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To,

The Deputy Commissioner(s)/Chairman DDMA's

Sukkur, Larkana & Jacobabad districts

Subject MORE RAIN-WIND/RAIN-DUST/THUNDERSTORM PREDICTED IN UPPER/CENTRAL PARTS FROM WEEKEND

Pakistan Meteorological Department has informed that a westerly wave is likely to enter upper parts of the country on 15<sup>th</sup> April and would spread in western & central parts subsequently. Under the influence of this weather system. Light rain-dust/thunderstorm is expected in Sukkur, Larkana & Jacobabad on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Keeping in view above, it is recommended that concerned Deputy Commissioners/ Chairmen DDMAs 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.
- 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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