



Fast Rural Development Program

Heatwave 2024-FRDP Humanitarian Response

MAY 19-24, 2024

Overview

Extreme heat is a silent killer whose impacts are certain to grow, posing significant challenges to sustainable development and creating new emergency needs that demand a humanitarian response. These impacts are not confined to high-income countries; developing nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America have also faced severe heat-related emergencies in recent years. Indeed, in almost all regions with reliable data, heatwaves are the deadliest weather-related hazard. The dangers posed by extreme heat are increasing at an alarming rate due to climate change. The effects of extreme heat are highly unequal, both socially and geographically. Recognizing that heatwaves disproportionately affect the most vulnerable and marginalized people, including casual laborers, agricultural workers, street children, and residents of desert regions, FRDP launched a prompt response. The team prioritized the elderly, children, and pregnant and breastfeeding women, who are at higher risk of illness and death associated with high ambient temperatures.

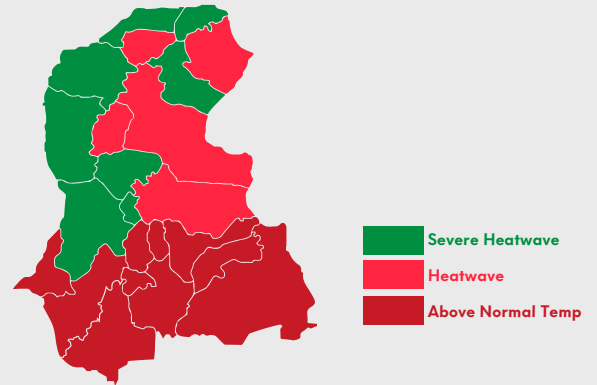
FRDP Response in Sindh

The Fast Rural Development Program is taking proactive measures to mitigate the impact on vulnerable communities in Sindh. FRDP activated its Emergency Response Team (ERT) immediately. The program team was tasked with focusing on Dadu, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Khairpur Mir's, Umerkot, and Tharparkar Districts. The team decided to run awareness campaigns and focus on educating people to stay hydrated, avoid outdoor activities during peak heat hours, prevent heatstroke, and establish referral mechanisms. The ERT prioritized registering orphans, arranging their health screening, and assessing their vulnerability to environmental hazards. FRDP management also prioritized areas with scarce drinking water for the provision of safe drinking solutions.

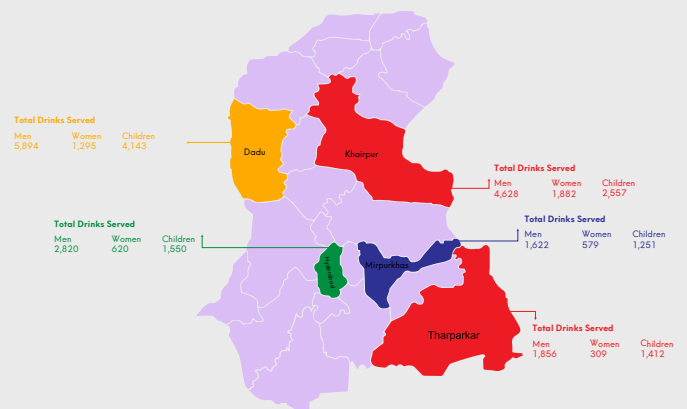


HEATWAVE SESSION IN DADU BY (FRDP)

HEATWAVE SEVERITY MAY, 2024



SERVICE OUTREACH AT A GLANCE BY (FRDP PAKISTAN)



KEY ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ✓ **May 18, 2024:** The FRDP team participated in the Humanitarian Coordination meeting called by the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) for all Sindh-based I/NGOs and District administration, where capacities and coping mechanisms were discussed.
- ✓ **May 19, 2024:** In collaboration with CARE International Pakistan, FRDP established one Stabilization and Heatwave Emergency Response Camp at Khairpur Nathan Shah in District Dadu.
- ✓ FRDP signed an agreement with DAATA Medical Center for the initial health screening of orphans in Hyderabad.
- ✓ **May 20, 2024:** The Dadu team joined the Coordination Meeting at District Dadu and shared the progress of ongoing facilitation camps and plans for expanding services to other towns in Dadu.
- ✓ Six more Stabilization and Heatwave Emergency Response Camps were established in District Dadu.
- ✓ The Executive Director of FRDP and the Head of Programs joined the Sindh Partner Validation Workshop in Karachi.
- ✓ The Manager of Urban Food Production in Hyderabad and the Manager of BRAND joined a planning meeting at the DC office in Hyderabad.
- ✓ **May 21, 2024:** The Executive Director and Head of Programs met with the Director General and Director of Operations of PDMA, and provided updates on current projects and the latest humanitarian assistance extended by FRDP during the Heatwave of 2024.both appreciated FRDPs timely response and ensured full cooperation.
- ✓ The Dadu team expanded to two new Facilitation Camps within the district.
- ✓ **May 22, 2024:** The teams in Mirpurkhas and Tharparkar established Stabilization and Heatwave Emergency Response Camps in each district.
- ✓ **May 23, 2024:** The WFP team visited FRDP for due diligence purposes.
- ✓ FRDP expanded its services by establishing six more Stabilization and Heatwave Emergency Response Camps in District Hyderabad and Khairpur Mir's.

SERVICE OUTREACH AT A GLANCE

Sr. No	Districts	Camps Established	Drinks Served				Awareness Raised			
			Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Total
01	Dadu	10	5,894	1,295	4,143	11,332	1,523	217	609	2,349
02	Mirpurkhas	01	1,622	579	1,251	3,452				
03	Tharparkar	01	1,856	309	1,412	3,577				
04	Khairpur	04	4,628	1,882	2,557	9,067				
05	Hyderabad	03	2,820	620	1,550	4,990	30		15	45
	Total	19	16,820	4,685	10,913	32,418	1,553	217	624	2,394

