District Focal organizations are monitoring situation closely and identifying the humanitarian needs and established emergency cells in Thatta and Badin (Established by HANDS and FHRDP).
- NHN District Focal organizations are actively participating in daily coordination meetings with district authorities to ensure timely support from NHN member organization
- NHN Sindh Chapter recommends Government Authorities to plan proper evacuation centers rather than declaring schools for emergency, which can affect education of effected districts

## Advocacy Issues Highlighted by NHN

- Provincial Government has to identify other evacuation centers for emergency situation; school allocation can harm the education in effected districts.

## Media Reports

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1141395/over-700-moved-to-relief-camps-in-thatta-amid-cyclone-threat>

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