

Relief Camp Site Assessment South Punjab

1. Flood Updates of District Rajanpur:

The District Government has set up 24 relief camps. Rohjan, Charan Sharif, Kot Mithan are red zones during flood

The government has issued high alerts, and Rescue 1122 has deployed 2 boats every 12 kilometers for evacuation purposes. People from low-lying areas are gradually moving to safer places. Relief camps and Rescue 1122 teams are present at Fakhre Jahan Kot Mithan, Manchan Band, and Rojhan Band.

Currently, the water remains within the river belt. However, if the water level rises further, the katcha (riverine) areas will face more damage. In case 1 or 1.2 million cusecs of water flow in, it could cause major destruction.

2. Flood Updates of District Muzaffargarh:

The District Government has set up 22 Flood relief camps on Chenab River. There are 134 boats available (28 District + 22 Armed Forces + 5 NGO's + 3 Wildlife + 64 Private boats + 8 Police + 4 PDMA).

3. Flood Updates of District Dera Ghazi Khan:

The District Government has established 22 flood relief camps across the Tehsils of DG Khan, Kot Chuta, and Taunsa Tehsils. These camps offer medical care for both the community and their livestock. According to the local community, DG Khan is particularly vulnerable to hill torrents, which commonly occur during the rainy seasons.

Current Status of Site/Facility:

1. Kot Mithan TDCP

DDMA Rajanput is using the Tourism Development Corporation of Pakistan (TDCP) building as a camp to accommodate IDPs from the Kot Mithan area who are expected to arrive from their villages due to the upcoming flood in Pujnand. The building has sufficient space to house them, but WASH facilities are inadequate. The district authority has set up 20 tents in an open area, equipped with plastic mats. Five cots and ten plastic mats have been arranged inside the building for the IDPs. The arrangements for the IDPs are inadequate and do not meet Sphere standards.

2. GPS Mochiwala:

Only staff from the Livestock and Health department were available. No arrangement for IDPs was made at the site. No IDP arrived or registered,

3. Govt. BHSS Fazilpur

Same as above.

4. GHSS Kot Mithan

Only staff from the Livestock and Health department were available. No other essential arrangements for IDPs were made at the site. No IDP arrived or registered at the time of the visit.

However, according to the reports, the DDMA is setting up a tent city for the community of Kot Mithan living on the river belt in the open area.

5. Govt Boys High School Chachran Sharif

At the time of the visit team was working to establish a tent city. They have received 100 tents from the PDMA.

6. Govt Boys High Secondary School Kot Mithan

Incident Command Post (Bridge Camp Approach Road) is established on the Indus Highway to evacuate the families from the adjacent areas. At the facility, representatives from Rescue 1122, Health, Livestock, and the police department were present. There were eight boats, and other necessary equipment were available, but no transport was arranged to move the affected families from Bridge Camp to the TDCP relief camp.

District Rahim Yar Khan (Rajanpur border). We observed approximately 10 families setting up a spontaneous camp on the Indus Highway while travelling to Sukkur. According to the families, the facility manager (Tehsildar) (Government Boys High School Chachra) instructed them to install their tents in an open area along the main roadside.

At the time of the observation, only male family members were present, erecting the tents. They reported that the women and children were still in the village, packing household belongings. The site currently lacks basic facilities, including lighting, water, and latrines.

Although a designated relief camp (Government Boys High School Chachra) is located just 2 kilometers away, the families have not been accommodated there for unknown reasons.

District Muzarrargarh:

The IOM team has visited the sites mentioned below; however, the conditions at these Sites/facilities are consistent with those observed in other Districts.

1. Flood Relief camp GES Sunaki
2. Flood Relief Camp Miasali Public School
3. Flood Relief Camp GHS Thatha Qureshi
4. Flood Relief Girls College Khangarh
5. GHS Mud wala
6. Govt Girls' Primary School Ghareebabad

District Dera Ghazi Khan

The IOM team has visited the sites mentioned below; however, the conditions at these Sites/facilities are consistent with those observed in other Districts.

1. Govt High School Wadoor
2. Govt Boys High School Sarwar Wali
3. Govt Associate College for Women Choti Zareen
4. Govt Boys High Secondary School Shahdan Lund
5. Govt Girls High School Sarwar Wali
6. Govt Boys High School Pir Adil Jadeed
7. Govt Higher Secondary School Shah Sadar Din
8. Govt Boys School Kala

Key Findings:

- There was no displacement reported or observed during the visit to Rajanpur, Muzaffargarh, and DG Khan, but there was some in the bordering area of Rahim Yar Khan.
- The Site/Facilities are set to accommodate IDPs, but no proper arrangements were made to host the expected IDPs.
- The arrangements for the IDPs are inadequate and do not meet Sphere standards and NDMA Guidelines for Minimum Standards of Relief in Camp (Section 11 (a) of National Disaster Management Act 2010)
- The host community shared that IDPs are avoiding staying in the facility due to the cultural and tribal norms and conflicts; instead, they prefer residing with their relatives or in rented homes or on protected Bunds.
- A Medical Health desk, Rescue 1122, and Livestock health desks have been set up at the facilities with basic medicines; however, the current stock is not sufficient to meet the needs of the anticipated displaced population.
- Three cooked meals per day are planned for IDPs at all sites.

Areas of improvement/Recommendations:

- Since the sites have no proper arrangements for the IDPs, they will prefer to live in rented houses; they need immediate cash support to cover expenses such as rent, food and health.
- The rent on private boats has also increased. As a result, the communities are unable to move their belongings to safe places and are reluctant to leave their areas.
- At all sites, latrine maintenance should be completed before the arrival of the IDPs.
- Lighting is required in all open areas to ensure safety and security.
- An Orientation session on Minimum Standards in Relief in Camps is essential for the facility team and organizers to ensure they can perform their duties effectively.