



Sindh Human  
Rights Commission  
Government of Sindh

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Commission expresses grave concern on the Humanitarian catastrophe in the aftermath of unprecedented rains in the Province of Sindh which has effected millions of lives and livelihoods, infrastructure destroyed, crops inundated and service of Fundamental Rights severally hampered which has subjected majority of our population to live in open without any shelter and food at the mercy of inclement weather. The Government of Sindh has already declared 23 districts of the province as calamity hit areas.

In these unprecedented times, the Government of Sindh is however utilizing all its resources for rescue and relief of the victims but keeping in view the gravity and intensity of the crises, the Commission supports the appeal to all International Relief Agencies, INGOs and representative missions to support and provide humanitarian and rescue efforts in flood affected areas in the province of Sindh, as thousands of people are displaced, millions of acre of crops are destroyed and submerged in water, livestock and stocks of food supplies are destroyed / insufficient and people are without shelter, food and water and in dire need of medical emergency service. Their urgent need is canned food, bottled water and safe shelters. In the meanwhile, the Commission is of the view that the Government and civil society actors must mobilize all the stakeholders to initiate consultations at grass root level to strategize relief and rehabilitation plan in par with the volume of disaster in each district of the Province.

Furthermore, SHRC firmly believes in the will and actions of the people of Pakistan as they had combated with such calamities in 2005 earthquakes, 2010 and 2011 floods. We strongly urge the Relief organization of political parties, Medical services organizations, and the CSOs to establish their emergency relief camps along with the local administration. Also, the media outlets and organization must undertake extensive reporting of flood situation in order to identify issues of the affected areas and mobilize relief efforts at unreached populace. Keeping in view the gravity of the situation, the broadcast media should start campaigns through live telethons to aware the public and the international community about the situation as the Government is in short of requisite resources to rescue, relief and rehabilitate the victims.

Further adding, keeping in view the volume and extent of the catastrophe, the Government must declare **Climate Emergency** and utilize all possible resources to legislate, design and materialize a combat strategy in order to avert such calamities in future.