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**PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT**



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HEAT WAVE – ALERT

Subject: PREVAILING HEATWAVE OVER CENTRAL & UPPER SINDH TO PERSIST OVER THERE TILL 23RD MAY.

Pakistan Metrological Department has informed that prevailing heatwave over central & upper Sindh to persist over there till 23rd May. Daytime maximum temperature can rise to 46-48°C **Dadu, Jacobabad, Larkana, Nawabshah, Qambar Shahdadkot, Shikarpur, Ghotki, Sukkur & Khairpur** districts. While 42-44°C in **Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot & Tharparker** districts. **Hot/ Very hot** weather also expected in **Badin & Thatta** districts with maximum temperature range 40-42°C during the period.

Keeping above in view, it is recommended that concerned DDMA's and other Relevant Authorities / Stakeholders take all necessary mitigation measures including:

- Establishment of Heatstroke Stabilization Centers with increased numbers / Relief Centers at Government and Private Hospitals, Basic / Rural Health Units (B/RHUs), any available government buildings and community centers with generator based electricity and assured provision / availability of water.
- Improve coordination with emergency services, also between various departments.
- Enhance awareness campaign to educate the public on preventive measures.
- Establishment of helpline to address needs of affected people at priority basis
- Assist general public in provision of water and necessary emergency medicines for heat stroke victims.
- Stockpile necessary emergency relief / medicine stores in drought-affected areas.
- Authorities to take appropriate water conservation measures in both urban and rural areas.
- Ensure availability of uninterrupted power supply through intimate coordination with concerned departments and provision / availability of standby generators for heatstroke centers/hospitals.
- Emergency services and ambulances with trained paramedics to remain available around the clock, especially during daytime.
- Emergency Services / Fire Brigades to remain alert against possible fires and undertake preventative measures against fires where possible.
- Coordinate with concerned departments (NHA, NH&MP and FWO) for issuing necessary alerts to travellers, especially over long distances to take precautionary measures to avoid over exposure.
- Ensure that farmers, dairy farmers and cattle breeders are informed of greater requirement of water for standing crops, orchards, plantations and cattle

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A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to:

1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Health Department, Karachi.
2. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Agriculture Department, Karachi.

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3. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Local Government Department, Karachi (With a request for further dissemination to the DMC's concerned)
4. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Information Department, Karachi (With a request for wide publicity through the electronic & print media).
5. The Commissioner (s) **All in Sindh**
6. The Metropolitan Commissioner, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Karachi.
7. The Deputy Commissioner (s) **All in Sindh**.
8. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
9. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
10. The Director (Response), National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
11. The Head Quarters ComCoast Karachi.
12. The Head Quarters ComKar, Karachi
13. The Head Quarters, 5 Corps, Karachi.
14. The Assistant Director (PRO), PDMA Sindh, Karachi.
15. The Chief Executive Officer, KE/HESCO/SEPCO (with a request to ensure availability of uninterrupted power supply for Heatstroke Centers/Hospitals).
16. The Chief Executive, Edhi Foundation, Al Mustafa Welafre Trust, Alamgir Welfare Trust, Khidmat-e-Khaliq Foundation, Paksitan Red Crescent Sindh, Chhipa Welafre Organization (with a request to ensure availability of ambulance at densely populated areas as well as near the established Heat Stroke Centres).
17. The Staff Officer to Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
18. The PS to Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh, for Relief & Rehabilitation Department Government of Sindh, Karachi.
19. The PS to Secretary Rehabilitation Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
20. The PS to Director General, PDMA Sindh, Karachi.