

Fast Rural Development Program

Cyclone Biporjoy Situation Update-III

14 JUNE 2023

✓ At the time of reporting, Cyclone Biparjoy was located 380 km away from the Sindh coast. However, it has now changed its course and started moving northeast towards Sindh Gujarat as anticipated.

Approximately 10 hours later, the cyclone began to slow down its speed. It will continue to move in a north-northwest direction for another 18 hours, traveling at a speed of 8 mph. By the afternoon of June 15th, its distance from Karachi will be 308 km, from Thatta 318 km, from Badin 365 km, and from Mithi Tharparkar 442 km. Following that, it will change direction and start moving northeast.

Current Situation:



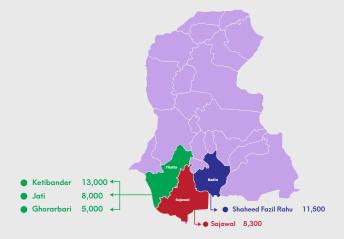
- According to projections, the cyclone is expected to make landfall on the Keti Bander & Tharparkar coastal belt during the evening of June 15th. It is anticipated to exit Pakistani territory on the night of June 16th.
- ✓ After the afternoon of tomorrow, the wind speed and rainfall will begin to increase in the aforementioned areas. Gusts of 60 to 70 km per hour are expected, with the speed potentially reaching 80 to 100 km per hour.
- Severe weather conditions are expected in the southern areas of Badin district and Diplo tehsil in Tharparkar as the cyclone's main core is likely to pass through these regions.

Overall ground Realities:

- ✓ District authorities have seized public transport buses and Mazdas to evacuate people from red alert areas to safer locations. However, residents in rural areas are facing difficulties due to limited transportation options.
- Approximately 28% of the population residing in the directly affected areas live in houses made of bushes and mud, leaving them vulnerable to high-speed winds and heavy rainfall.
- The coastal communities heavily rely on fishing as their main source of income. It is estimated that they have minimal savings to cover essential expenses such as food, medicine, and other necessities.
- Millions of livestock, primarily goats and sheep, are left exposed to the elements, including thunderstorms, lightning, and strong winds.
- ✓ Pregnant women, infants, the elderly, and individuals with chronic illnesses are at a higher risk due to inadequate management of the evacuation camps.
- The established camps may experience prolonged power outages, poor or nonexistent sanitation facilities, leading to the spread of viral diseases among people coming from different locations.

Preparedness Measures:

- FRDP is deploying its Emergency Teams at front, targeting the people in need and enhancing coordination between all stakeholders at district, provincial, and national levels.
- √ So far following population is evacuated from different areas of coastal belt.



Relief Camps Established: 75
Evacuated Persons: 67,367

- The senior Management of FRDP visits Thatta, where team met with Abdul Satar Memon, Maqsood Jokhio, Abdul Ghafoor Memon and got status of evacuation and current relief measures taken by the district government. While team at Tharparkar had meeting with Deputy Commissioner Tharparkar team shared the current engagement of mobilizing communities, establishment of community response mechanism, assigning volunteers, provisioning of nutrient feed for infants, pregnant women, health, hygiene and dignity kits for displaced communities.
- So far District governments are not yet provided any funds for assistance however tents, fueling of vehicles used for evacuation, and food arrangements are done by the government, FRDP team also visited camps established in Thatta and Bhughan and met with displaced families.

Immediate Need:

- √ Cooked Food for People in Relief Camps 13500 households
- √ Nutrient Food Supplements for some 15400 Children
- √ Mosquito nets for some 17000 persons
- √ 8700 Dignity & Hygiene Kits







During this challenging time, our team is closely collaborating with the local administration and civil society. If you need assistance, encounter any problems, or want to share updates, please contact us at 03360244673

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